



GOOD LUCK TO SJP DEBATE TEAM FOR THE REGIONAL FINALS

On Monday 6th November, SJP Debate Team took part in the "Debating Matters Knockout Competition" in Winstanley College, Wigan. In the first debate of the night, Lauren Shevlin and Michael Oates opposed the motion on 'Harry Potter is infantile escapism' giving an 'outstanding' performance and beating Liverpool College. The judges were taken aback by the articulate arguments Michael and Lauren had for the motion and were impressed with their passion for debating.

This win led SJP to the final against Winstanley College, Wigan. Ian Sheridan and Matthew Hadfield headed the second team proposing the motion 'We should have an open borders policy to immigrants'. This led to a very heated debate. Not only did judges challenge these students but students and teachers from the floor questioned the teams intensely. SJP went on to beat Winstanley College. The judges commented on how well Ian and Matt worked in a team and their preparation for the debate was superb.

Not only did SJP compete in the Regional finals, the judges awarded Lauren Shevlin with a certificate for the best individual award, the judges believing that she made the best contribution throughout the whole competition.

SJP will compete in the Regional Finals in the Spring Term, with the winners progressing to the National Final which will be held after the exam period in the Summer Term. We wish them good luck.

YEAR 9/10 CONSULTATION DAY – WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2006

This was a very successful day and the evaluation reports showed that parents of our Year 9 and 10 pupils benefited greatly from being able to meet their son's and daughter's subject teachers - a change resulting from the parental questionnaire completed last summer.

If any issues have arisen from the day, please contact Mr Badger or Miss Youds for further help.

COLLEGE COUNCIL UPDATE

The action points from last week's College Council Meeting:

- Lunchtime
- Lockers
- School Trips

were discussed at the Senior Leadership Group Meeting. The feedback will be given to Year Council Representatives during PSHE this week and they will feed back to their Form Councils accordingly.

PRIMARIES JOIN US FOR ALADDIN

We were pleased to welcome Year 4, 5 & 6 pupils from St Anne's and St John's Junior Schools on Thursday afternoon to rehearse for our College Pantomime, Aladdin.

There are about 100 Primary School children taking part and they will be singing songs in the show.

We all had a great time and they left feeling very excited about Aladdin.

We are pleased to announce that we have over 250 Year 4 and 5 children from our Feeder Primary Schools attending the Dress Rehearsal of Aladdin on 5th December.

A'LEVEL P.E. STUDENTS TO BECOME SPORTS COACHES

Whilst many pupils enjoyed a day of study leave on Wednesday, two Sixth Form pupils, John Barton-Ward and David Doneo, completed their SRA Squash Coaching Level 1 at Heswall Squash Club. This course was arranged as part of the School Sports Partnership Initiative. Both John and David will now go into our Feeder Primary Schools on a voluntary basis and help to develop squash participation. Both John and David are studying A'Level PE and this will develop their understanding of both sport and fitness. Well done lads!

REMINDER

Year 11 "How can I help my child succeed in exams?" evening is being held on:

Thursday, 16th November 2006 at 7.00pm

This evening will be led by Education Consultant, Andrew Newton and will help you to **learn skills and strategies to help your child succeed.**

SPORTS NEWS

Netball –The Year 8 & 9 netball teams played their first games of the season at Hilbre last week. The Year 8 team, captained by Shannon Reid, unfortunately suffered defeat ending with a 4-2 score. The Year 9 team, captained by Jerelyn O'Reilly, drew 3-3 after a tough match.

Both teams are extremely talented and I am confident they will have many successes in the upcoming matches.

Year 8 Squad – Shannon Reid, Katie Robinson, Katie Piercy, Megan Gallagher, Rebecca Lunt and Caitlin Hamilton.

Year 9 Squad – Jerelyn O'Reilly, Kate Ashcroft, Sarah Sayce, Courtney Thomas, Rebecca Gilmore, Katie Dickson and Jess Cadden.

