

NEWSLETTER

All the news from St John Plessington Catholic College

Celebrating DofE Success!

On the evening of the 26th of November 2019 St John Plessington Catholic College celebrated the achievements of over 130 students who have achieved a Duke of Edinburgh's Award. We were joined by Dr Ian Lovegrove who has run scientific expeditions in Antarctica and Kevin Rogers who is the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Manager for the Western Sub Region.

The evening had a wonderful feeling of community about it which was due to pupils being surrounded and supported by friends and family. Our guest speaker, Dr Ian Lovegrove shared incredible stories about living and learning within Antarctica whilst leaving us all to consider how we can constantly better ourselves through adventure, integrity, and generosity. Dr Lovegrove was very impressed at the achievements of our young people and offered particular thanks to parents and carers for their support.

This message was echoed by Kevin Rogers who congratulated students on their success whilst challenging them to consider what is the next step in their journey of development. Kevin also commented on the achievement of the College in offering this extra-curricular activity for so many pupils over a prolonged period of time. This is a testament to all of the support that students receive from staff, parents, and carers, without whom it would not be possible.

The final word, however, goes to our wonderful students who take on this immense challenge. It was lovely to hear of the many stories our pupils have about their Award which indicates that the Duke of Edinburgh Award is a real experience with memories that will last beyond their time at school.

The commitment and enthusiasm all of our pupils show towards this challenging yet invaluable award was embodied tonight in a celebration which not only rewarded success but inspired challenge.



COLLEGE IS CLOSED MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER AND REOPENS TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER

ST JOHN PLESSINGTON PRESENTS



Plessington
College

Here Comes Christmas

FREE
ENTRY



Lots of fun activities and games

YEARS 7 & 9 \\\ WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER

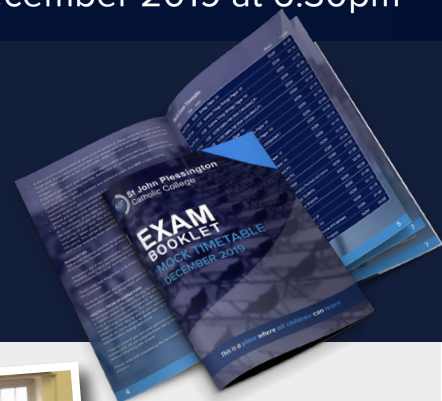
YEARS 8 & 10 \\\ WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER

MOCKTAIL BAR \\\ CHOCOLATE FOUNTAIN \\\ GAMES GALORE

Mock Timetable 2019

Year 11 pupils will sit mock examinations from w/c Monday 2nd until Thursday 19th December.

Visit our website to download the Year 11 Mock Timetable.
<https://stjohnplessington.com/sjp-news/exam-information>



Sports Science at Chester Uni.

On Wednesday 27th November some of our PE students went to Chester Uni and took part in a PE Sport and Exercise Science Day. The students explored the physiological, sociological and psychology of sports performance.



Presents
A Carol Service for Christmas

Follow The Star



Monday 16th December 2019 at 6.30pm
Thursday 19th December 2019 at 6.30pm

Weekly Theme - W/C 2nd December

Be Prepared

“Be prepared” is the motto for the Boy Scout, movement, but it is also a great motto for us to have as Christians during Advent. This week the Church begins new year, because Sunday saw the beginning of a new year in the Christian calendar, Advent – the word Advent comes from the Latin word “Adventus” which means “Arrival” It is a time of waiting for the arrival of Christmas, the coming of Jesus to earth when he was born as a baby at Bethlehem over two thousand years ago.

As Christians we are asked to “Be prepared” and “Stay awake” to the real meaning of Christmas.

These days we can get so carried away with the commercialism of Christmas that we see all around us, the buying of presents, clothes, food, the organising of parties, that we can sometimes leave Jesus out of Christmas all together and replace him with Father Christmas and Christmas trees, tinsel and decorations.

Advent, the season of preparation reminds us to celebrate the good news of the birth of Jesus as a baby in Bethlehem and to also remember that one day he will return to earth as our judge.

This Advent how can we help ourselves to remain alert to the opportunities to grow in the love and service of others?



Extra-Curricular Timetables

Check out what Performing Arts & PE clubs are on via our extra-curricular timetables.

