

**Theme for the Week****Contentment**

Never put off enjoyment because there is no time like the pleasant.
Evan Esar

Lots of people think that whatever is coming along in the future will make them happier than they are now. When I've finished my exams I'll be happier. When I find a boyfriend/girlfriend I'll be happier. When I win the lottery I'll be happier. We don't need a certain set of conditions to be happy or to be content. Instead, we should be happy now. There is so much to be thankful for in the here and now that we should try to enjoy it.

*Heavenly Father,
Thank you for all the good things you have given to us.
We pray that we will remember to enjoy these things and to live in happiness and contentment.
We make this prayer in Jesus' name.
Amen*

Chapel Noticeboard

Monday	12.00 – G-Factor (Lower School)
Tuesday	8.15 – Morning Prayer 12.50 – Justice and Peace Group (Upper School)
Wednesday	12.00 – Mass
Thursday	8.15 – Morning Prayer
Friday	12.50 – Taizé Prayer (6 th 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) – Thursday 26 April
Christianity & Justice / War / Global Mission of the Church (Mr Woods)

Year 11 (Room A7) – Tuesday 24 April
Religion & Moral issues in soaps / films / TV documentaries (Mrs Davidson)

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

Parents' Association 'Plant Sale'

The 'Plant Sale' will take place at the College on **Saturday 12 May from 9.00 a.m.**

Order forms are attached. These should be returned to the school reception. The last date for orders is:

Tuesday 1 May 2007

**SATs are nearly here!**

At the end of last term, Parents of Year 9 Pupils received Mock SATs results and guidance on how to help their children in preparing for SATs. I hope you found this information useful. You will now be aware that the SATs exams are fast approaching. They take place from Tuesday 8 May until Friday 11 May 2007 and Pupils should now be following revision and preparation tips from the English, Mathematics and Science departments.

Let me take this opportunity to remind Parents of the huge importance of attendance and punctuality of our Pupils on these days. Pupils cannot resit these exams at a later day.

Any Pupils requiring further help with details of examinations should see Mr Williams, AHT for Year 9.



St John Plessington debate team qualified for the North West, North Wales Regional final of *Debating Matters* last term, they travelled to Manchester Museum of Science & Industry on Monday 16th April to compete in the competition. The SJP debate team successfully reached the final. In the first round Ian Sheridan and Rebekah Sabino defeated Blackburn Sixth Form College debating for the motion “Physician assisted suicide should remain illegal.” Ian went on to win an honourable award.

This win took Matthew Hadfield and Michael Boyd through to the second round, debating against Withington Girls’ school; SJP argued for the motion “Scientists should adopt the precautionary principle.” They won this debate unanimously. Mark Burkey and Michael Boyd took the team to the final they debated against the motion “Britain should apologise for its past role in the slave trade.” After a strong argument from both teams and a gruelling deliberation by the judges SJP unfortunately lost out by a single vote to Elfed High School. We wish them luck in the final in London. SJP debating team each won a web cam, unlimited excess to all Art exhibitions in the UK and £500 worth of gift vouchers.

Revision Timetable GCSE Geography Paper 1

All classes to take place Wed 3.20 – 4.20pm

Date	Topic	Teacher and Rm
25 Apr	River Basins	D Williams A42
2 May	Map Skills	M Klabou A39
9 May	Urbanisation	D Williams A42
16 May	Tourism & Glaciation	M Klabou A39
23 May	Energy	D Williams A42

Y12-Revision Classes - History

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

Tues 24 April – The role of Stolypin, the Dumas and their changing nature

Year 13 Revision Classes - History

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

Wed 25 April – Russian Dictatorships / 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 24 April – The Weimar Republic and source techniques

Thurs 26 April – The rise of the Nazis – How and Why did Hitler get into power? Creation of the Nazi Dictatorship / source and writing techniques

Scholarship

Congratulations to Michael Bilko (Year 13) on his University sponsorship.

Michael was interviewed last month and selected for sponsorship by Shepard Construction Limited. They will pay him £1500 per year to help him with tuition fees and books. He will be employed by the company for 6 months every year, providing work experience, training and a salary throughout his degree course. Upon graduation he will be offered a full time contract.

The total sponsorship deal is worth £60,000.

The Science department wish Michael every success in his final examinations and look forward to hearing updates from him over the next few years.

Y10 Modular Science results

Congratulations to staff and students on the recent modular results. Jordan Armour, Stephanie Riddick, Chris Moss, Phillip Broadhouse, Adam Griffiths, Michael Hart, Lewis Houldin and Sean Mooney received A* grades, each worth 12.5% of their final GCSE grade. Michael managed a magnificent score of 50/50 in his Physics module. Well done to everyone.

Next examination date is **Monday June 25th 2007 am.**

We will be sending a letter to you all next week with each pupil’s examination results and providing some important information regarding this examination.

Much Ado About Nothing – Theatre Trip

On Wednesday 18 April, 40 Year 9 Pupils enjoyed a night at the Liverpool Playhouse Theatre watching Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing". Pupils have been studying the play in preparation for their forthcoming SATs examinations and the English Department knew this invaluable experience was one not to be missed! The star studded cast put on an outstanding performance, which had Pupils laughing in the aisles.

Courtney Thomas, Year 9 said *"I though the trip was amazing, the actors were really funny and I enjoyed the play a lot. It really helped me have a good idea on how to play Beatrice in the English Department's production of Much Ado. It will help me with my SATs too"*.

Tom Critchley, also enjoyed the performance, *"I really enjoyed our trip to see Much Ado About Nothing. I liked the fact that it was set in the 1940s rather than in Shakespeare's time. This made it easier to understand and will definitely help me with my English SATs exam"*.

If you didn't get to attend, don't worry! A group of Year 9 Pupils have been so inspired by the play that they will be performing the Key Scenes of Much Ado About Nothing to their Year group in May. This will be another way of ensuring exam success, so that is something to look forward to!

I would like to thank all the Pupils who attended the trip for their excellent behaviour. They were a credit to St John Plessington and themselves. Thank you to all the Parents of the Pupils involved for your support. Special thanks also goes to Miss McGowan, Miss McNally and Mr Meehan for their help on their night. Well done Year 9!

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".

Maths Challenge & Senior Maths Challenge

News Update

Dr Porteous of Liverpool University has emailed to say results will be published within the next 2 weeks. Watch this space – I will let you know if we have submitted any successful entries.

I now have copies of the solutions if you are curious to know how you have got on!

See Miss McGagh in B14.

House Point Corner

	Weekly total as at 20/04/07					Overall Total To date
	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	
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

