



## Special "SATs" Edition

### Much Ado About Nothing A Class Act!

Year 9 Pupils enjoyed their very own in house production of Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing' this week. Following Miss Rossiter's trip to see the play at the Liverpool Playhouse, seven Year 9 Pupils were inspired to have a go at acting out the performance themselves!

Andrew Crawford who played Benedick superbly said, "I definitely enjoyed this experience. It has really helped me with my SATS. Hopefully this is not the end of my acting career!"

Hannah Caldwell played the part of Hero with sophistication. She said, "This experience has been really great and because of it I can now appreciate the performance aspects of the play. Thank you."

Courtney Thomas who amazed audiences with her excellent portrayal of Beatrice said, "I really enjoyed taking part in the play and it really helped me understand a lot about my character Beatrice and truly understand what she was all about. I thought we all did really well and I would like to thank Miss Rossiter and Miss McNally for organising it."

Anna May Jones had the difficult task of playing Leonato, and what a great job she did! "Being part of the play was an excellent experience which I have really enjoyed. It has also given me a clearer understanding of the play for my SATs."

Sarah Sayce played the other male part and was an asset to the play. She said, "I really have enjoyed performing in the play. It has helped me understand the characters of the play much better in preparation for my SATs next week."

Lewis Stephenson who played the handsome Claudio said, "I truly believe this was a remarkable play. This will really help Year 9 with their SATs."

Miss Rossiter would like to thank the cast for their dedication and hard work. Thank to Mr Austin for all his technical work on the lighting and the sound for the performance. Many thanks to the English department for their help to ensure the performance was a success, especially to Mr Coogan who made his acting debut as Don Pedro!

### SJP Brass

On Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2007 members of SJP BRASS performed with members of Birkenhead Royal Naval Association Band at an important parade at Seacombe. The Parade commemorates a WW1 mission that combines the Royal Marines and The Mersey Ferries. Members of SJP BRASS are pictured with the Deputy Mayor of Wirral and his wife aboard the Mersey ferry 'Royal Daffodil'. Other engagements in which SJP BRASS have taken part are,

- Remembrance Day parade at Hamilton Square in Birkenhead
- Performing a church service aboard a Mersey Ferry the day before Remembrance Day every year.
- The dedication of a new standard at Birkenhead RNA.
- They also performed a one hour Christmas Concert at our own Christmas Party.

The members of SJP BRASS are a credit to their band. They are also wonderful Ambassadors for the College.



## English

For the past term your children have been preparing for next week's exams. Don't let it go to waste! Help us, help them to achieve.

The English exams take place on Thursday and Friday. On Thursday morning there is a Reading Exam, where students will be tested on how well they understand three different types of writing. All students have been given past papers that you can encourage them to read and use in preparation. Even better, you can work through the papers with them!

On Thursday afternoon it's the "Much Ado About Nothing" exam. Your children should be experts on the play by now, especially after viewing their classmates' excellent interpretation of the scenes this week! For additional revision access [bbc.co.uk/schools/ks3bitesize](http://bbc.co.uk/schools/ks3bitesize) and work through the Shakespeare materials.

Last but definitely not least, Friday morning brings the Writing Exam when pupils will be asked to create two different types of writing: a letter; a speech; an article; a report; a factsheet ...in fact, anything! - All pupils have a booklet, which will help them to revise the writing triplets for this paper. Along with the obvious pen, a highlighter and a ruler would help here.

As you can probably tell, it's going to be a stressful week for the pupils, and we're here to do everything we can to help. In return, we ask that you ensure they're in school, on time, equipped, confident and determined to succeed. Our staff have done all they can in school – now it's preparation time at home that can make the difference.

### Revision Schedule GCSE Geography Paper 1

All classes to take place Wed 3.20 – 4.20pm

Date	Topic	Teacher and Rm
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 8 May – Why were there two Revolutions in Russia in 1917?

## Mathematics

For the Maths SATs on Wednesday, pupils will be sitting three examinations: a mental arithmetic test, calculator question paper and a non-calculator paper. Pupils are expected to have the following equipment with them: pen (+ spare), pencil, ruler, rubber, pair of compasses, protractor and a calculator.

All pupils have had 3 sets of practice papers to take home and some have had Easter revision materials called 10-4-10 to complete. Please help them to work through them.

The Maths Department wishes the very best of luck to all our pupils.

