

SJP NEWS

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Year 7 & 8 Sports Day



SJP sports day has been a mighty success and we would like to say a huge well done to all the students, staff and volunteer 6th formers who have helped to make the day so special. The morning activities went really well with a standout performance by Isacc Mulhare Y8 in the shot put who managed to throw a new SJP record, Well done Isaac! Students competed in a range of field and track events to earn points for their forms.

On what was a very warm day, with temperatures at the Oval hitting 28 degrees, pupils performed with resilience and talent to achieve a host of personal bests across the different events. Overall SB ran out as the house winners and there were further special awards that were given to Lucy Roach, Mia Whyte and Jack Patterson who produced exceptional performances during the day. Well done to you all!



Harrison's 'Big Pan' Experience

During lunchtime our students and staff enjoyed the 'Big Pan Experience' hosted by our catering provider, Harrisons. Students were invited to sample a variety of foods including Malaysian potato & lentil curry, baked mini naan bread, coriander, chilli and lime salsa and the popular kachumber salad!



LIPA Workshop

A group of Y9 students who have chosen Drama as one of their options attended a LIPA workshop.



They received a tour of the facilities and joined in a practical workshop. They all did brilliantly and we can't wait to see how they develop next year.



Year 8 Drama

To complement their work in Drama, Year 8 students had the opportunity to watch a thought provoking performance on the use of Social Media, focusing on body image, whilst learning tips on 'How To Be Happy'. It was brilliant for them to take away some ideas for their own classroom performances.



Julian Sedgwick talk

Year 8 students really enjoyed hearing from Julian Sedgwick - author of Tsunami Girl about resilience, hope and perseverance. His circus skills were impressive too! Thanks Julian for coming in & we hope to welcome you back soon.

Nazir Afzal Q&A Session

We were privileged to welcome Nazir Afzal and the Chair of our Multi Academy Trust to SJP. Our Junior Leadership and A' Level Psychology students took part in a Q and A session with Nazir and we were inspired to be agents of change in our communities.



Sports Success



We are delighted to celebrate the talents and achievements of Sophie Haslam, Year 9. Sophie recently progressed from regional to national level, competing at the English Schools Multi Competition in Bedford. Sophie's disciplines include 300 and 800 metres, high jump, long jump, hurdles and shot put. Sophie aspires to compete as a heptathlete on the world stage just like her idol Katarina Johnson-Thompson.

Manchester, as the younger of the age category (u18) with a winning time of 4:26.73. Kiera is an exceptional role model paving the way for future athletes we have here at SJP and we are extremely proud of her achievements and her professionalism.

Jack was recently selected to play hockey for Blackpool U18s following trials. Jack will now attend a regional tournament in Nottingham and he will go on to represent Blackpool in a regional tournament in July where scouts will be present to choose a squad of 18 for England U18s' hockey team. We are so proud of Jack and can't wait to hear his successes in the Summer! Good luck, Jack!

Carter Pinnington footballing success - U16 Liverpool / U18 England (captain) played again Chile/ Italy / Slovenia / Romania. Well done, Carter! We are really proud of you and we look forward to your future success. Joe Collins footballing success - is playing for the age group above U18 for Crewe FC. Keep up the good work, Joe! We are really proud of you and we can't wait to see what the future holds!

Our very own Kiera Brady-Jones has retained her national schools title of 1500m champion. She competed in this event at Sport City



Year 12 Yorkshire Sculpture Park Trip

Yr12 Art students enjoyed a beautiful sunny day in Yorkshire Sculpture Park in Wakefield, we found so many beautiful pieces of art and discussed who the artists were and how it made them feel!



Bishop Mark

At the end of term, we took part in a mass celebrated by Bishop Mark at St Columba's Catholic Church. We thought about how we can give thanks for all we have. We were privileged to take part in the mass alongside Jo Boyce.



John Moores Uni Visit

Year 9 had lots of fun at Liverpool John Moores university completing various workshops to give them insights into the courses linked with engineering, including marine engineering, civil engineering, space, and mechanical engineering.



Everton in the Community The Blue Base



Tackling the Blues

SJP Students were welcomed to Goodison Park, the home of Everton. The young people were taking part in reflection activities & a tour of Goodison Park as part of the celebration events delivered by Tackling the Blues.



