

NEWSLETTER

Issue 3



Year 7 Welcome Mass

On Friday , 4th November two hundred and seventy, year seven students along with their Form Tutors, College Staff, Parents and Carers, gathered together in St Anne's Church in Rock Ferry to celebrate our Year Seven Mass of Welcome

The Theme for our Mass, celebrated by Fr. Mario was, "A Home for All.' The theme was chosen to remind us of the words of Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical to the world, Laudato Si (Praise Be to You). In his encyclical he calls all people to cooperate with each other as "instruments of God for the care of creation."

Love and care for creation are an essential dimension of faith and his encyclical reminds us that everything is connected, " Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love of our fellow human beings."

It was an exciting time for our students as they walked together to and from St Anne's Church, while also giving a visible witness of our faith to others in our local community.

Well done Year Seven!



BBC Ambassador Talks

A BBC production team visited St John Plessington this month and staff from this prestigious, world-renowned organisation shared their career paths with our older year groups.

Natasha (Data Analyst) spoke about how she learned to deal with autism and why it's important to be proud of yourself. David (journalist coordinator/producer), a "Local Lad", emphasised the need to find something you "really love to do" and "follow your passion", especially as a career is often fifty years of your life.

Our students appreciated the 'real life' insights provided and the 'question and answer' sessions towards the end of the presentation, hosted by Robyn (broadcaster/TV host). The event gave them a chance to consider the possible careers they might wish to consider in the future.



'Macbeth' at the Liverpool Epstein Theatre

The English department took 200 students to watch a performance of Macbeth, at the Epstein Theatre in Liverpool.

Macbeth is a key GCSE text, that all students will study. We took students from 9,10 and 11; a very ambitious undertaking! Students were treated to a performance set in authentic period dress, with genuinely frightening witches and a humorous Porter.

Students got to see how actors used the space around them; on occasions being startled by Macbeth or some witches creeping up past them on their way to the stage.

It was great to see the text brought alive and students agreed that it led to a deeper understanding of the text.

We were particularly interested to see how the death scene at the end would be performed, which led to some interesting post-performance discussions.



Elavate – Revision Sessions

The week before our Year 11 students started their trial exams, we invited Elavate to SJP.

Students participated in Elevate Study Sensei sessions as part of their preparation for trial exams.

The students excelled and engaged in class and learned valuable study skills.

The sessions provided techniques that students can use and imitate to improve their performance.



Blood Brothers Workshop

We had the pleasure of welcoming Melissa to SJP who is involved in the production of the current Blood Brothers tour.

She worked with 30 of our Year 8 students and gave an inspiring Q&A about her journey to becoming a stage actress.

There will be more workshops this year for our students in partnership with the Liverpool Empire Secondary Partnership Programme.



Claire House Talks

Last week Emma from the Claire House Foundation spoke to our Year 10 students about the amazing work the charity is doing and how we can support them.

Students engaged in an activity where one student looked at an image on the screen and then had their partner draw what they were saying.

The sessions ended with the students learning the basics of Makaton.



Romeo & Juliet

Year 7 students were invited to attend one of the schools within our MAT, St Joseph's Primary school for a special performance of Romeo and Juliet by Story house Live.

The students had an excellent time watching this classic which was performed in a new and exciting way.

It was an amazing production and I can't wait for the next one!
- Year 7 pupil



Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is always a day of reflection and an opportunity for staff and students to remember those who are no longer with us. Staff and students contributed to the display by writing short notes to loved ones which were hidden within the poppies. The lights of the candles were lit to remember how their memory lives on.

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SJP students & staff gathered virtually in an Act of Remembrance. The Last Post was sounded by Mr Richard Austin, followed by a period of silence during which we remembered those who lost their lives in war. A poppy wreath was laid by the Chair and Vice of the Junior Leadership Team.

You can watch the Remembrance Day reflection here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80dOufYAXws>



Urban Farming Club

Over the last few months the Urban Farming Club have been working tirelessly to get our polytunnel up and running again and the students have now started to enjoy the newly refurbished polytunnel.

Students have been learning how to grow foods such as onions, potatoes, and herbs. With many exciting plans in the works including a wildflower meadow to encourage local wildlife!

If you are interested in joining the 'Urban Farming Club', please speak to Mrs. Vigus-Hurst in Science.



Happy Reading!

Every half term there is a library reading challenge open to all pupils. Last term, the challenge was to re-read a favourite book and write a review explaining why it was special. There are prizes awarded to all pupils who complete the challenges.

