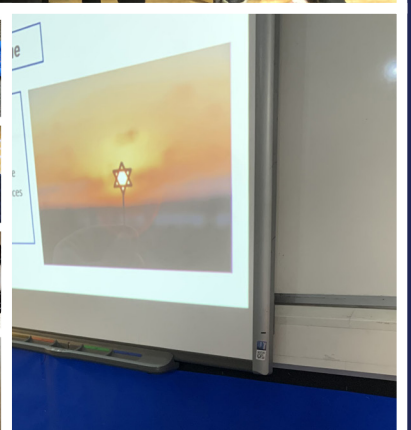
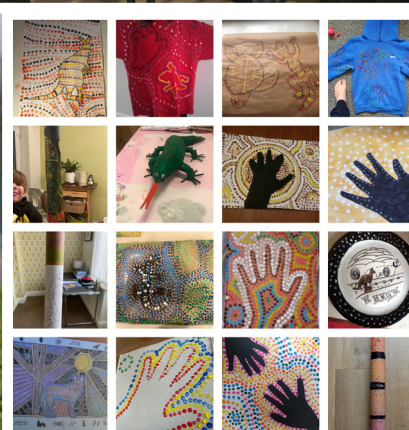
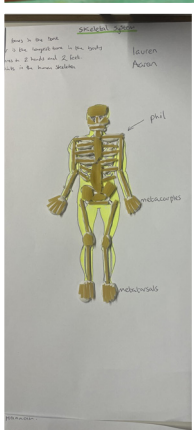
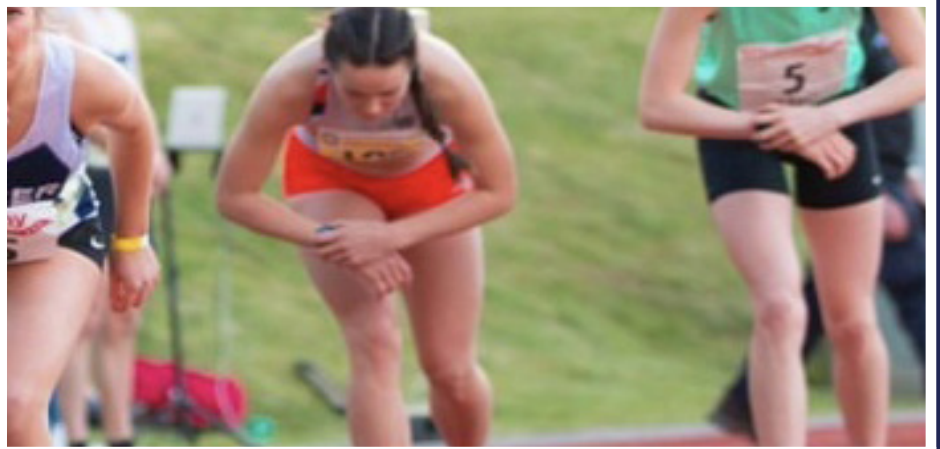


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# End of term message

Dear Families

This has been a very busy term in which our students and teachers have had to work in new, innovative and flexible ways. Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have risen to the challenge of a varied and new system of assessments in preparation for GCSE and A'Level grades, we have been very proud of them and their commitment to their studies.

As we approach the final half term of this academic year, I am pleased to be able to inform you that there have been no positive COVID cases reported in school. Can I remind you that your son/daughter should continue to:

- complete two lateral flow tests on a weekly basis for your child.
- remember to record the result for your child online.
- book a PCR test and inform the school If you record a positive lateral flow test result for your child, please.

Your child should then self-isolate until the result of that PCR test. You should inform the school upon receipt of your result and wait for additional advice.

It is also very important to continue following the necessary guidance regarding symptoms. Please do not send your child to school if they are ill or have any of the symptoms associated with Covid-19. This helps us to protect the school community and your family and relatives too.

Next term, students in Years 10 and 12 will be taking trial examinations in formal conditions. With wellbeing in mind, we will be building up students' confidence and resilience and 'training' them in good exam and study routines.

Each student will have an exam timetable with time for study skills, revision and exam preparation built in so that they are able to perform at their best and we can provide them with diagnostic feedback on what they need to do to improve. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will also be completing formal assessments in class and I will inform you of the dates and arrangements in due course.

Every week, we celebrate 'Hot Chocolate Friday' with two pupils from each year group. This is a time when we recognise those students who have gone over and above in their attitude to learning, making a positive contribution and difference to the school community and always being ready, respectful and safe. We come together to share a hot chocolate (and other treats) and recognise students' achievements. Please look out for the photos on the College Twitter account.

