

NEWSLETTER



Anthony Walker Foundation

In the final week of September, as part of our Personal Development Programme, year groups from year 7 to year 11 participated in workshops led by The Anthony Walker Foundation. The Anthony Walker Foundation was established in 2006 after the racially motivated murder of Anthony in Huyton, just outside of Liverpool and works to tackle racism, hate crime and discrimination. At SJP, we firmly believe that education dismantles prejudice, we want our students to be active citizens and for our students to be best prepared for life in a modern world with an enthusiasm for learning about other people's beliefs, whilst promoting respect, tolerance and understanding.

The workshops provided all members of our college community with opportunities to learn about the causes and the consequences of racism, to understand how they can be upstanders and how they can make a difference to the lives of others.



The Climb of Life... Emmaus Walk 2022

Over 100 Year 12 students embarked on the annual Emmaus Walk to climb Moel Famau in North Wales with the aim of forming a bond as a new Year 12 community but to also raise money for Wirral Food Banks.

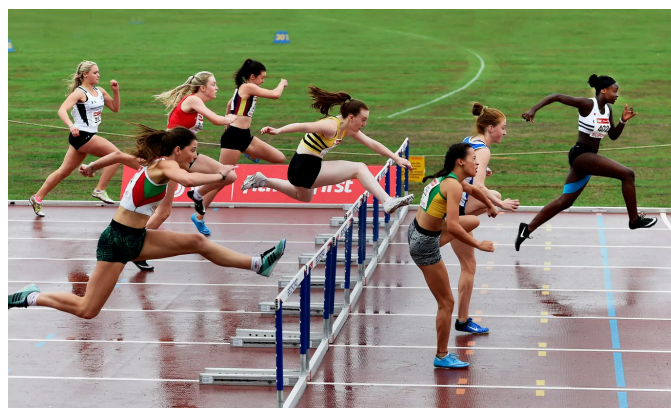
The climb truly represented the challenges we face in our daily lives, as all students found different challenges along the way. Some made it up quickly, some made it up slowly and some never quite made it to the top on this occasion. Each individual faced many challenges just like we do in life. However, every student put themselves outside of their comfort zone and learnt new skills in an effort to show resilience and support each other to enable them to overcome certain challenges along the way. For those who never quite made it to the top on this occasion, it does not mean failure, it simply means they can't do it YET. They have gained experience in the climb of life to enable them to succeed next time. For those who did make it to the top, their next question is, **how much higher can they go next time?**



It was a fantastic day watching Year 12 become a new community, a new beginning, and a day to remember for years to come. Well done, Year 12 and Year 12 Form Tutors.

National Combined Events Championships

Congratulations to Sophie who competed in the National Combined Events Champions in Bedford, Sophie competed in the 80m Hurdles, Shot put, Long jump, High jump and 800m. Sophie secured her personal best over all five events. **Well done Sophie, we can't wait to see how you progress this year!**



Go, Greased Lightnin'

On Wednesday, after school, more than 80 students of all ages headed to the drama studio for their **'Grease the Musical'** auditions.

They began with an ice-breaker task, in which Mr. McEwan showed his famous dance moves to Lizzo, 2 Be Loved (Am I Ready). (See the video on social media). The students then began to learn the song **'Hopelessly Devoted to you'**. After learning the song the students grouped together to make up their own story, before showing it to the rest of the group on stage.

We can't wait to start rehearsals next week!

Geography Trip - A student's perspective

The trip was fantastic! This report describes the wonderful adventures of a year 13 geography trip which was the first one of the year. It took place on Wednesday 21st September 2022, where students compared the regenerative developments in the city regions of Liverpool (from Liverpool One to the Baltic Triangle and more) and Birkenhead (Pyramids Shopping Centre) with the aim of collecting data for their coursework for our A levels.

The trip started at 08:40 where we all departed from school to the local train station and from there we took a small train journey to James Street. This is where the adventure truly began. We went to our desired location in small groups. Within my group's journey, we first headed to the Albert Dock to start our project. We began at the Maritime museum where we initially lacked the confidence to interact with the public! We therefore built up to asking more pedestrians through simpler tasks such as pedestrian counts.

