

Local MP visits SJP

On January 29th our Year 7's took part in their Oracy Conference Days, an important part of our commitment to developing our pupils' speaking and debating skills. The day focused around our work as a UNICEF Rights Respecting School and allowed for pupils to debate key topics that link to human rights issues around the world.

The day also involved a visit from local Labour MP Alison McGovern who spoke to the year group about her work as an MP and how oracy skills had been a key part of her political career. She also held a Q&A session with the year group in which pupils asked about political issues, ways in which oracy was a useful skill for employability and which celebrities Alison had met.

Pupils discussed human rights issues throughout the day that linked to the World Cup being held in Qatar and looked at case studies that link to the different articles within the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The day ended with pupils holding debates in form groups which were judged by our year 13 Junior Leadership Team.

Pupils had a really great day being immersed into debate and discussion and learnt a range of skills that will support them throughout their time here at SJP and in the wider world once they leave! Oracy skills are something that we continually challenge our pupils to develop in and around the College and our pupils did us really proud!



Junk Kouture World Final

Lady Rose' heads to Abu Dhabi.

Giuliana Frigo in Yr11 has just come back from the World Final competition for Junk Kouture in Abu Dhabi.

During the last 12 months Giuliana has worked tirelessly to create a couture garment out of recycled materials, to raise awareness about sustainability and promote her love of fashion. Working as a community to collect as many plastic bottles as possible, helped her to create a fully recycled coat made entirely of plastic. Her creative and innovative thinking secured her a place as a UK contestant alongside 9 other students from around the UK. Giuliana created an outstanding makeup look that complemented the theme of her outfit perfectly. On the night of the final the arena was full with an audience, the place was a buzz with excitement. We enjoyed watching all of the creative and unique garments take to the catwalk with each young person putting on a show that reflected the theme of the garment. When it came to Giuliana's turn to show off 'Lady Rose' she worked the catwalk like a professional model. It was incredible to see her so confidently modelling the garment that had taken so much work and had such a thoughtful curation.

Giuliana has gained an insight into how the world of fashion works, and was able to meet like-minded students from across the globe while competing in this exceptional competition.

Junk Kouture CEO Troy Armour claims that this competition and process is like a sport for students who love being creative. Since 2010 Junk Kouture contestants have created 15,000 distinctive designs, saved 40,000kg of waste from landfill, and amazed packed crowds at 60 sold-out arena shows. We are all so proud of what Giuliana has achieved and cannot wait to realise the creative potential of many more students at SJP.



Wirral Children's Book of the Year Event

Discovering the magic of storytelling



On 30th January, 9 pupils who love reading attended the Wirral Children's Book of the Year event at Bebington Co-op Academy. We all really enjoyed listening to the short-listed Authors talk about their reasons for writing. It was a great day and we are looking forward to attending the second event where the winner will be announced. Here are some 'thoughts on the day' by the pupils themselves.

"The Wirral Children's Book Awards was a very fun and new experience. The Authors shared their life experiences and it was very entertaining and informative"
Abraham Joy (yr 10).



"I loved the Wirral Children's Book Awards and here's why! First of all, we got to meet amazing Authors and listen to them speak. I found Chris Whitaker's story very inspiring and I hope I become an Author too"
- Freya Foy (yr 7).

"The trip to Bebington High School was fabulous. I was able to meet some of the Authors of the short-listed books and understand the inspiration behind their writing. I loved getting my book signed by Chris Whitaker". - Liz Joseph (yr 10)

"I loved going to the Wirral Children's Book Awards because it gave me the opportunity to be around other people who love books and reading."



We met many Authors such as AM Dassau and Manon Ros. Some, like Chris Whitaker, had incredible routes into becoming Authors. They read short extracts from their books which were beautifully descriptive. I am so grateful for the experience and inspiration. Thank you!"
- Elsie Wooten (yr 7).

"I remember listening to Sally Nichols talk about the Suffragette movement which inspired her latest book. I enjoyed listening to Chris Whitaker talk about his life. I really enjoyed the day".
- Lois Bromley (yr 7).

Oxford Workshop

All things Oxford

On the 25th January in a collaborative event, St Mary's hosted an Oxford workshop for selected students from St Mary's, St John Plessington and Weatherhead. Anna McMurtrie, who studied Geography at Oxford, covered a range of topics including the number of colleges available, the collegiate system, application deadlines and admission tests.

Students came up with answers to 'often asked' interview questions and Anna was really impressed by the quality of their responses.

