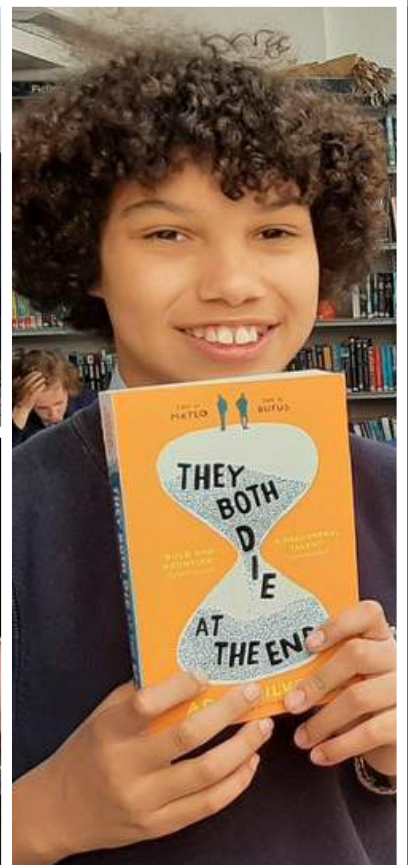


# SJP NEWS

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Dear Families

Welcome to our Spring newsletter. I hope this gives you a flavour of some of the interesting things we have been doing at SJP over the past term.

Well done to all students and staff as we come to the end of a brilliant term of hard work and wonderful achievements.

We are looking forward to welcoming many Year 11 and Year 13 students to supported study sessions over Easter as well as our Year 8s who will be taking part in a holiday activity programme.

Best wishes for a happy and peaceful Easter break.

Ms Maria Sharratt  
Headteacher

# Achievement at SJP

## Achievement Assemblies

Last week we held achievement assemblies for students in Y7-9. 100 students across the year groups were recognised for their achievements. Students were nominated by their subject teachers for their progress and achievement within subject areas. Some students were nominated by their Head of Learning to receive an award for their outstanding contributions to the SJP community. We would like to congratulate students, who picked up their certificates with pride and some choosing a new book to take away with them. We look forward to celebrating with students in Y10-13 following the Easter break.

## Hot Chocolate Friday

This half term we have continued with our 'Hot Chocolate Friday' celebrations. Over 100 students have attended following nominations from their Head of Learning and Learning Coach for their outstanding and continued hardwork and attitude to learning. Students have been invited to enjoy a hot chocolate with Ms Sharratt, and have been given the opportunity to speak with students from other year groups about their SJP Experiences. Well done to all of these students!

## Positive Recognition

Our students continue to amaze us each day and make us proud with their contributions to SJP.

## Junior Leadership Team

144 students from all Year groups make up our Junior Leadership Team. Each student works as part of a team to reflect the work that we are doing as a College Community to become a Unicef Rights Respecting School. This half-term students have been working hard on fundraising, raising awareness of the war in Ukraine and coordinating efforts to support people in great need there and more locally.



# Fundraising Across SJP

## Walk in Solidarity for Ukraine

In March, staff and students came together to walk in solidarity with Ukraine. During Personal Development Time, each student walked a mile around the Oval track to walk 1,738 miles, the equivalent of Bebington to Kyiv. Together we raised over £1000.



## 50 Laps for Ukraine

One of our Year 7 students was busy raising funds for CAFOD's humanitarian campaign in Ukraine. Jacob began a mission to walk 50 laps around the quad. We couldn't be prouder of Jacob raising money for Ukraine. It's these small, but selfless gestures that can make a big difference.



## Every Little Helps!

A big thank you for the generosity of all the students and staff who brought food donations and other essentials to help towards our CAFOD Family Fasting Day. As part of our continued support for the Wirral FoodBank, these items were donated to them.



# Out & About!

## Biology Trip

A-level biology students visited the University of Liverpool and enjoyed preparing a range of protein samples to be analysed by gel electrophoresis.



## Liverpool Empire Trip

SJP Drama teamed up with Birkenhead Park School for a special Frantic Assembly Workshop at the Liverpool Empire before they sat down to watch *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night*. Thank you for having us and for an incredible evening.