THEME OF THE WEEK

When people whom we love die, we don't forget them but keep them close to us in our thoughts and prayers. Part of those people lives on with us. November is the month of All Souls and gives us a special time to remember and pray for those who have died.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.*

Amen

YEAR 11 ACCELERATED ICT WORKSHOPS

Congratulations to all those Year 11 pupils who achieved their AIDA qualification in ICT in Year 10. Your target this year is to achieve CIDA (2 GCSEs) by Christmas. The deadline for your work is 28th December. To help you we have organised ICT workshops dedicated to completing your e-portfolios. The first two workshops will be held on Wednesday 15th November and Friday 17th November 2006.

NO-ONE ARGUES WITH SJP!

Earlier this week, our cool, calm and collected students entered Winstanley College in Wigan. The Sixth Form debate team, led by Miss Watters, entered the College full of anticipation. The line-up representing our school was:

Lauren Shevlin
Michael Oates
Ian Sheridan and
Matthew Hadfield.

Despite this being their first tournament, nerves were put aside as the team prepared to enter the preliminary stages of the competition. Michael and Lauren had the difficult job of arguing the statement: "Adults reading Harry Potter is simply infantile escapism". After an intense debate, the judges gave a unanimous decision, naming SJP as the winning team for the first round.

Soon to follow were Matthew and Ian, debating whether or not "We should have an open borders policy for migrants". Matthew and Ian produced great arguments which led them to being declared the winners of the competition, beating Winstanley College (*who have won every other year!*).

This was a great victory for the College and we wish them luck with the next round.

DANCE

A group of Year 11 pupils have been selected to take part in this year's dance festival at St Mary's College, Wallasey. The girls are using the dance as part of their GCSE assessment. Good luck on your performance. Dancers: Kim Caul, Aimee Billington, Stephanie Martyn, Laura Domville, Chelsey Hodgkin, Leah-Jane Foster.

YEAR 8 RETREATS

Year 8 pupils visited Pantasaph last week for their retreat. The pupils looked at the theme *Gifts and Talents*, which gave them the opportunity to celebrate their God-given abilities and to consider the ways in which they can use them.

The day was very enjoyable, with time to play games and spend time with friends as well as time to reflect and pray. "I hope we do this again next year" was a line heard on the coach on the way home.

YEAR 12 MENTOR WEEKEND



Last weekend a group of Year 12 Students and Mrs Blackhurst jetted off to sunny Warrington to spend the weekend with 6 Mentors from Weston Spirit. The aim of the weekend was to prepare the Year 12s in becoming a Mentor to younger children in St John Plessington and our Feeder Primary schools. The role of Mentors is key in life at St John Plessington. They support younger pupils, helping them with the transition from Primary to Secondary School and they provide a friendly face and a listening ear. The Year 12 Students are also partnered up with an adult Mentor from the company O2, from whom they can expect the same guidance and support.

Throughout the weekend the Students discovered exactly what being a Mentor was all about and were taught valuable techniques that may come in useful when dealing with younger pupils. The weekend was packed with fun-filled activities and enjoyed by all the Students. Each one left having made many great friendships – and even knew themselves a little better! All of our Students passed the course and received a certificate as well as many new skills that will come in handy in the future.

A big “thank you” and “well done” goes out to all 20 Students who were a pleasure to take away and spend the weekend with. They all did themselves and SJP proud and I am certain they will be a positive influence in the lives of younger pupils at SJP!



NOTICE OF THE FORTHCOMING SIXTH FORM PARENTS/STUDENTS CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2006

4.00pm-7.00pm

All parents/guardians are invited to attend with their son/daughter to discuss their progress.

Information will also be available on how to apply to University and the financial help available

NUMERACY BRAINTEASER

A secret code has the word BACON coded as 3,2,4,16,15.

What would be the code for EGGS?

Give your answers to Miss Hodges in B12 by Friday 17th November 2006. All correct entries will be placed into a draw to win a £5 gift voucher for W H Smiths.

Last week’s solution - 20
Last week’s winner – Lucy Lamb 7EA

HOUSE POINT CORNER

	Weekly total as at 13/10/06					Overall Total To date
	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	
Bernadette	80	2	52	16	24	935
Bosco	72	10	42	12	18	882
Hume	62	0	43	13	12	794
Kolbe	61	3	28	16	26	911
Romero	70	3	27	11	24	883
Teresa	55	2	42	12	13	902

Simon's Article

Valuables in PE

Article re Christmas Card Competition

Recycling article for Paula Phillips

ALADDIN POSTER