The students came away understanding that Oxford colleges are keen to ensure that places are secured based on ability and desire, rather than social background or financial wealth.



Sixth Form Students Embark on Trip to London

Exciting Adventure Awaits

Tuesday 7th Feb

After an enjoyable coach journey down to Watford, Media & Film students were welcomed to Leavesdon Studios by an impressive sight – an active film set! Huge cranes, lights, reflectors and green screens loomed over the fence where they were filming House of the Dragon Season 3! However, destination was set to Hogwarts so off they apparated to a Warner Bros. Studio Tour classroom for a workshop on Foley Sound...

Students listened intently as the role of Foley Artists was explained, before they were tasked with creating their own sounds to enhance a silent clip from the Harry Potter franchise – props ranged from door handles, coconut shells and keys, to skipping ropes, plastic tubes and bags of pasta shells!

Lucky for Luke Chadwick that his birthday fell around the time of our visit as he was then invited to open the doors of the Great Hall to welcome all guests in to the tour!

After a fulfilling meal at the Hard Rock Café, the students slept well at the YHA and ensured they stocked up at breakfast in preparation for their walking tour of London! Starting out at BBC HQ, home of BBC Radio and BBC News, they walked to Libertys where Cruella was most recently filmed and then took in the sights of the sixties down Carnaby Street. A short walk to Savile Row and the Kingsman tailors, followed by the rooftop where The Beatles famously played their last public performance, through the park via The Ritz and then it was time to watch the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace!

Wednesday 8th Feb

As students meandered through Horse Guards Parade heading towards 10 Downing Street they were able to see the road being closed off for the Ukrainian Prime Minister, Volodymyr Zelenskyy's cavalcade. Here we waited to then see the same cavalcade leave shortly after along with Rishi Sunak on his way to Prime Ministers Question Time at the Houses of Parliament...

Thursday 9th Feb

Having filled up on the all-you-can-eat buffet at Pizza Hut (a new SJP record has been set at 24 slices!), seen Back to the Future The Musical and slept well again, it was time to embark on the final day with a trip to the largest cinema screen in the UK – the BFI IMAX! Students engaged in a Q&A session on the proliferation of 3D in cinema before being immersed in a 3D laser screening of Avatar: The Way of Water.

Just before the coach journey home, students strolled along the River Thames taking in such sights as Shakespeare's Globe, HMS Belfast, Tower Bridge and the Tower of London.

The students represented our college community brilliantly and were an absolute pleasure throughout the trip and I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them.



Sports Success

Cup Success

We march into the next round!

Congratulations to our Year 7, 10 and 11 football teams for progressing to the next round of the Wirral Cup.

The Year 8 team beat Birkenhead Park High School 5-3 and the Year 10 team beat Ridgeway High School 2-0 to advance.

The Year 11 team became the third team to advance to the next round of the Wirral Cup by beating Woodchurch High School.

The game was hampered by wind and ended up going to Penalties after finishing 1 - 1 in normal time. Kyle McGregor scored which was a MOM performance.

Captain and goalkeeper Harry Price made a fantastic save which took it to sudden death.

Marley McAllister stayed extremely calm to place it in the corner to win the match.

These were difficult fixtures; well done to all teams. The dream of playing at Prenton Park is still alive!



Edward Crowned Champion

U15 Northern Indoor Pole Vault Champion

A talented young athlete, Edward, has added another feather to his cap by becoming the U15 Northern Indoor Pole Vault Champion. The competition, held last weekend, saw some of the best young pole vaulters in the region battle it out for the top spot.

Edward, who has been training hard for months, was in top form on the day of the competition. He cleared every height with ease and put in a stunning performance in the final round and secured him the title of U15 Northern Indoor Pole Vault Champion.



Upcoming Events

Dates for your diary!

10th - 14th February	Paris Trip
15th February	Grease Musical (Y7-13)
16th February	Grease Musical (Y7-13)
16th February	Chris Lubbe - Pupil Presentation
17th February	Finish for half term
27th February	School re-opens to all students and staff
1st March	Lion King - Liverpool Empire (Y8 evening performance)
6th March	Barcelona Trip Meeting
7th March	Y9 Vaccinations - Dip/Tet/Polio/ Meningitis (Y10 catch up also)

St John Plessington Catholic College

P R E S E N T S

The musical Grease



15TH & 16TH FEBRUARY 2023

Book, music and lyrics by
Jim Jacobs & Warren Casey

Tickets £5 adults & £4 concessions

Limited tickets available for Wednesday's show. Thursday's show is a sell out!
Thank you for your support!