## Media Trip London

A group of our Media students took a trip down to London in February with the first visit of the day being none other than the Warner Bros. Harry Potter Studio Tour, at Warner Bros Studios, our students learned the bases of cameras shots and the way they are used in the world of filmography. Media students had a magical time learning about the making of the Harry Potter films at Warner Bros. Studio Tour! Fresh from going 'Back To The Future' they had a bit of time for sightseeing today before heading home Tower Bridge Southbank.



# Español!

The Year 13 Spanish students enjoyed a trip to Manchester. They enjoyed a pre-movie tapas meal ahead of the premiere of *Érase una vez en Euskadi*! After the film was over, they sat down and had a Q&A with director Manu Gómez! ¡Nos lo pasamos muy bien!!



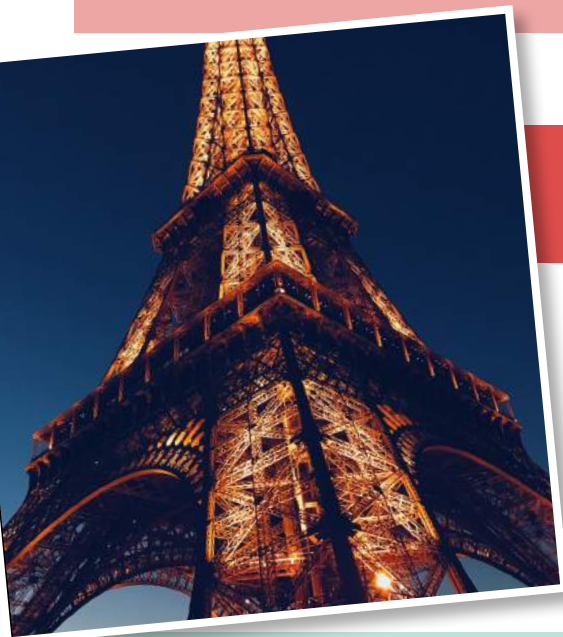
## Paris Trip

On Friday, we say Bon Voyage to more than 100 students who are participating in the trip to Paris. Look out for photos and stories on our social media and next term's newsletter.

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## Conway Trip

Last week, More than 200 year 7 students attended the Conway Outdoor Education Centre 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, students enjoyed taking part in canoeing, kayaking, raft building, zipline, climbing wall, mountain biking, bush craft, high ropes, via feretta, and abseil.

In our evening free time we enjoyed a movie night and a disco. The students thoroughly enjoyed their stay, having overcome their fears, developed their teamwork and leadership skills and created memories that will last a lifetime.



# England Come Calling

A talented year 10 student from St John Plessington Catholic College in Bebington has been chosen for the England Football U15 squad. Carter, started training for the England U15s back in October 2021. He recently made his debut playing centre-back against Wolverhampton Wanderers, due to Belgium being unable to play.

You have made yourself, your family, SJP, Liverpool and England proud.



## ‘Shark’ Attack

Congratulations to Tommy who made it to the next phase of the Sale Sharks’ rugby training programme. He was one of fifty children out of a possible 350 who progressed to the next level. Well done Tommy, you made us all proud.



## Jess is a ‘Toffee’

Jess Brady has been selected to play for Everton under 16s.

## Run Kiera Run

Kiera selected for GB athletics U17 team and she is also ranked No1 in the UK for U17 800 and 1500m.

# Performance in Education

We welcomed Performance in Education who entertained our Year 9 students with a 'Future Forward' theatre show. Through a combination of drama, comedy, music & dance, trained actors explored a wide range of future paths that are open to our young people after their GCSEs.



## Staying safe on the Internet!

Students spent their Personal development Lessons looking at tips for staying safe online and how to report incidents of cyberbullying and online harassment. This year's theme was 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. From gaming and chat, to streaming and video, young people are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of.



