

NEWSLETTER

All the news from St John Plessington Catholic College

Conway Residential Trip 2020

Last week, Year 7 pupils braved the cold to attend the Conway Outdoor Education Centre in Anglesey for their First Steps SJP Experience. We arrived after a coach journey round the picturesque coastline of North Wales to our base, set in beautiful countryside. After lunch it was straight out to our activities. Throughout our stay, pupils enjoyed taking part in canoeing, kayaking, raft building, zipline, climbing wall, mountain biking, bush craft, high ropes, via ferretta, and abseil. In our evening free time we enjoyed a movie night and a disco. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed their stay, having overcome their fears, developed their teamwork and leadership skills and created memories that will last a lifetime.



Paris Trip Information Evening

This is to run through the final details of the trip, go through the kit list and answer any questions. We hope to see you there!
Friday 31st of January at 5pm in College Hall.

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Mock Timetable 2020

Year 13 students will sit mock examinations from w/c Wednesday 22nd until Thursday 30th January 2020.

Visit our website to download the Year 13 Mock Timetable.
<https://stjohnplessington.com/sjp-news/exam-information>



Eco Drive - Power Down

The Geography department would like to present our newest campaign to improve our Ecological footprint, **Power Down!**

Power Down is an initiative putting our pupils at the forefront of saving energy, by reducing our overall energy use, which in turn, reduces our contribution towards the ever changing climate. Only recently has climate change been making the news following the Australian bushfire disaster, we are looking for our students to make a difference. We are asking our students to get on board with our 'Eco schools' targets of becoming a 'greener' environment to work in. Pupils are asked to produce a poster that can be used around school to advertise our initiative. To save energy by switching off the lights when we don't need them and any switches that may be wasting energy. The winning poster will be used to promote the cause throughout school, and will receive a £10 Amazon gift voucher. Remember we are looking for eye catching posters with a clear message. Hand in your designs to the Geography department no later than **31st January 2020**.

To work alongside this, over the next few weeks, we are asking our students to put themselves forward to become the next 'Eco reps' at St. John Plessington and work together to meet the overall objective of reducing our carbon footprint! If you are interested, write a letter addressed to the Geography department explaining what you can bring to the Eco team and why you think you would suit the role! We are looking to appoint two Eco reps, per year group, to represent the views of their peers. The deadline for submission to the Geography department is no later than **7th February 2020**.

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED A CAREER IN TEACHING?

School Direct is a one-year, full time teacher training programme. At SJP, all School Direct Associate Teachers (ATs) are allocated a dedicated subject mentor, and guided by specialist tutors. At the end of the year, successful ATs will qualify with QTS and PGCE, which is accredited by the University of Chester.

What are the entry requirements?

UK university degree 2:1 or above (2:2 for Maths, Physics, Chemistry, MFL) or a recognised equivalent qualification – we also accept applications from final year students due to graduate in 2020

Grade C or above in GCSE English and Mathematics

At least two full days of school observation.

You will be required to undergo an enhanced DBS check to verify your suitability to work with young people.

What subjects do we offer?

We currently offer teacher training for Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Computer Science, DT, Drama, English, Geography, History, Maths, Media, Modern Foreign Languages, PE, Physics, RE and Social Sciences.

If you would like to know more about School Direct please contact the Director of Teaching School, enquiries@sjtsa.com or **0151 645 5049**.

Teaching



Every Lesson Shapes a Life.

**Year 7 Parents' Evening -
Thursday 30 January 2020
4.30pm – 7.00pm**

Book Amnesty

OVERDUE

**JANUARY IS SCHOOL LIBRARY
AMNESTY MONTH**

UNTIL FRIDAY 31 JANUARY 2020

**Now is your chance to wipe the slate clean
and return all overdue books you have to
the library.**

**RETURN ALL OVERDUE BOOKS
NO QUESTIONS ASKED**

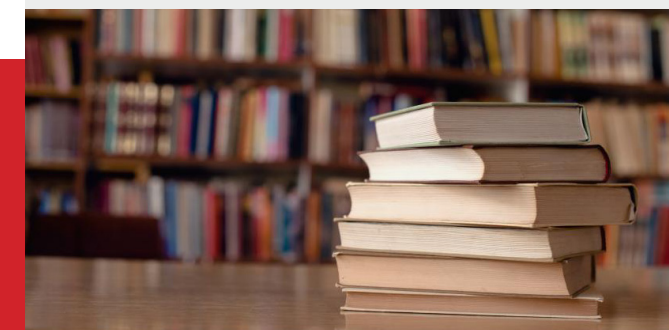
**You will also receive a ticket for each book
returned for a chance to win an amazing
prize!**

The winner will be announced on
Monday 3 February 2020.

Books borrowed and returned on the same day
will not qualify.

Books that are still overdue after **Friday 31
January 2020** will result in further sanctions.