Unfortunately for me though, during the pedestrian counts, there was a large group of seagulls which swooped down and rather impressively, took one of our pens, flying off with it before we could stop it! However, after this dramatic event we then departed to Baltic Triangle (not before a quick stop at McDonalds). Here we collected evidence of the regeneration project by taking photos to show the development occurring within the industrial area. Next we set off for Liverpool One,

this time with even more confidence as we began to interact with more people. A privilege for us was that most members of the public were very friendly and started to share their plans for the day and experiences living in the city with us, making the data we collected feel even more personal and representative of the general public. Some stated that they were in the city to find love, however, the majority was for work! We even spoke to an artist who was touring the world, sharing his passion for art and his work within the city.

Following this, we returned to James Street to meet up with our classmates, ready for the next project, Birkenhead Pyramids. The journey was complicated however, due to the 2 minute due time of our train before we had even come close to the platform. We all raced through the station after getting out of the lift, desperate to catch the train in order to continue our fieldwork. To our misfortune, our intense speed walking wasn't enough to make it in time and as we reached the platform, we were greeted by our train to Birkenhead departing the station without us - a lesson we will never forget for our next field trip (Always maintain our time management strategies). To our relief, the next train wasn't far behind and would be with us within the next couple of minutes!

Arriving at Birkenhead and completing the short walk to the Pyramids shopping centre, we split into our smaller groups and replicated the activities we completed within

Liverpool in order to demonstrate clear comparisons when evaluating our work. These activities included: pedestrian counts, surveys, sound-scaping, environmental quality analysis and research into the pedestrians such as moods, age and what they were shopping for. After concluding our research we headed back home to SJP.

Overall, the trip was a great experience, teaching us the fundamentals of fieldwork and practical skills to take into future projects. Additionally, it was the first trip of the year and was enjoyable after missing out on so many opportunities due to COVID-19. This was a great day out where the SJP Geography community came together and learnt multiple skills. Personally I have developed more composure and confidence which will benefit me far into my future as a Geography student.

Report written by Samuel Hanley, Yr13 Geography student



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"Today was great - we collected lots of data to help us with our coursework. It was interesting to see Liverpool and Birkenhead in a different light."

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Parishes of St Anne's, Rock Ferry and St John the Evangelist, New Ferry have been allocated a date when the children can receive their Sacrament of Confirmation. The date is **Wednesday 23rd November** and the service will take place at St Anne's church at 7pm.

The service is primarily targeted for students from **Years 9 and 10** however any students who could not receive the Sacrament due to the covid lockdowns are also welcome to take part this year.

To enrol on this year's Confirmation Programme please email stjohntheevangelist@gmail.com F.O.A Deacon Michael T Daly

Creativity Conference

On Thursday 8th September, students from across the HFCMAT were invited to St Joseph's Primary School, Birkenhead to explore the definition of creativity and to research what creativity means to them. 12 students from SJP attended as part of their role on the Junior Leadership Team.

As a MAT, we are focussing on how creativity is a fundamental asset to the learning and experiences of our young people. Our aim is to:

- equip students with the tools to learn independently;
- inspire a love of learning;
- embed a culture that enables learners to grow in resilience and embrace challenges;
- empower learners to find new solutions;
- prepare learners fully for our changing world.

Students commented that they found the experience worthwhile. Some of the benefits of the day they commented on included.

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'It was a great opportunity to socialise with different people across the MAT and discuss the different learning opportunities available'

'I have learned better communication skills by working with younger kids. I would recommend it again because it has taken me out of my comfort zone and now I am a lot more confident'



Learning Resource Centre

The SJP Learning Resource Centre reopens and I am looking forward to facilitating some new plans and activities as we progress through the school year. The Learning Resource Centre is a positive, welcoming area for students, which both supports their studies and encourages a love of reading. It is also somewhere students can join in with an activity as well as offering a quiet, calm space to think and reflect.

The LRC is open daily for students to use from 8.15am to 4.15pm, including break and dinner times. Students can borrow a book from the wide selection of both fiction and non-fiction we have available. They are also able to complete homework and / or use a computer or chrome book if needed. Students can play a board game or complete a jigsaw during dinner times, which is very popular.