## Spanish Tasting Session

It's a very special day in Hispanic society when they celebrate the "Día de los Reyes Magos" when they open their Christmas presents. We wanted to celebrate it at SJP by eating the traditional cake called "Roscón de Reyes" with our Spanish students. It was delicious!



# World Book Day

## 2022

World Book Day took place on Thursday March 3rd, we had many exciting activities.

During World Book Week, students enjoyed visiting a local bookstore to see how the store is organised and to get tips for our school library. Students also enjoyed special World Book Day cakes, biscuits and read time with Mrs. Patino!

We kicked off our World Book Day week at SJP with a creative competition. Students were invited to creatively represent a book or a character from a book. We even had our very own Mary Poppins, Mrs Martineau!

The possibilities were endless and decorations included a potato, a shoebox or a cake. Have a look at some of the amazing creations our students came up with.

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## Reflections

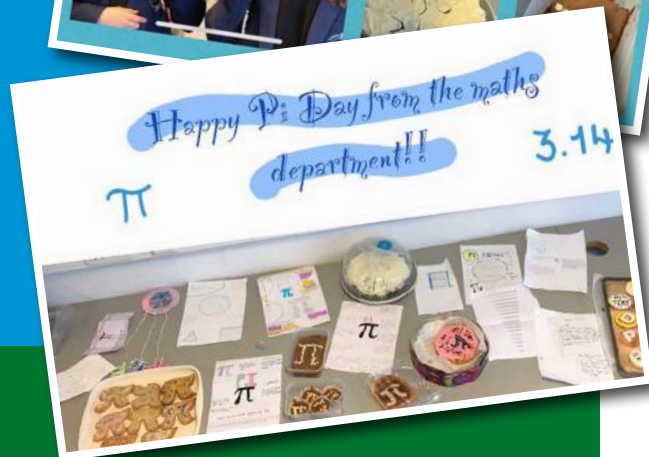
During the reflection pupils discussed what it meant to be there for others especially through difficult times. They reflected on the story of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane and how on that night Jesus too needed his friends by his side. On their link for the Chain of Hope, pupils were asked to write a message of solidarity for the people of the Ukraine, reminding them of the words of the Pope in Fratelli Tutti, "Wherever he went, he sowed seeds of peace and walked alongside the poor, the abandoned, the infirm and the outcast, the least of his brothers and sisters".

# National Pi Day

Monday March 14th was National Pi Day! We want our Y7s to show their creativity by creating a mini project about the mathematical value Pi ( $\pi$ ).

What a creative group of Year 7 mathematicians we have here at SJP to celebrate National Pi Day!

Here are some of the creations brought to school! Well done for your great efforts!



The MFL and ICT departments really got into the spirit of things ¡Feliz Día de San Patricio!



## Art Club

This term was the launch of the Kawaii Art club! What a fantastic turn out from Years 7,8 and 9 for Miss Dunphy and Miss Curtin! Well done, everyone



Our incredibly talented Maggie auditioned for the National Youth Music Theatre. Here's a snippet of her audition singing 'Pulled' from 'The Addam's Family'. : [https://twitter.com/sjp-padept/status/1492143776709677059?s=20&t=FrO-IPFtPXatzS\\_nFKJuEw](https://twitter.com/sjp-padept/status/1492143776709677059?s=20&t=FrO-IPFtPXatzS_nFKJuEw)



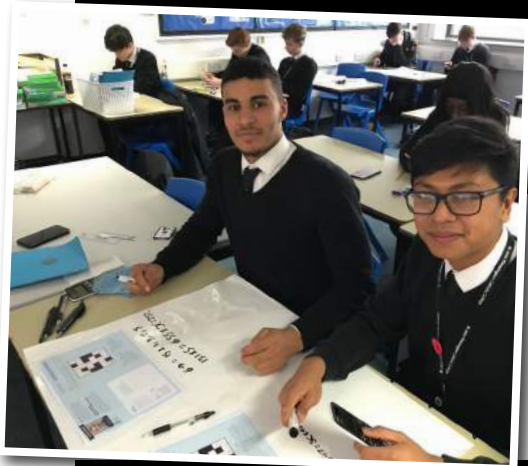
# Mini Dash

SJP students joined 14 other schools from across the diocese for Mini DASH. The theme of the day is Generation of Hope, looking at the young activists making a difference around the world and the difference all young people can make.



