St John Plessington

Catholic College

a Specialist Humanities and Technology College

Newsletter



Theme for the Week

The Resurrection

On Easter Sunday Greek Orthodox people greet each other by saying "Christos Anesti" – "Christ is Risen!" They do not say that Christ has risen or that Christ rose, but that He is risen. The message of the Resurrection is not something that is stuck in the past or was only important some 2000 years ago. Jesus didn't rise from the dead for the benefit of his twelve Disciples. Rather, He rose again for us all. He died for our wrongdoings and rose again so that we can have eternal life. The Resurrection is something that we live with every day – every morning when we wake from sleep and throughout the entire day. It is something that we can celebrate all of the time, not just at Easter.

Heavenly father,

Jesus' resurrection gives us reason to celebrate life and it gives us hope for when we leave our time on earth.

Help us always to live in the knowledge of the resurrection

so that Easter is a constant celebration in our lives.

Amen

Chapel Noticeboard

Monday 12.00 – G-Factor (Lower School)

Tuesday 8.15 – Morning Prayer

12.50 – Justice and Peace Group

(Upper School)

3.30 – 4.15 – music liturgy group

Wednesday 12.00 - Mass

Thursday 8.15 – Morning Prayer

Friday 12.50 – Taizé Prayer (6th Form)

R.E. Revision Classes

Year 10 (Room A8) - Thursday 19 April

Expressing Christian values

Mother Teresa / Helder Camera (Mrs Ford)

Year 11 (Room A7) – Tuesday 17 April

Religious Documentaries (Mrs Davidson)

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

SJP STUDENTS VISIT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

On Monday 26th March, nine year 12 & 13 students, accompanied by Miss Watters and their O2 mentors, visited London as part of the College's link with Weston Spirit charity. Whilst in the capital, the students and mentors visited the House of Commons and enjoyed a ride on the London Eye. The students listened to a speech by the founder of the charity, Mr. Simon Weston, and it was a proud moment for 6th Form student Robert Owens who had the opportunity to make a speech, (maybe the first of many by Robert!), in the House of Commons, in front of several dignitaries. All involved were extremely impressed by the contribution of the SJP students and a great day was had by all.





On Tuesday 24th April St John Plessington present a three night performance of the hit 70's musical 'Grease'. Rehearsals have been underway since January and it promises to be an amazing show. The lead characters of Danny and Sandy are played by Danny Curtis (yr 10) and Jodie Kinsella (yr 11) respectively.

There are over 50 pupils performing in the show from years 7 to 12 all of which have shown an amazing maturity towards rehearsals and committed a lot of their spare time not only of a lunchtime and after school; but holiday and weekends also. They need commending on their achievement and I believe the show will be a testament to their attitudes and commitment throughout the last term.

Tickets are £3 with concessions for school age children at £2; they are available from the college reception.

Get your tickets early for a chance to see this fantastic event!

Y12-Revision Classes - History

To be run every Tuesday in room B33 from 3.20 – 4.20

Tues 17 April – How and why was Nicholas able to survive the 1905 Revolution?

Year 13 Revision Classes - History

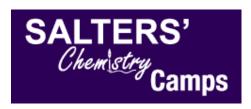
To be run every Wednesday in Mr Fletcher's room A43

Wed 18 April – Russian Dictatorship / exam techniques Key Issue: Comparison of the nature of Tsarist and Communist Governments

Y11 revision classes (to be run by Mr Fletcher / Mrs Davies / Miss Hill) on a team teaching basis.

All classes to run 3.30-4.30 (KS4 AND 5) To be run every Tuesday and Thursday in Mr Fletcher's room A43

Tues 17 April – The Cold War Thurs 19 April – Source / writing techniques



Two Year 10 pupils, Connor Smyth and Stephanie Riddick have been granted a place each at this summer's "Chemistry Camps". Each of the 16 universities involved can only accepts 50 applicants. They will spend three days and two nights at the Host University, staying in the University Halls of Residence, and using the laboratories. They carry out new, exciting experiments, and have the chance to delve into areas of chemistry that are perhaps not covered at school. Further background information is presented through entertaining lectures and (often noisy!) demonstrations. A guided tour of a local chemical site also aims to raise the awareness of chemistry in everyday life, and to provide an idea of just a few of the career options that are offered by the subject is available at the four day Camps. In the evenings, practical work in the labs is put on the back burner, and they will enjoy a variety of social activities like a fun quiz or tenpin bowling.

Nuffield Science Bursaries



Michael Brockway, Peter Boyle and Ryan Hanlon have received confirmation of their bursaries. The aim of

the scheme is to give them the opportunity to join a real research project with practising scientists in an area of science they have an interest in. Projects run for four weeks in the summer vacation and they will all receive a £75 a



week bursary. As part of their research project, they will qualify for a gold CREST award. We look forward to hearing about their placement in the near future.

Science Modular Results

Y10 pupils will receive their March Modular Science examination results on April 19th. The final two Modules take place on June 25th 2007 am.

Summer Examination Timetable 2007

This timetable is now available at www.stjohnplessington.com and a paper copy will be issued to students after the Easter break. Students will also receive their own personalised timetable in due course. We wish all our students every success at this important time on their journey of "lifelong learning".

The Great Easter Egg Hunt

On Thursday 29 March each Year 7 Form took part in an Easter Egg Hunt organised by the Year 13 Prom Committee. After paying their £1 entry fee the eager Year 7s were let loose on the College field to hunt for the eggs – it was almost like they had a sixth sense!!!

The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all and it was lovely to get out into the fresh air and into the spirit of Easter. By the end of the activity we had raised £150 for a College charity.



4 Year 7 boys enjoying the fruits of their labour!

House Point Corner

	Wee	Overall Total To				
	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	date
Bernadette	51	30	19	21	26	2939
Bosco	48	48	15	30	25	2620
Hume	58	31	30	24	20	2694
Kolbe	49	22	21	23	23	2782
Romero	43	1	11	22	26	2651
Teresa	34	40	23	22	21	2861