SJP Experience 2022

Over the last two weeks, we have enjoyed our SJP Experience. It has been fantastic to see both students and staff working together on different activities. This year the theme focused on 'Community, Diversity, Eco'. All activities linked into these areas in many different ways. We also tried a new way of working and created groups that included students from Years 7-10, with Year 12 students joining them for the second week. This allowed students to work with new people and develop friendships within our SJP community.

Ms Smith led the Performing Arts team as they prepared for the HFCMAT Arts Festival. Students worked within drama, music and dance, developing their skills and working on performances that were showcased at the Arts Festival on Saturday 9th July. This was a fabulous day in New Brighton, where the HFCMAT community came together to celebrate the creative work of the students.

The Art and DT teams focused on creating recycled fashion, headpieces and wearable art using the Junk Kouture programme and the use of sustainable, recycled materials to create wearable fashion/ Art. Some activities involved students creating diversity placards/sculptures, eco banners and community seating/props. We also had our very own master chefs baking their own biscuits and other delicious treats. Many of the finished products were on display at the Arts festival, we now have these displayed around school.

Over in Geography, our students conducted a beach clean out at West Kirby and New Brighton, they also ventured over to Hilbre Island. Students have been exploring biodiversity and the natural environment.

The Eco club members have also been working on the completion of a new environmental policy. This week they have celebrated gaining the Eco Schools Green Flag Award with merit.

Students within the Science and PE group, enjoyed participating in a range of physical, creative and STEM activities. Activities focused on creating a sustainable solution to an environmental problem that impacts upon the local community. Following this, 97 students have achieved a Crest Award for completion of particular STEM activities, an amazing achievement!

The MFL team led activities looking at diversity within languages. Students were learning about and exploring the culture of different countries. Students also ventured over to the World Museum in Liverpool as part of this work. Within our English, Maths, History and RE carousel, students participated in activities which involved exploring events that shook the world, making peace doves and angel wings, spaghetti towers, developing origami and curve stitch skills. In some activities, students worked on the theme of protest as empowerment and explored how protest is shown through different art forms such as songs, graffiti, artwork and poetry. Part of the reflective experience in RE involved celebrating diversity and reflection upon what makes them unique, whilst remembering our calling to be part of the body of Christ.

During our second week, students have spent time back within their form groups understanding more about The SJP Experience and exploring the moral values of courage, justice, honesty, integrity, humility, compassion, gratitude and respect. Students have also participated in activities that have included personal development topics and team building activities.

Aside from these fantastic activities, students have had the chance to build resilience, work with new people and focus on interactive and creative activities. The feedback from staff and students has been great and it has been lovely to see students within different year groups working together as a community. This has sometimes meant that students have had to work outside of their comfort zone, and we are proud of them for approaching the week with a positive attitude and the willingness to try new things.

Well done and thank you to all of the staff and students for their participation.



Year 13 Leavers' Celebration 2022



On Friday 1st July we said farewell to Year 13 at our Leavers' Dinner at the Hilton Hotel in Liverpool. We celebrated their journey with us whilst enjoying a meal, followed by an awards ceremony, much to the delight of staff and student worthy recipients. This was hosted by the Chair and Vice-Chair of our Junior Leadership Team, who also gave a heartwarming speech, summarising their thoughts and feelings about the positive contribution school, teachers and their peers had made to the lives of everyone in Year 13.

The DJ then filled the dancefloor until the early hours, when the final goodbyes were said.

Thanks to all involved, we had a wonderful evening and year 13 did themselves proud!
Thank you, Year 13!

We now look forward to Results' Day, on Thursday 18th August

Eco Club

The end of term has seen the Eco Club present their plan to tackle litter around and outside school to our Deputy Headteacher. Then we celebrated being awarded our Eco Schools Green Flag with merit, which recognises all the hard work that our students have done this year.



Maths Carousel

These photos show the results of the pupils' work during their Maths Carousel: Star-o-rama, Spaghetti towers and Be more - bottle creations.



Transition Day

Starting a new school is an exciting yet anxious time for Year 6 students and their families.

We were delighted to host our Year 7 Induction Day in SJP this year. After a couple of years of not being able to welcome our future students we were really pleased to give them the opportunity to tour the College and take part in activities, such as PE lessons, Mandarin and science.