Mrs Brazier
School Library

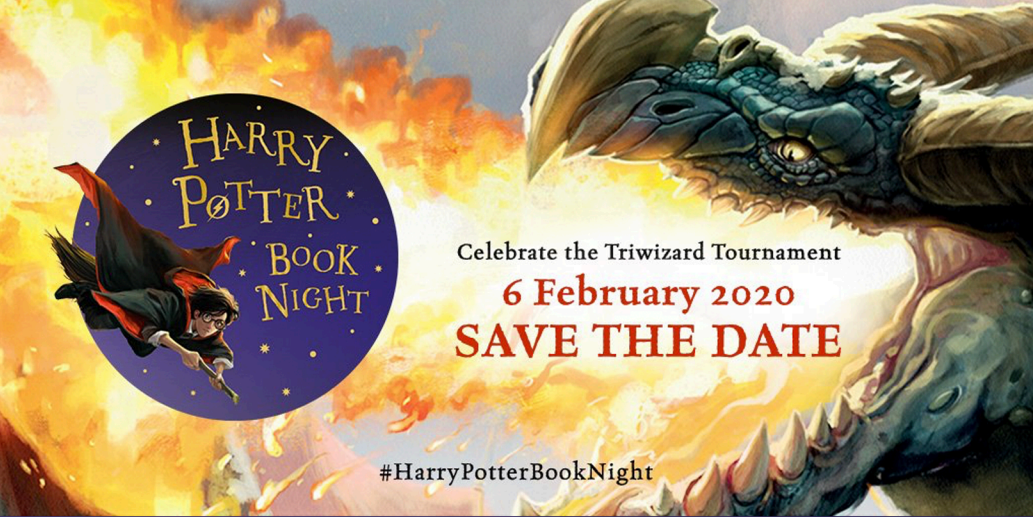


Welcome

My name is Mrs Brazier and I am your new School Librarian and Reading Champion. I'd like to thank everyone I've met so far for welcoming me to SJP and I look forward to meeting more of you soon. Drop into the library to say hi, tell me what you're reading, borrow a book or ask me for ideas on what to read next. If you've never visited the library before or never borrowed a book, this term is the time to do it!



Mrs Brazier



Harry Potter Night 2020 is coming up. The theme this year is **The Triwizard Tournament** from **The Goblet of Fire**. The library will be hosting events to celebrate at lunchtime and after school on Thursday 6 February 2020. Everybody welcome. Come and see me with any ideas you might have. More details to follow...



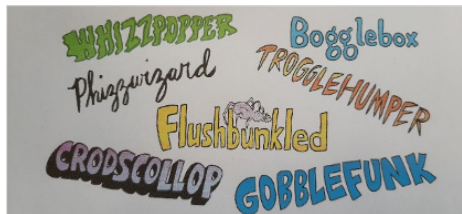
I love this recent quote from SF Said, author of children's and young adults' books. Come and chat to me about what you're reading.

*All reading is reading. All books are books. You should read whatever most interests you. You can **NEVER** be 'too old' or 'the wrong gender' for a book.*

Every reader is different, and should always have the right to choose their own books!

YEAR 13 ENGLISH STUDENTS

There is now a display of literature in the library to assist with your wider reading around the inter war period, including classics like Brideshead Revisited and The Great Gatsby. Come and have a browse.



Dates for your planner

- Friday 31 Jan – Book Amnesty deadline
- Thursday February 6 – Harry Potter Day
- All through March – World Book Day Month including Share a Million Stories

Weekly Theme - W/C 27th January

Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ... From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father mending nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.



"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

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>

	Monday 12 Assembly	Tuesday 11/13 Assembly	Wednesday 10/13 Assembly	Thursday 9/13 Assembly	Friday 8/13 Assembly
12 - 12.30pm		Year 11 Music Intervention (MJI) Intervention for Year 11 Music students for support with coursework	Year 11 Music Intervention (MJI) Intervention for Year 11 Music students for support with coursework		
12.35 - 1.00pm		KSI Choir (Year 7-10 AL) All pupils in KSI are invited to participate in the year's National Connections choir 'Changing Room'	Musical Theatre Club (Year 7-10) CDS choir this weekly group that meets and performs key numbers from well-known musicals	LAMDA Performance Group (Y11) For the completion of performance exam grades	Songwriting (Year 7-10) S.W. A drama club run by Year 12 for Year 7-10
3.20 - 4.30pm	Theatre of the West Club (Year 10-11) Year 10 S.C. Watch a piece of theatre filmed live at a single show and review the work	Year 12 and 13 Music Intervention for the completion of coursework	LAMDA Performance Group (Y11) For the completion of performance exam grades	School of Rock (Year 7-10) All Come along and create a group to bring your own music	Theatre of the West Club (Year 10-11) Year 10 S.C. Watch a piece of theatre filmed live at a single show and review the work

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12 - 12.30pm	PE BTEC Club	Year 9/10 Netball (CO)	Year 9/10 Rugby (JSE)	Year 9 Dance (AN)	Year 10 Dance (AN)
12.35 - 1.00pm	Year 11 Intervention Group (MJI)	Year 8 Tag Rugby (AN)	Year 8 Netball (CO)	Year 8 Dance (CO)	Year 7 Netball (CO)
3.20 - 4.30pm	All Years Football	Year 7/8 Basketball (JSE)	Year 7/8 Football (BDN)	Year 8 Rugby (JSE)	Year 8 Rugby (JSE)

Upcoming Events