Please see Miss Chesters or Mr Nunnery if you are interested in getting involved in any of our Extra-Curricular clubs.

The Full timetables are available to download via our College website.
<https://www.stjohnplessington.com/sjp-news/extra-curricular-timetables>

Performing Arts Extra-Curricular Timetable

	Monday 12 Assembly	Tuesday 11/13 Assembly	Wednesday	Thursday 10/7 Assembly	Friday 9/8 Assembly
12 - 12.30pm		Year 11 Performing Arts Intervention (SJC)	Year 11 Music Intervention (ALJ) Intervention for Year 11 Music students for support with coursework Spotlight Festival (Year 10/11 SJC Year 10 to Year 11 are invited to participate in a covering festival on the theme of mental health)		
12.35 - 1.00pm		K53 Choir (Year 7-8) ALJ All pupils in K53 are welcome to be part of the K53 Choir. National Connections (EDJ) By audition to participate in this year's National Connections pack 'Changing Rooms'	Musical Theatre Club (Year 7-10) CDD200 this weekly group find, create and perform key numbers from well-known musicals. A knowledge of Musical Theatre is an essential vocational asset for A-Level music pupils to develop their theory and knowledge of set music.	LAMDA Performance Exam (SJC) For the completion of performance exams grades Chamber Choir (K54-K55) ALJ Chamber choir rehearsed by Miss Jefferys	Spotlight 7 (Year 7 Drama Club) SJC A drama club run by Year 12 for Year 7 only
		BTEC Intervention (Year 12 and 13) SJC Year 12 and 13 Music intervention for the completion of coursework.	Music Theory Club (Year 7-13) ALJ Learn the key elements of music theory notation to making music.	National Connections (EDJ) By audition to participate in this year's National Connections pack 'Changing Rooms'	Year 11 Performing Arts Intervention (EDJ) Intervention for Year 11 Drama students for support with coursework
3.20 - 4.30pm	Theatre of the Week Club (Year 9-10 Year 13 SJC) Watch a piece of theatre filmed live at a stage show and review the work.	Year 12 and 13 Music Intervention for the completion of coursework.	LAMDA Performance Exam (SJC) For the completion of performance exams grades 1-9	School of Rock (Year 7-13) ALJ Come along and create a group to bring your own music alive. Year 11 Performing Arts Intervention (SJC) Intervention for Year 11 Drama students for support with coursework	Theatre of the Week Club (Year 10-11 Year 13 SJC) Watch a piece of theatre filmed live at a stage show and review the work. School Band (Year 7-13) ALJ Please see Miss Jefferys if you want to be part of the school band Keyboard Skills (Year 12 and 13) SJC Year 12 and Year 13 are welcome to develop their piano skills.

Physical Education Extra-Curricular Timetable

	Monday 12 Assembly	Tuesday 11/13 Assembly	Wednesday	Thursday 10/7 Assembly	Friday 9/8 Assembly
12 - 12.30pm	PE BTEC Club	Year 9/10 Netball (CO) Year 9/10 Basketball (MJH)	Year 9/10 Rugby (JSE) Year 9/10 Badminton (AN)	Year 9 Dance (AN) Year 9 Football (MJH)	Year 10 Dance (AN) Year 10 Football (MJH)
12.35 - 1.00pm	Year 11 Intervention Group (MJH)	Year 7/8 Basketball (JSE) Year 11 Intervention Group (BDN)	Year 8 Netball (CO) Year 7/8 Football (BDN)	Year 8 Dance (CO) Year 8 Rugby (JSE) Year 11 Intervention Group (BDN)	Year 7 Netball (CO) Year 8 Rugby (JSE)
3.20 - 4.30pm	All Years Football All Years Dance PE Fixtures - Various	Meeting Night	All Years Basketball All Years Girls Football PE BTEC Club PE Fixtures - Various	All Years Rugby (External Coach) All Years Netball PE Fixtures - Various	PE BTEC Club

BOYS CLUBS GIRLS CLUBS MIXED CLUBS INTERVENTION / FIXTURES

Upcoming Events

MOCK EXAMS BEGIN

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Marys Journey and Christmas Tree Festival at Chester Cathedral

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PSHE P3
TruePartnerships video interview post China

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Y13 ICT Mock Exam, Unit 1
Y13 Computing Mock Exam, Unit 1

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