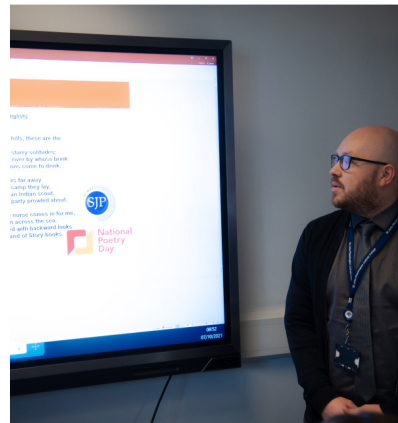


SJP NEWS

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Hot Chocolate Fridays

As well as academic success, at SJP we feel that it is very important to celebrate achievements both inside and outside of the classroom. Over the course of the first term, we have seen amazing work and outstanding efforts from all of our students. Those nominated by staff had the opportunity to spend some time with Ms Sharratt having hot chocolates, chocolate bars and even a special performance from Molly McAlpine in Year 12.



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



Emmaus Walk

Recently, Year 12 took a trip to Moel Famau in Wales. The climb to the top gave all of our newest sixth formers the opportunity to get to know each other. On reaching the summit, the year group ate their lunch, enjoyed some spectacular views and posed for the traditional year group photo. This year, the weather did not fail and all of year 12 were able to enjoy a sunny, late- summer walk.



Media Trip

Media students in Year 12 and 13 went on a media trip to Liverpool to see the new James Bond film 'No Time to Die'. They visited the Odeon IMAX cinema to watch the film (the first Bond film to be shot in IMAX). The atmosphere in the cinema audience was electric and the students sat in awe looking at the fantastic cinematic set pieces and the complex storyline that played out before them.

The acting by Daniel Craig and the rest of the cast was truly excellent (all of our media students wholeheartedly recommend that you go and see it!). All media students will now be able to incorporate ideas from the film into future media projects and filmmaking, this was a major learning opportunity for us! The day out was incredible and every student loved it!



Oliver Hughes, Year 8, Raises £170 for Charity!

For some time, Oliver had been training during evenings and weekends along with one of his closest friends to run the Delamere Forest 5k. This weekend Oliver completed his first ever 5k and raised an impressive £170 for Cancer Research.

This isn't the first time that Oliver has raised money for charity, he was part of a coffee morning event, assisting guests, serving drinks, and preparing for the event which went on to raise close to £600.

Oliver's family said, "As a family, we are extremely proud of his dedication and commitment to helping others in his community, and we are pretty sure he won't stop there!" Keep up the great work,

Oliver, we are also very proud of you and we look forward to hearing what you do next!



Friday Night Live!

On Friday 15th October, we launched our new 'Friday Night Live' music night, featuring bands and singers from across SJP and St Mary's. The newly formed staff band 'The Staff Room'. We were on show and it was wonderful to welcome families our musicians on stage again. A huge well done to on the night. We are already looking forward to the



Music Lessons at SJP

We are in the final stages of putting together our new instrumental tuition provision which we are hoping to start after half term. We will be offering music lessons for a variety of instruments and this will be open to all students in the school. Further details will be communicated in the near future. If you have any queries or questions regarding instrumental tuition, please contact the music team at school.



Chester Zoo Takeover!

On Friday 8th October, 30 of our students in Year 7 performed alongside our friends at St Mary's at Chester Zoo as part of the HFCMAT's Zoo Takeover. The students sang a newly composed piece called 'There's No Planet B'. As always, our students were an absolute credit to the music department and school. We are very proud of their performance.



Music Centre @ SJP

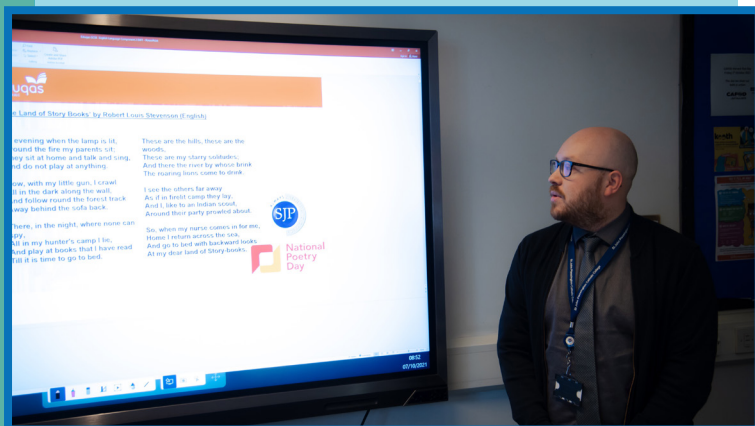
We are extremely excited to have formed a new and exclusive partnership with Edsential to become one of two new music centres for the Wirral. The Wirral Schools' Orchestra and the Wirral Schools' Junior Choir both rehearse at SJP on a Wednesday evening. Both groups are free to join when students receive lessons from Edsential. Details can be found at www.edsential.com



National Poetry Day 2021

Year 7s to save the rainforest!