Thank you for ensuring that uniform and appearance standards are maintained. Please note that full school uniform including school shoes is expected at all times as well as when they are travelling to and from school. Make up is not permitted in Years 7 to 11, this includes nail varnish, false eyelashes and false tan. Can I also ask for your cooperation in ensuring that your children do not bring energy / fizzy drinks into school. If your child has one of these drinks, they will be confiscated.

I would like to draw your attention to our updated Behaviour, Anti-bullying and Safeguarding Policies which are published on our College website. Our aim is always to support all students in school in order to maximise their full potential. Following discussions with

parents and students, we have recently updated our Anti-bullying Policy, I trust that you will find this policy extensive and informative, it also includes a pupil friendly version. Our child protection and safeguarding policy has been further updated with additional procedures and guidance following the recent Ofsted review into sexual abuse in schools and colleges.

I would ask you to take some time to review these documents and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions/suggestions. All policies are available from:

<https://www.stjohnplessington.com/policies>

We will continue to share information from these policies throughout the summer term.

Finally, I would like to say a huge farewell and thank you to Helen Caul who will be leaving us after 16 years of service to SJP. During this time, Helen has been Headteacher's PA and Clerk to the Governing Body as well as being an integral part of the 'engine room' of the school. We wish Helen well as she moves on to a new chapter.

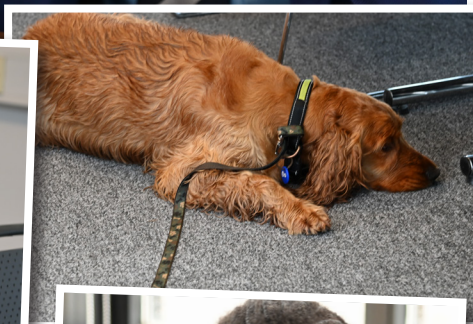
Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Enjoy the half term break!

**Yours sincerely**  
**Ms Maria Sharratt**  
**Headteacher**

# Recognition Fridays

As well as academic success, at SJP we feel that it is very important to celebrate achievements both inside and outside of the class room. Over the course of the spring term we have seen amazing work and outstanding efforts from all of our students. Those nominated by staff winners got to spend some down time with Ms Sharratt having hot chocolates and spending time with Teddy the dog!

Well done to all of our SJP community for their hard work this term!



Over the past term, students have been hard at work and we wanted to recognise and celebrate their achievements with:

**Department Recognition Boards**

**Recognition Friday**

**Positive Phone Calls Home**

**XXX Praise Postcards**

**XXX Ready Classchart Points**

**XXX Respectful Classchart Points**





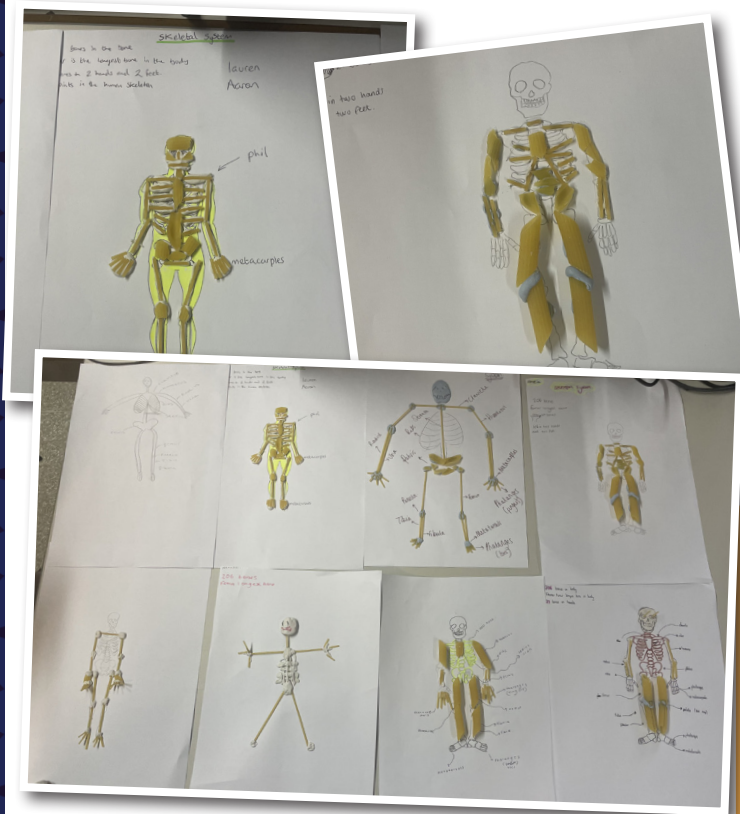
## Performing Arts

This week saw the final performance exams of the year 11 drama cohort. Students have been working on their performances throughout the year and this week they took to the stage, in full costume, to perform their interpretations of 'Punk Rock' by Simon Stephens. The play explores some serious themes and challenged the students to develop their voice and movement skills. Students more than rose to the occasion and the final performances were outstanding. Well done Year 11 on your excellent performances. You should be very proud of your work!