# Maths Fest

Our A-level mathematicians had a brilliant day participating in MathsFest 2022 streamed all the way from London into our classrooms at SJP.



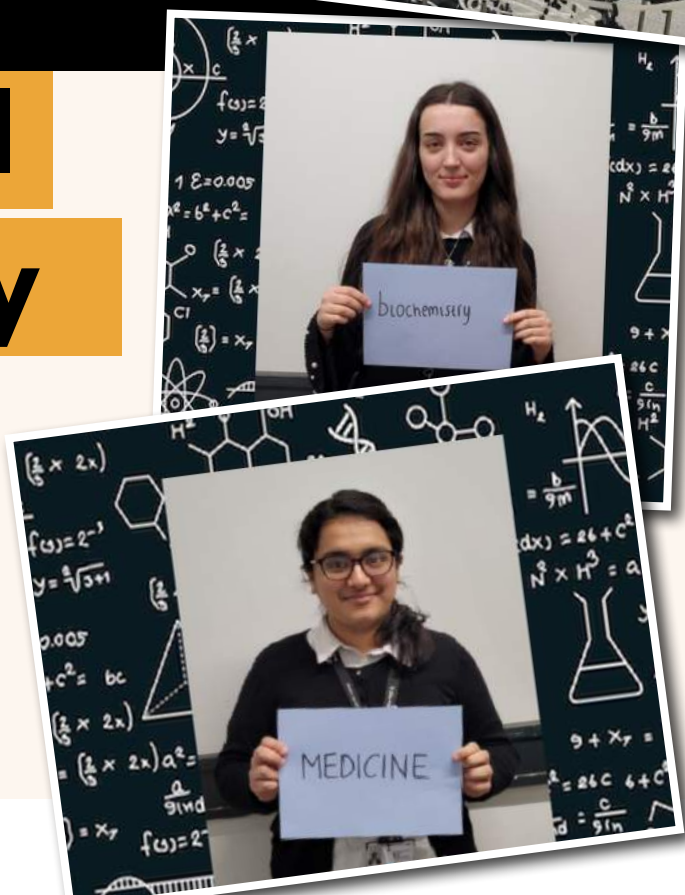
# Sixth Form Physics

This Perpetual Motion Rollercoaster has presented the 6th form engineers with many challenges. Finally its Finished, you can watch it in action here - [https://twitter.com/SJP-HeadTeacher/status/1506293988462104585?s=20&t=ro-IPfPXatzS\\_nFKJuEw](https://twitter.com/SJP-HeadTeacher/status/1506293988462104585?s=20&t=ro-IPfPXatzS_nFKJuEw)



# International Women's Day

To celebrate the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, we shone the spotlight on Lauren, Kate and Loise. Each of these amazing students have made positive changes in STEM. After studying A Level Biology, Lauren has been able to apply for Biochemistry. Kate has applied for Zoology after studying Applied Science and Loise has been able to apply for Medicine after studying A-Levels in Biology.

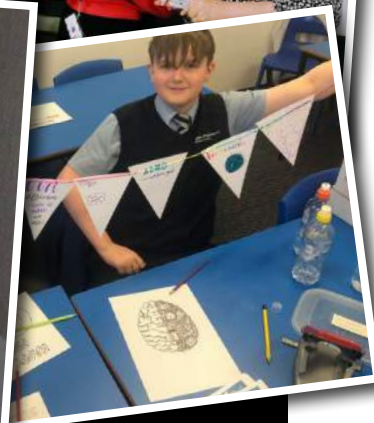


# Neurodivisivity Celebration

## Week

SJP took part in Neurodiversity Celebration Week! All year groups took part in educational assemblies about Neurodiversity!

Congratulations to Year 8, Tiana on winning our Celebrate Neurodiversity Week contest with this beautiful piece of art!