In Science lessons this half term, Year 7 have been learning about how unsustainable palm oil production negatively impacts biodiversity in the rainforest. To round up the unit of work, they were asked to produce a project to summarise what they had learned and help raise awareness. They have been busy at home 'baking and making' and the results were outstanding. Prize winners for the projects will be announced in assembly after the half term break. Well done, Year 7. Keep up the hard work!



Students and staff celebrated National Poetry Day on Thursday 7th October. Poems were shared in each lesson, discussions surrounding poetry took place during Academic Review and students in Year 7 and 8 were given the opportunity to enter their own poems into our competitions. Well done to our winners: Matthew in Year 7 and James in Year 8. The competition was fierce and it was wonderful to see so many fantastic entries.

Wirral Foodbank Fundraising



The Junior Leadership Team for Fundraising went to the Wirral Foodbank to donate the food raised by all Year groups for CAFOD'S Harvest Family Fast Day on Oct 1st. The Foodbank weighed the food in at 201kg, which they said was a fantastic offering of support and were incredibly grateful for the support from SJP. The students were given a tour of the facilities and met a number of the volunteers. Our students were blown



away by the incredible generosity of the volunteers and gained a crucial insight into the immeasurable value of the work of the Foodbank in supporting our local community. Inspired by the day, the Junior Leadership Team are now working on plans for the next collection for the Foodbank prior to Christmas.

Year 7 'Inside out days'

Over the past two weeks, each Year 7 student spent a day working with the Diocesan Youth Mission Team, who led an 'Inside-Out' day. Each form completed team building activities and focused on working together as a community. The 'Inside-Out' days helped to prepare all students for their Welcome Mass which had a focus on Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*, on the importance of looking after our common home.



Year 12 Debate Club

Year 12 started the academic year with an Oracy Day culminating in four debates. Students researched and presented strong arguments relating to current affairs including the current crisis in Afghanistan and online gaming restrictions in China. Well done to all students, especially those willing to go head to head on stage!



STEM Clubs

Over the last half term in STEM club, we have been focusing on surviving a zombie apocalypse. Students have been learning how to build solar powered cookers, setting up alarms and defences with pressure switches to keep us all safe. They have also been building catapults to throw antivirus capsules as far as possible to prevent the zombies from multiplying. It is good to know we are in safe hands!



Library Club - Every Tuesday and Thursday

The school library is open until 4.30pm every weekday. You can join a club, borrow a book, or use a computer to do some homework. Every Thursday in the library is the games club. We have many fun games to play including Uno, chess, Monopoly, to name just a few. All are welcome and hope to see many new faces in the new half term.



Anti-bullying Ambassadors

Our Anti-bullying Ambassadors have been busy communicating to the whole school the importance of being an upstander and reporting any concerns that students may have as they arise. Our Anti-bullying Ambassadors have visited assemblies across all year groups this half term, and are now establishing their presence in school. At SJP we are committed to creating an anti-bullying culture and we are very proud of the work that our Anti-bullying Ambassadors are doing so far.



Macmillan Coffee Morning!

Macmillan's Coffee Morning is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event to support people living with cancer and we're delighted to have shown our support by having a coffee morning of our own. Thank you to our amazing staff, students and families for their generosity.

Our staff and students raised an amazing

£300

For Macmillan Cancer Support

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Summer School

During the summer holidays we welcomed over 170 of the newest members of our school community to attend our SJP transition summer school. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to get to know one another, make new friends and to immerse themselves in college life.

Throughout the week, students were supported by staff and our sixth form students. Students took part in an array of activities that had a focus on literacy, numeracy and promoting a love of reading. Every child received the book called *Framed* by Frank Cottrell-Boyce and spent time every day reading the book.

Students also participated in activities that focused on wellbeing and promoting healthy lifestyles. Students were also able to experience different cultures; they tried world foods and even showed off their martial art skills in Capoeira.

We hoped that the summer school created many happy memories and helped the newest members of our community to develop new, positive relationships with staff and their peers.



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