Pictured is year 7 pupil, Isabella Adonis, who wrote a review on one of her favourite books, 'She Ra, Origin of a Hero' by Tracey West. Isabella loves this book and it encouraged her to read others in the series.

This term's reading challenge is to read a book that has won an award. To help pupils choose, there is a relevant display in the library with a good selection of titles. Happy reading!



HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED A CAREER IN TEACHING?

Ignite Institute offers a School Direct Programme accredited by the University of Chester. Our one-year, full-time PGCE with QTS teacher training programme offers both Primary or Secondary options within our schools across Cheshire and Wirral.

What are the entry requirements?

- University degree 2:1 or above (2:2 can be considered with previous experience)
- Grade C or above in GCSE English and Mathematics (Science for Primary)

If you would like to know more about School Direct or our School Experience Programme please contact Angela Potts angela.potts@hfcmat.com.

You will be required to undergo an enhanced DBS check to verify your suitability to work with young people

What subjects do we offer?

We currently offer Primary School teacher training (5-11 years) or Secondary teacher training for biology, business studies, chemistry, computer science, DT, drama, English, geography, health and social care, history, maths, media, modern foreign languages, PE, physics, RE and social sciences.

In addition, our School Experience Programme offers the opportunity to spend a day or two at one of our Schools such as St John Plessington Catholic College in your subject department. You will be able to observe classes taking place, engage with students, and speak to subject staff and the School Direct ATs who are currently training with us.



Year 11 Trail Exams - Timetable

Monday 21st November 2022	
AM	Maths 2 H (Calculator) - 1 hr 30 min Maths 2 F (Calculator) - 1 hr 30 min
PM	RE 2 - 1 hr 30 min

Tuesday 22nd November 2022	
AM	English Language - 1 hr 45 min
PM	Geography 2 - 1 hr 30 min History 2 - 1 hr 20 min

Wednesday 23rd November 2022	
AM	Physics H - 1 hr 45 min Physics F - 1 hr 45 min Combined Science: Physics H - 1 hr 15 min Combined Science: Physics F - 1 hr 15 min
PM	Spanish (Reading) - 1 hr Spanish (Reading) - 45 min Mandarin (Reading) - 1 hr Mandarin (Reading) - 45 min

Thursday 24th November 2022	
AM	Y Options: Geography 2 - 1 hr 30 min HSC - 2 hr Mandarin H (Reading) - 1 hr Mandarin F (Reading) - 45 min Product Design 2* - 2 hr Graphics 2*- 2 hr Textiles 2* - 2 hr Hospitality 2*- 2 hr Computer Science* - 2 hr
PM	

Friday 25th November 2022	
AM	Maths 2 H (Calculator) - 1 hr 30 min Maths 2 F (Calculator) - 1 hr 30 min
PM	RE 2 - 1 hr 30 min



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

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	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

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	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.

JOB OF THE WEEK – NEUROLOGIST

Neurologists diagnose, treat and manage patients with disorders and problems linked to their brains. As you can imagine, a love of Science, the desire to help people and many years of study are all inclusive elements of this pathway. Look at the brief clip below, which provides you with more information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZt8-otJMHA>

In addition to the above, have a listen to Krishna. His hard work and dedication over many years has led to him becoming a consultant neurologist with an NHS Foundation Trust. Please read the transcript below the video clip to see all the additional information such as expected salary, hours per week etc.

<https://icould.com/stories/krishna-neurologist/>

Apprenticeships – Years 11/12/13 inclusive

Barclays Bank are now advertising a wide range of apprenticeships for 2023 and have a large number of virtual events taking place over the next few weeks to provide additional advice on what will be available from September next year.

The website below provides the details you require to access the information you need:

<https://search.jobs.barclays/apprenticeships>

Apprenticeships – Year 13 only

Unilever R&D Port Sunlight degree level apprenticeships are now OPEN. All schemes are fully funded by Unilever R&D and the apprentices also receive a competitive salary and benefits package.

For the September 2023 entry they are recruiting for the following apprenticeships, which are all fantastic opportunities:

Packaging Professional – (Mechanical Engineering)

<https://www.shu.ac.uk/business/training-and-development/degree-apprenticeships/apprenticeship-subjects/supply-chain-and-packaging/packaging-professional>

Laboratory (Chemical) Sciences

<https://www.mmu.ac.uk/study/apprenticeships/courses/laboratory-scientist-chemical-science>

Data Science

<https://www.yorksj.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/degree-apprenticeships/data-scientist-degree-apprenticeship/>

Chemical Engineering

<https://www.strath.ac.uk/studywithus/apprenticeshipdegreesatstrathclyde/engineeringchemical/>

