



### Theme for the Week

#### Wisdom

*It's so simple to be wise. Just think of something stupid to say and then don't say it.*

Sam Levenson

How many times have we said something, then wished we hadn't said it? Probably more times than we'd like to admit. The quotation above suggests to us that we think before we speak. Perhaps our foolishness is revealed more by the things we say, rather than by the things we don't say.

*Lord,  
Help us to think before we speak, so that we will hurt neither ourselves nor others with foolish words.  
Amen*

### Chapel Noticeboard

<b>Monday</b>	12.00 – G-Factor (Lower School)
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.15 – Morning Prayer 3.30 – 4.15 – music liturgy group
<b>Wednesday</b>	12.00 – Mass
<b>Friday</b>	12.50 – Taizé Prayer (6 <sup>th</sup> form)

The Chapel is open at break on Monday and Tuesday for quiet prayer, reflection or "time out".

### R.E. Revision Classes

**Year 10 (Room A8) - Tuesday 6 February**  
Problem of evil and suffering (Mrs Davidson)  
**Year 11(Room A7) - Thursday 8 February**  
Love of God & Love of Others (Ms McGagh)

Revision books for Year 10 and 11 currently available from R.E. staff.

### Primary School 5-a-side Football Tournament

As part of the school sport co-ordinator scheme we are hosting a Year 3 & 4 5-a-side football tournament on Wednesday 7th February. Pupils from our feeder primary schools will be taking part. If there are any pupils in Year 10, 11 or 6th form who would like to assist with teams or refereeing please see Miss Harris

### Sixth-Form Open Evening

Pupils in Year 11 and their Parents are very welcome to join us between 18.00 and 20.00 for our Sixth-Form Open Evening on 8 February 2007. At this meeting, we will be providing details of our arrangements for our post-16 Students for the coming year, as well as providing details of the courses on offer.

### Savio House Year 10

From 31<sup>st</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> February a group of Year 10 pupils attended a retreat at Savio House in Bollington. The theme of the retreat was *Water* and in that the pupils were able to consider various aspects of their lives – what are the things that keep them afloat and what are the things that drag them under. Alongside spending time in prayer and reflection the pupils took part in a treasure hunt, a country walk and had plenty of time to relax with their friends and to make new friends. On the final evening pupils prepared the liturgy for a Mass and then completed the celebrations with a karaoke and disco.

The pupils represented St John Plessington Catholic College well by their good behaviour and willingness to be involved in all aspects of the retreat. The staff at Savio House were sorry to see the pupils leave!

Many thanks to Mrs. Davidson, Mr. McNally and Alison Benson who attended the retreat along with the young people and supported them so well.

### Cricket Coaching

After half term we have a qualified cricket coach coming into school to coach a 6 week block. This is open to year 7 & 8 pupils and will take place on a Tuesday lunch time. If any pupils are interested then see Miss Harris ASAP, as there is a limit of 20 places.

## Netball News

Congratulations to the Year 9 team who beat Pensby 5 -1 in an away fixture on Tuesday. Well done to Jess Cadden and Katie Dickson for their shooting. Courtney Thomas, Jerelyn O'Reilly, Lucy Fitzpatrick, Kate Ashcroft and Sarah Sayce played a great game in attack and defence. The Year 10 netball team, unfortunately, suffered defeat ending with a 17-12 score. It was a great game, however, and they did play very well. Emily McKinney (captain) was joined by Sarah Clement, Rebecca Waters, Rebekah Philips, Jennie Cass, Helen McNeill, Stephanie Riddick and Lisa O'Malley.

Good luck to the Year 9 and 10 team for their tournament to be held on 15th February at Wirral Grammar.

Next Week's Fixtures are both to be played at home on Tuesday 6th February.  
Yr 7 netball v Pensby  
Yr 8 netball v Pensby

## College Photographs

We have decided to use a new firm of photographers for a range of services in the future. Their first port of call will be on Wednesday when they will be taking the photographs of all pupils in the school. This will update our electronic records on our administration systems. There will be an opportunity to purchase the photographs should parents wish to do so. As always, however, there is no obligation to buy. We appreciate that Year 7 and 6<sup>th</sup> Form have already been photographed earlier this academic year (by a different company) and we do not expect there to be a great uptake, although from what we have seen of the firm's portfolio, we do expect the product to be of a high quality. It is important that all our pupils are in full school uniform on Wednesday including school jumper. Thank you for your support.

## Year 7 and 8 Consultation Day Questionnaire Results.

We asked our parents to grade us from 1-4 in the following categories. A grade of 1 meant that they considered our provision to be excellent.

### **Discipline**

94% of parents were very pleased with discipline, 66% thought it was excellent

### **Facilities**

97% of parents were very pleased with facilities, 69% thought they were excellent.

## **Confidence**

97% of parents were very pleased with the way the College developed their son/daughters confidence, 69% thought it was excellent.

## **Teachers**

95% of parents thought teachers were very supportive and approachable, 68% thought they were excellent.

## **Communication**

83% of parents were very happy, 52% think that it is excellent.

## **Happiness**

95% of parents say pupils are happy at school, 62% say they are very happy.

## **Learning Programmes**

88% of parents think LPs are very good, 56% think they are excellent.

## **Meals**

83% of parents think school meals are very good, 46% think they are excellent.

## **Settled well**

96% of parents think we have a very good settling in process, 67% think its excellent.

## **Plessington News**

94% of parents think Plessington News is very good, 65% think it is excellent.

## **Care, Guidance, and Support**

92% of parents think Care, Guidance, and Support is very good, 58% think it is excellent.

## **Personal Development and Well-being**

96% of parents think personal development and well being of students in College is very good, 60% think it is excellent.

Thank you to all those parents who contributed opinions.

## House Point Corner

	Weekly total as at 2/2/07					Overall Total To date
	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	
<b>Bernadette</b>	65	50	31	16	16	2185
<b>Bosco</b>	59	31	34	17	6	1945
<b>Hume</b>	65	38	26	9	19	2043
<b>Kolbe</b>	56	39	52	9	19	2142
<b>Romero</b>	47	33	34	10	24	2061
<b>Teresa</b>	62	41	20	16	18	2195

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