

SJP NEWS

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End of term message

Dear Families

Welcome to our half-termly newsletter. This gives you a flavour of some of the things that have been happening across our SJP community during remote learning and our return to school.

Thank you for ensuring that the full return to face to face teaching is going so smoothly and for helping to maintain our high standards of uniform and appearance - please contact us if you require any help or support with this.

Your child has been provided with further home testing kits today, please remember to continue to carry out twice weekly home testing and to report your results to track and trace as well as to school.

We look forward to returning to school on Monday 12 April.

Enjoy the Easter holidays!

Take care.

Ms M Sharratt
Headteacher

Social Worker in School



Hello!

I'm Kirsty. I'm a social worker and I've recently joined the team at SJP as part of a project aimed at supporting communities and improving educational attainment for students.

Social work is about supporting families when they are struggling with issues they might have at a particular time. And who doesn't have things going on for them at the minute, right?!

I will be around school supporting them with the existing work they do to support the students and families of SJP.

I hope to get to know lots of you and plan to offer drop-in sessions for parents and carers for advice on any number of issues.

I don't have a magic wand, a handbook or all of the answers, but I can listen and help you figure out what to do next. I have some great specialist contacts that I can put you in touch with if they would be better able to help you.

I will also be adding to the range of services offered to the students of SJP with drop-in sessions, mindfulness practice, support during mental health crises, signposting to relevant community organisations and hopefully much more!

More information about parent drop-ins and services for the children will follow as they are arranged. Please get in touch if you feel I could help, or you have any other ideas which would benefit the school community.

If you see me around school please say hi! I look forward to hearing from you.

Subject Spotlight

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Media

The media and film studies department would like to take this opportunity to thank all students for their engagement, enthusiasm and work ethic during remote learning. Our students have now completed vital pieces of coursework and have worked on content for their own productions. We hope to share this work with the wider College community before the end of the academic year as a celebration of the students' achievements.



Year 7 Food

It is incredible how many top chefs we have in our SJP community. This term has been very successful in food, with students creating an array of high skilled dishes from scratch. It is incredible how many top chefs we have with us in our SJP community. We even had a little bit of fun with our "Posh Beans on Toast Challenge". You better brie-lieve it, all the entries were grate!



Firstly, the music department and Miss Smith would like to thank all of our wonderful singers who participated in the @Home Sessions during lockdown. We are extremely proud of our performers and it was brilliant to see them continuing with this during their home learning.

Since coming back to SJP, the music department were also asked by the Diocese of Shrewsbury to take part in their Liturgy, performing 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross' which will be used as part of their service. The girls performed excellently and the Diocese complimented their singing.

After Easter, we look forward to starting our instrumental lessons with Year 7, taught by Miss Smith. students will learn how to play the ukulele, guitar, bass guitar, flute and piano. We are looking forward to welcoming some new, budding musicians to our community.



Computer Science

During lockdown, the University of Liverpool Maths School offered an online outreach session covering an introduction to computer science taught by Steve Wentworth, Head of Computer Science at ULMaS for our Year 9 students.

The aim of the two hour online session was to introduce students to elements of computing and IT. The topics covered included:

- Inputs, outputs and storage components of a computer system
- Python programming using inputs, outputs and storage using files.

It was an inspiring session covering a wide range of topics that provided students with a real insight into computer science. In particular, the python programming module which gave a practical introduction to Python and how the computer manages the code they write.

Well done to those Year 9 students that volunteered to take part!!





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Year 7 Half Term Silent Movie Drama Competition



Drama

This half term, we have been very excited to return to the drama studio and work on our practical performances once again. We have been able to explore many styles and genres and have started to explore our scripted units, it feels great to be back and we are looking forward to many creative times ahead!

As we finish for the Easter break, we would like to recognise and celebrate the work of two year groups in particular: Year 7 and Year 12. We were delighted with the entries we received from the Silent Movie Competition, where students from Year 7 created their own versions of well-known silent movies. Selecting the winners was a very difficult decision and because there were so many

fantastic entries, we awarded eight prizes, with four eventual winners and four very close runners up. You can watch the four winning entries here:

<https://youtu.be/peBzpxWGIIE>

Year 12 have been working hard in collaboration with LIPA on a project with Wirral Borough Council. Students reflected on their experiences during lockdown and the impact this had on their mental health. In addition, they were also asked about the support that was available and they had access to in order to support their mental health and wellbeing. Our students then discussed and made valuable suggestions on what Wirral Borough Council could do to help young people further. From this, they produced an outstanding media poem that was recorded and can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJo8vsl59Xs>

I'm sure you will agree that these are excellent examples of imagination and innovation from our drama students!