## Earth Day

On April 24-29th students in year 7 at SJP will be celebrating Earth Week. This involves a week of activities, focusing on rewilding to celebrate the world around us and engage pupils in environmental action.

We have a full week of activities planned, with visits from Mere Brook Manor bee keepers and a visit from the Red Squirrel association too. In lessons we will be making wildflower seed bombs along with creating bug hotels out of recycled materials.

Each night of Earth Week we will also be taking part in The Great Big Spring Clean. This is a national event whereby students around the country will be tidying up their local area, picking litter and cleaning up the community. We will be litter picking around the school grounds and the nearby streets to give back to the local area.

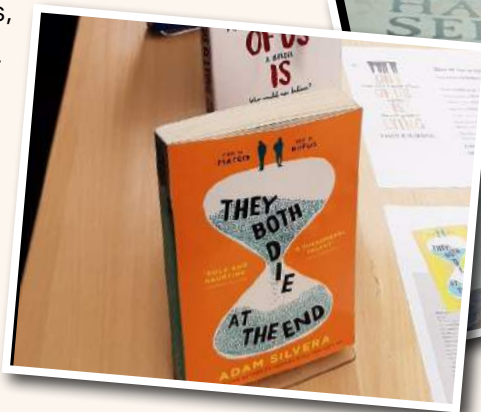
The Great British Spring Clean will form part of our action plan to tackle waste at SJP, which is part of our commitment to become an Eco School by the end of this academic year. Our Eco Club and Eco Ambassadors have been work tirelessly to help us gain our Eco Schools Green Flag Award.

Alongside tackling waste at SJP we will also be having a switch off afternoon on the Friday of Earth week. This will be an afternoon of lessons without projectors or electronic screens to help us reach another of our targets focusing on reducing Energy usage around school.

On Friday 29th our eco club and eco ambassadors will be visiting New Ferry Butterfly park to complete a biodiversity study and receive a guided tour around the park.

# SJP Library

The half-term our College Library has been a real hub of activity, with the SJP Book Oscars, a range of fabulous activities to mark World Book Day, the daily activities and clubs which take place in our Library and the Easter Egg Hunt which will end the term for us. We also hosted our Harry Potter Book Night which involved, quizzes, cakes, competitions and mayhem - all the ingredients for another fun Harry Potter book night. Many thanks to the DT department for producing our fabulous Ford Anglia. We had brilliant exhibitions and the students enjoyed fun activities in the SJP library. To keep up to date with all the wonderful opportunities please have a look here: <https://wakelet.com/wake/DMWTV3OnQmlwwfILK1ITS>



## St John Plessington Cake Competition 2022

### Theme: The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

#### Competition Rules:

Design a cake based on the theme of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Make your cake at home and bring it in to school on

Tuesday 3rd May 2022.

Bring your cakes up to the Food room where they will be tasted and judged.

Prizes will be awarded for the most creative design, most skillful execution, the cake that best shows the theme and the cake with the best flavour.



# New year, new book!

Every student in Years 7,8 & 9 has been given a book from a carefully selected list of titles to help them with their resolution to read more in the New Year. We look forward to reading their reviews and helping them choose their next book from our College Library.



# HFCMAT Easter Celebration

The SJP singers have also been involved in a very special music project with all the other schools in the HFCMAT. This will be available to watch on Easter Sunday, keep an eye on all of our social media to see the amazing contribution our students have made to this.



## Easter Liturgy

Our SJP singers were so lucky to be invited to perform for the Diocesan 'Prayer and Reflection for Lent' where we performed the hymn 'The Servant King'. This was a real privilege and as always our singers sang their hearts out and made SJP proud.



## Teaching School Hub



Over 300 Early Career Teachers, 300 mentors and almost 200 experienced teachers are being supported and developed through the ECF and NPQ programmes being delivered by Inspire Learning Teaching School Hub. We are delighted to have formed a team of highly-skilled and inspirational facilitators who deliver the high-quality professional development sessions along with UCL. We are proud to have started our second cohort of NPQ participants, offering the 3 reformed specialist NPQs alongside the NPQs for Senior Leadership and Headship. If you would like details on how to enrol for the next NPQ cohort please contact [npq@inspirelearningtsh.co.uk](mailto:npq@inspirelearningtsh.co.uk).