## Physical Education

Year 11 PE students have been learning about the skeletal system and got creative, labelling the bones in the body! Well Done, Year 11!



## ICT - Cancel Cyberbullying Project

During LP5 in Computer Science lessons, students in Years 7, 8 & 9 have taken part in our Cancel Cyberbullying project to help educate them on the effects of racial/ethnic cyberbullying and the empowerment of diversity.

Students have had the opportunity to work through animated videos and interactive quizzes at their own pace covering the following topics:

- The effects of racial cyberbullying
- How to identify & combat racial cyberbullying
- What diversity & inclusion means
- How to promote diversity in school, at work & in your community

Upon successful completion, students will be awarded a certificate to celebrate their participation.





## Religious Education

Mr Jones' Year 9s experienced a traditional Shabbat meal ceremony.



Year 9 have been studying Judaism over the past few weeks and they have enjoyed the lighting of the Shabbat candles, the Kiddush blessing and the homemade Challah bread.

## Food Studies - Final Exam

We are really proud of the determination and work ethic of the Year 11 Food students in producing their final dishes! As you can see, they worked professionally to create amazing outcomes! Well Done and good luck!



## Science



Over the course of the spring term Year 7 students have enjoyed pH testing of everyday items and identifying whether the items were acids, alkaline or neutral solutions.

## Geography

Superb submissions from our Year 7s this week, creating their very own volcanoes! Some of which erupted! Here is Tom with his volcano!





# Easter Camp

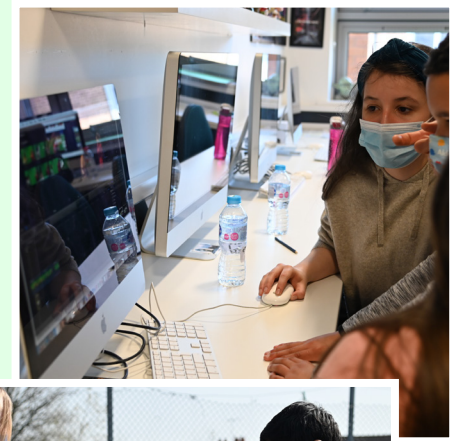
During the Easter Holidays we welcomed over 50 students to St John Plessington Catholic College to take part in a wide range of enriching activities.

The Easter Club was a great opportunity for students to get to know one another, make new friends and learn about the importance of a balanced, healthy lifestyle.

During the 4 days students were challenged to take part in new sports and fitness training which developed resilience and determination. Students were also encouraged to try new foods such as exotic fruits, sushi and smoothies which gave them a real understanding of where food comes from and the impact it has on our bodies.

There was a real excitement throughout the four days as all students really engaged with the activities, developing a real sense of knowledge and understanding about how to live an active lifestyle.

This was supported by parents as one stated: *'Our Granddaughter really enjoyed herself, she enjoyed all the activities and said it was good fun, and she was really pleased she had taken part.'*



**If you have borrowed a device from school it must be returned to the College Hall at the start of the week allocated before 8:40am. Don't forget the charger and case!**

**Week beginning 7th June: Year 7 students**

**Week beginning 14th June: Year 10 students**

**Week beginning 21st June: Year 8 students**

**Week beginning 28th June: Year 9 students**

**Week beginning 5th July: Year 12 students**





## Parent Drop Ins

Following my earlier communication when I informed my door is always open to parents, I am writing to share with you some dates and times of parent drop-in sessions.

These sessions will take place on

**Tuesday 15 / 29 June 11:00 to 12:00**

**Wednesday 16 / 30 June 11:00 to 12:00**

**Tuesday 13 July 11:00 to 12:00**

**Wednesday 14 July 11:00 to 12:00**

If you would like to attend one of the sessions please email the school office providing details of your child's name and the session you would like to attend  
([schooloffice@stjohnplessington.com](mailto:schooloffice@stjohnplessington.com)).

## Uk's Number 1

Keira is currently number 1 in the Uk for the 800m and 1500m at u17 , even though she's only just recently turned 16!

She has qualified for the European Championships and is working towards her goal of the Olympic Games in a few years to come. She is an inspiration to all.

We are so proud of her and can't wait to see her continue progressing through her sport.



## Ban the Bottles Campaign

SJP was recently awarded funding from the Liverpool Community Environment Fund to increase the recycling that takes place across the school. The members of the colleges Eco-Committee are using Earth Day to promote the importance of the project. students are being asked to reduce the use of single use plastic bottles across the school and to sign a pledge. The project is introducing recycling bins and reusable water bottles as part of the initiative and aims to change the habits of teachers and students across the school.