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DT

Since returning to the classroom, our students have made an outstanding start to a range of new projects and practical lessons in DT classes.

The Year 11 textiles class has worked hard to create tie dye samples and learn new skills for their GCSE coursework, whilst product design and graphics students have been producing a range of physical and virtual prototypes as proof of concept.

Year 10 product design students have been casting pendants out of pewter and developing their understanding of metals. Y10 graphics students have been manufacturing creative board games and textiles students have been constructing fabric bags and accessories.

Students in Year 8 have been working on a range of projects including Mrs Jones' class who are developing a logo and branding for a new ergonomic bottle.

Our A Level students are approaching the end of their course finishing their final projects and proving their concepts. They worked so hard over lockdown - we are really proud of them!



Art

From experimental paper manipulations, to large scale human sculptures, Pop Art food, insects and onomatopoeia, art has been very busy this term, across all year groups.



SJP Alumni

Former students returned to SJP to help carry out COVID testing. The vast majority of secondary-age students took part in onsite lateral flow tests for Coronavirus in the first two weeks of their return to school. Students and staff have been given home testing kits so they can continue testing twice a week at home, before coming into school.



If a person tests positive using their home testing kit, they must isolate for 10 days, along with all members of their household and any support bubbles.

This coincides with NHS Test and Trace guidance. You must report your positive result to both NHS Test & Trace and to school. In addition, you should order a confirmatory PCR test if you are testing at home.

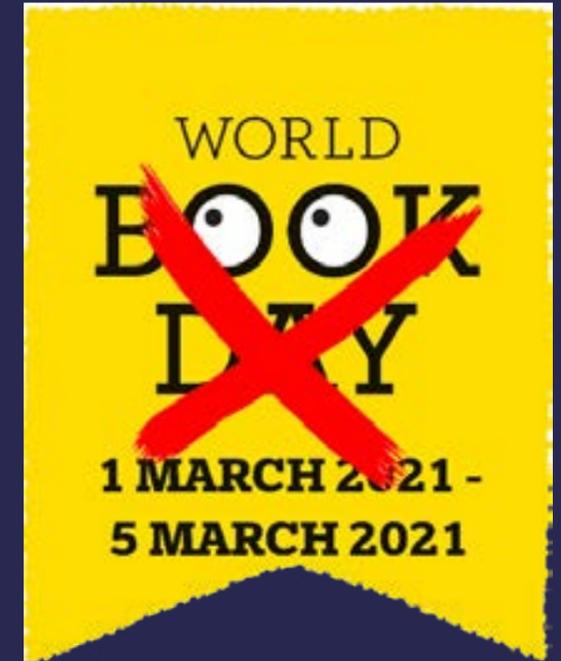
Lunch time Clubs

This week we saw the return of some lunchtime clubs. Year 11 students took part in playing chess and cricket. We can't wait until we can offer our full range of lunchtime and after school activities.



World Book Week

This year, SJP celebrated a remote World Book Week. The week was packed with activities and opportunities for students from Year 7 to Year 13. Students took part in a Masked Reader Competition, shared book reviews and recommendations and listened to inspiring talks from authors Eve Ainsworth and Tom Palmer. Throughout the week, we focused on the importance and benefits of reading and it was fantastic to see so many from our school community get involved!



SJP Lenten Liturgy 2021 - Voices around the Cross

Once again this year we have celebrated a different kind of Lent in our College Community due to the restrictions brought about by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Next week, Holy Week is the most important week in our Christian calendar.

We recall the events leading up to the death of Jesus on the cross and His resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday.

Our Lenten Liturgy, 'Voices around the Cross' helps us to reflect on the thoughts and feelings of the people closest to Jesus who stood at the foot of His cross during those final hours.

Watch our liturgy here. - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DCKNM0t9QNI&feature=youtu.be>