Thu 16th Feb 2023	Fri 17th Feb 2023	Mon 27th Feb 2023	Tue 28th Feb 2023	Wed 1st Mar 2023
AM	AM	AM	AM	AM
Maths, Paper 1 Non-Calculator H/F (1hr 30min, XT 1hr 53min)	Maths, Paper 3 Calculator H/F (1hr 30min, XT 1hr 53min)	English Literature, Component 2 (2hr 30min, XT 3hr 8min)	English Language, Component 2 (2hr, XT 2hr 30min)	Biology, Combined H/F (1hr 15min, XT 1hr 34min), Triple H/F (1hr 45min, XT 2hr 12 min)
PM	PM	PM	PM	PM
Maths, Paper 2 Calculator H/F (1hr 30min, XT 1hr 53 min)	Maths Mop Up (various)	Maths Mop Up (various)	RE, Judaism (1hr, XT 1hr 15min)	English Mop Up (various)
Thu 2nd Mar 2023	Fri 3rd Mar 2023	Mon 6th Mar 2023	Tue 7th Mar 2023	Wed 8th Mar 2023
AM	AM	AM	AM	AM
Chemistry, Combined H/F (1 hr 15 min, XT 1 hr 34 min), Triple H/F (1 hr 45 min, XT 2 hr 12 min)	Physics, Combined H/F (1hr 15min, XT 1hr 34min), Triple H/F (1hr 45min, XT 2hr 12min)	Science Mop Up (various)	Graphics/Product Design/Textiles, Principles of D&T (2hr, XT 2hr 30min) *Hospitality, NEA (AM)	Spanish, Reading H (1hr, XT 1hr 15min), Reading F (45min, XT 57min)
PM	PM	PM	PM	PM
Spanish, Writing H (1hr 15min, XT 1hr 34min), Writing F (1hr, XT 1hr 15min)	History, Paper 1 (1hr 15min, XT 1hr 34min)	Geography, Paper 1 (1hr 30min, XT 1hr 53min)	Geography, Paper 2 (1hr 30min, XT 1hr 53min)	History, Paper 3 (1hr 20min, XT 1hr 40min)
Thu 9th Mar 2023	Fri 10th Mar 2023			
AM	AM			
Computer Science, Principles of Computer Science (1hr 30min, XT 1hr 53min) *Art, Unit 2 (AM)	Mandarin, Writing H (1hr 15min, XT 1hr 34min), Writing F (1hr, XT 1hr 15min) Hospitality, The H&C Industry, (1hr 30min, XT 1hr 53min) *Graphics/Product Design/Textiles, NEA (AM)			
PM	PM			
*Computer Science, Application of Computational Thinking (1hr, XT 1hr 15min) *Art, Unit 2 (PM)	Mandarin, Reading H (1hr, XT 1hr 15min), Reading F (45min, XT 57min) *Graphics/Product Design/Textiles/Hospitality, NEA (PM)			

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.

JOB OF THE WEEK – OUTDOOR PURSUITS MANAGER

Do you like the idea of working in the ‘great outdoors’? Outdoor Pursuits Managers run centres that allow people to take part in outdoors sports and facilities. Many of you will have been on ‘residential’ trips, to places like the Conway Centre, with school. If you think working outdoors in education could be for you, this is the type of job you should consider.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lp8cR553Z3k>

Also, take a look at Tamsin’s story. She tried working in conventional surroundings, but found that an office environment wasn’t for her. She is now an Outdoor Instructor at Plas y Brenin, Britain’s biggest Mountain Centre.

Don’t forget to check out the transcript under the video clip for more information such as qualifications required, salary range etc.

<https://icould.com/stories/tamsin-g/>

Apprenticeships – Year 11

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000110544>

Level 3 Technician apprenticeship with Unilever.

GCSE grade 4 or higher in Maths and English required. Start date Sept. 2023

Apprenticeships – Year 13

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000101772>

Banking and Personal Wealth – degree level (Level 6) apprenticeship working in ‘Wealth and Personal Banking with HSBC.

Five GCSEs at grade 5 plus A levels (96 UCAS points or equiv.) required - Start date Oct. 2023

<https://jobs.merseyside.police.uk/jobs/#en/sites/CX/requisitions/preview/961>

Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship Scheme

Applicants must be aged 17 or over and have GCSE grade 4 or higher in English and Maths.

Note: a physical test will form part of the application process.