If you would like to find out more information or are interested in joining our team of facilitators for ECF or NPQ, please contact [fionamccrudden-bruce@inspirelearningtsh.co.uk](mailto:fionamccrudden-bruce@inspirelearningtsh.co.uk) in the first instance.

We are offering "Preparing for Literacy", a 3-day CPD programme for Early Years practitioners. Follow the link for detailed information or to sign up <https://inspirelearningtsh.co.uk/cpd-programme-offer/>

# Scholars' Programme

Congratulations to our cohort of Year 12 students who graduated from their Scholars' Programme. Students were selected to take part based on outstanding academic achievement from their GCSE's. All of our students have shown fantastic commitment in their independent study periods as well as outside of college to take part in this university style programme. Working closely with their PHD tutor, they have all completed 8 tutorials around Particle Physics and completed a final assignment which they received individual feedback on earlier this term. We are so proud of all of our graduates and wish to congratulate them on this fantastic achievement and also wish to pass on our thanks to Benjamin for his help and support with the programme over the last term.



# Liverpool City Region Skills Show

120 of our Year 12 students made the journey to the ACC Conference Centre in Liverpool to take part in the Liverpool City Region Skills Show. All of our students were a credit to SJP and represented our school in the best possible way. Whilst they were there, they took part in interactive sessions regarding apprenticeships, listened to talks from higher level providers and even got competitive with some of the competitions



to ensure they left with the highest score of the event. Students found the event really informative and some even managed to secure themselves work experience placements and form links with people that they can keep in touch with regarding future opportunities.

# Live Autopsy Event

This term our Year 12 Biology students attended a Living Autopsy event. Dr Yamini Kirshna and her colleagues gathered pathologists to give students a hand on path.

Students were able to gain a real insight into pathology as well as working closely with medical students.

The afternoon was a real success and students gained vital knowledge and an insight into the world of medicine.



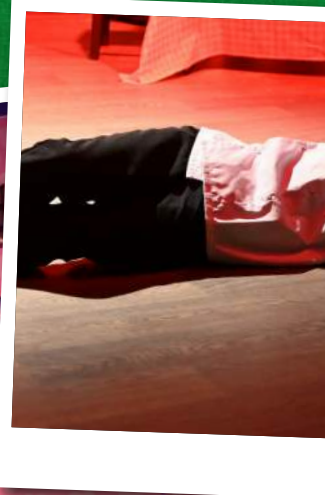
# Sixth Form Football Success

Congratulations to our 6th Form Football team who have made it through to the Semi Final of the Under 19's Wirral Cup. In the Round of 16 SJP Sixth Form were victorious against Wirral Met and came out 5-1 winners with some excellent performances all round the pitch. For the Quarter Final, the boys travelled to Weatherhead High School to take on their sixth form team and ran out 4-0 winners and played some excellent football with a dominant performance. We wish them good luck for the Semi Final after Easter and hopefully they can make it through to the final! Good luck boys!





In the last week of the term we finally performed our production of 'Little Shop of Horrors', with music by Alan Menken and lyrics and book by Howard Ashman. Showing amazing resilience and determination, the cast, crew and band managed to maintain their enthusiasm for the project throughout what was undoubtedly a particularly challenging term. They achieved a very polished and entertaining final performance, despite facing additional challenges presented by a somewhat disjointed rehearsal period.



# Little Shop of Horrors



It has been a pleasure to work with the students over the past four months. They have shown resilience to the many challenges we have been faced with, they have shown commitment and passion to the production and most importantly they have shown kindness to each other throughout the entire process.

Students from across all years of our school came together to perform in our first musical in 2 years. It was so fantastic to be on the stage again and the commitment and performance of our students blew us away!

Both nights were a sell out and the feedback has been overwhelming.

We are extremely proud of all our students and the staff involved in this fantastic production.





# FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!