SJP students cement their place in SJP History

Students from every year group were privileged to cement their place in SJP history. Lee, the site manager at Read Construction, invited them to sign the steel for the new build, due to open October 2022. Lee guided them through the lower floor and explained the process of how the building was built in a unique way from the middle.



Happy Retirement Joan

Joan Lam will be retiring from SJP at the end of this term. She also worked at St. Mary's Catholic College for a number of years. Joan has worked in many schools during her career. She has been employed for 52 years in a variety of roles which include Mental Health (NHS), HLTA, Learning Mentor, Counselling, Domestic Violence Facilitator, Youth Worker and Assessor, and more recently arranging zoom calls to students at home during the pandemic. Joan will miss the young people she has supported but will continue working for CAMHS. Joan would like to thank everyone who has supported her over the years.

Year 11 Leavers' Celebration

During the Year 11 Leavers' Celebration. There was a trip down memory lane, trophies, tears and laughter.

Well done to all of our Year 11 students, you have been an amazing year group and we look forward to celebrating with you all on Results' Day!



Aaron Larway wins competition with the BBFC

Aaron Larway has won the 'Create The Card' competition by the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC), in collaboration with Universal Pictures.

The competition involved a nationwide search for a talented young individual to design the official BBFC black card for the summer blockbuster, Jurassic World Dominion.

A black card has been synonymous with the cinematic experience since the early days of motion pictures. It acts as a marker to audiences to stop talking, whilst also displaying the age rating of the film.

Aaron is a huge fan of Jurassic Park and was thrilled to see the media studies department at St John Plessington Catholic College share details of the BBFC competition. The competition, which was open to 12-16-year-olds, received over 1,100 entries from around the UK but Aaron's piece was the winner.





World Music Day

SJP celebrated 'World Music Day' on 21st June. Students in years 7, 8 and 9 took part in lots of different world music activities. Year 7 learnt to sing in Samoan and Tokelauan and composed their own drum beats inspired by the music we had listened to. Year 8 and 9 both took part in Samba workshops and we were so impressed by the team work, musicality and performance skills shown by our groups all day.

4-8th July - #TeamMusic

30 of our fantastic musicians worked with us for SJP Experience. They took part in learning to perform in lots of different musical styles, from a marching samba band to playing keyboard, guitar, bass. The commitment, work and performance from #TeamMusic was exceptional. Check out our SJP Performing Arts on Twitter to see footage of some of their performances.

On Wednesday 6th July our KS3 band 'The Awakened' performed a set of 6 songs to the school yard at lunchtime, the atmosphere was electric and the band had hundreds of people watching and singing along with them. A great example of our SJP community spirit and celebrating each other's successes.



SJP - A Rights Respecting School

This year, St John Plessington Catholic College was awarded the Bronze Rights Committed School Award as part of the wider UNICEF UK Rights Respecting Schools Award. The award recognises a school's achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into practice within the school and beyond. The Award is based on principles of equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination and participation which are key values we uphold here at SJP.

This means that SJP is committed to respecting and educating our young people about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child through the work of UNICEF both within our school and globally to protect and uphold children's rights. The values of the Rights Respecting Schools Award are embedded throughout all we do here at SJP in the way we interact with one another, through our key values of Ready, Respectful and Safe but also, through our Personal Development Curriculum in PSHE and Citizenship.

The Personal Development Curriculum this year has offered pupils many opportunities to reflect on human rights and to think about how the work of different organisations, such as UNICEF and CAFOD, work to uphold the different articles within the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Each week in Personal Development we have shared an article of the week from UNICEF with forms. Students have completed different activities and had discussions about what that particular right means to them. We are excited to continue this journey with UNICEF next year and look forward to working towards becoming a Silver Rights Aware School.



Key Dates

A Level Results Day	Thursday 18th August 2022
GCSE Results Day	Thursday 25th August 2022
Transition Summer School	Monday 22nd August until Friday 26th August.
Year 7 students	Monday 5 September at 08:30
Year 12 students	Monday 5 September at 09:30
Year 11 and Y13 Students	Monday 5 September at 11:00.
All year groups	Tuesday 6 September at 08:30
Open Evening	Thursday 8th September at 6.00pm



Open Evening

Thursday 8th September 2022

6.00pm - 8.30pm

Headteacher talks at 6.00pm, 6.45pm, and 7.30pm.

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