After-school clubs are up and running, beginning at 3.15pm and ending at 4pm. Monday is Manga/Anime, Tuesday is Junior Book Club, Wednesday is Paper Craft and Thursday is Senior Book Club. All are welcome to attend and please do come to see me for more information. LRC lessons for years 7 and 8 are well under way and are a good opportunity to encourage students to read for pleasure and enjoy books. All students attending these lessons have been shown how to use the LRC and are able to take out books. In addition, I have a great team of student assistants, including some very enthusiastic year 7's, who support me to ensure the LRC runs smoothly. This is a responsible role which helps students to develop some very useful skills.

Future plans for the SJPLRC include a book swap area and audio book section, which many students have said they would enjoy. We have a number of magazine subscriptions to be delivered on a monthly basis. We will celebrate events such as World Book Day, National Poetry Day and individual Author days, as well as recognising and supporting important issues, including Black History Month and Children's Mental Health Week.

Any donations of books / audio books / board games and jigsaws, suitable for children and young people, would be most appreciated. A labelled box will be placed in the LRC shortly. Finally, I would like to thank all the students who have already used the LRC this term. I hope to see many more students over the coming months.





Oracy Day - The Great Debate

What a great start to the Y12 Induction Programme with their Oracy Day. The standard of debating was high as students tackled topical issues including lowering the voting age and the use of mobile phones in schools. **Well done to all involved and especially to the winning teams!**



Teaching Assistant Day 2022

In September it was **#NationalTeachingAssistantsDay**. Here are some of our fantastic Learning Assistants who go above and beyond all year round to support our students at SJP. Thank you for your valued contributions to our SJP community!



**National
Teaching
Assistants'
Day**

Sheffield Hallam University Trip

Year 13 Food Science and Nutrition students visited Sheffield Hallam University on Thursday 15th September to take part in a taster day within the food and nutrition department. Students investigated sports nutrition and the tests involved in supporting people with their diet. They also carried out sensory testing and discovered whether they were **"super tasters"**. The visit was extremely informative, thoroughly enjoyable and it gave them a real insight into studying at a university level.

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Sheffield Hallam is one of my university options and so it was really great to see it and get a feel for the staff and building there. The day itself was really fun and helped us a lot to prepare for some of our Food work in Year 13. Thanks to Miss Murray and Mr Wellens for taking us! - Maggie Rycroft



Extra-curricular Timetable

Monday	Football	Yard	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Basketball	Sports Hall	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Badminton	Sports Hall	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Football	Yard	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Basketball	Sports Hall	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Badminton	Sports Hall	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Football	Field	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Netball	Yard	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	SJP Choir	Music 1	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	National Connections Rehearsals	Drama 1	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
Tuesday	Football	Yard	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Basketball	Sports Hall	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Badminton	Sports Hall	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Football	Yard	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Basketball	Sports Hall	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Badminton	Sports Hall	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	SJP Soul Band	Music 1	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
Wednesday	Football	Yard	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Basketball	Sports Hall	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Badminton	Sports Hall	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Football	Yard	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Basketball	Sports Hall	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Badminton	Sports Hall	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Football	Field	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Rugby	Field	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Girls football	Field	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Dance	Dance Studio	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	KS3 Food club	Food 1	Year 7, 8 & 9	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Project Moon Camp	Sci 6 & 8	Year 7 & 8	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Grease Rehearsals	Mu1 / Dr1	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
Thursday	Football	Yard	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Basketball	Sports Hall	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Badminton	Sports Hall	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Football	Yard	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Basketball	Sports Hall	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Badminton	Sports Hall	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Basketball	Sports Hall	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Dance	Year 8,9,10 & 11	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Big Bang Club	Sci 6 & 8	Year 7 & 8	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	The Awakened	Mu2	Year 7 & 8	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Grease Rehearsals	Mu1 / Dr1	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
Friday	Football	Yard	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Basketball	Sports Hall	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Badminton	Sports Hall	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Football	Yard	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Basketball	Sports Hall	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Badminton	Sports Hall	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Year 7 Drama Club	Dr2	Year 7	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	National Connections Rehearsals	Drama 1	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm

*Days and times are subject to change.