Further revision materials can be found on: [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize), [www.samlearning.co.uk](http://www.samlearning.co.uk), [www.learnthings.co.uk](http://www.learnthings.co.uk)

## Science

The Science National tests will take place on **Tuesday**. They comprise of two very similar examinations: one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Each paper is 1hr long and will test the students on all of the areas taught over the past three years.

The five main topics are Cells, Energy, Particles, Interdependence and Scientific Enquiry.

To get a level 5 in Science your child should be able to:

- Describe how to use apparatus accurately and safely.
- Accurately read results from tables or graphs and use units such as m/s (speed) or N (force) correctly.
- Draw conclusions from data or evidence.
- Remember a range of scientific ideas and apply them to unfamiliar situations.

Best of Luck from all of the teachers in the Science Department.

### 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 8 May – USA in the 1930s – Wall Street Crash to the New Deal / source and essay techniques

## Theme for the Week

### **Mary, the Mother of God**

May is traditionally the month in which Catholics honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus. They do not worship Mary, but regard her as a mother figure. Jesus demonstrates love for his mother. He does as she asks at the wedding feast of Cana and when he was dying on the cross he made sure that Mary – by that time probably a widow – would have someone to stay with to take care of her. It is understandable that Catholics would identify their own feelings for Mary with the feelings that Jesus had for his Mother.

Mary showed willingness to God answering *yes* to his call and we can learn from her example.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners, now  
and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.*

## Chapel Noticeboard

<b>Monday</b>	12.00 – G-Factor (Lower School)
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.15 – Morning Prayer 12.50 – Justice and Peace Group (Upper School) 3.30 – 4.30 - Music Liturgy Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	12.00 – Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Nick Kern from St. Joseph's
<b>Thursday</b>	8.15 – Morning Prayer
<b>Friday</b>	12.50 – Taizé Prayer (6 <sup>th</sup> Form)

The Chapel is open at break every day for quiet prayer, reflection or "time out".

**Music liturgy group begins rehearsing again  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
3.30 – 4.30 in the chapel.**

## R.E. Revision Classes

**Year 10 (Room A8) – Thursday 10 May**  
Role of a Parish Priest (Mrs Cushion)

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

## English SATs Preparation

Last Monday, 69 Pupils participated in the English Department's intervention day. The aim of the day was to increase Pupils' confidence and to give them additional strategies that they can use to help them gain a Level 5 + in their English SAT exam. Attitudes on the day were superb and all Pupils involved are to be congratulated for how they behaved and performed. Some of the Pupils' comments following the day were:

*"I feel really confident about getting a Level 5. I'm sure I'll get one!"*

*"It has been a very good day. I enjoyed having different teachers and I'm confident I'll get a Level 5."*

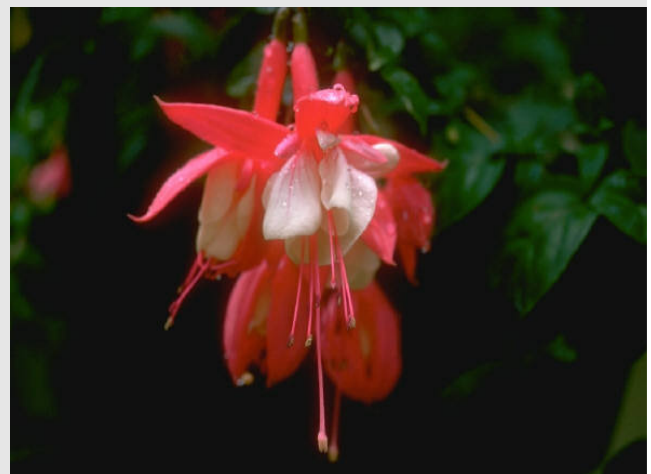
*"I learned how to plan my work, how to use quotations and about the purpose of writing and that audience. I found it really useful and have gained a lot."*

*"It has been a good day because I now know what I have to do to achieve my level."*

## Parents' & Friends of Plessington Association 'Plant Sale'

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

Order forms should all now have been returned to the school reception.



## SJP Rocks the 'House'

Young people and teachers from SJP were guest of honour at a reception hosted by Charles Hendry MP at the House of Commons on the evening of Monday 26 March 2007 to showcase the O2 / Weston Spirit Peer Mentoring Scheme – JAM – Just Ask Me.

More than 180 high profile guests – including 70 MPs and Peers – attended the event to hear how JAM has supported thousands of Pupils in secondary high schools across the UK.

Designed to help tackle issues such as peer pressure and exam stress, JAM was developed by the national youth charity Weston Spirit and mobile phone operator O2.

18-year-old Robbie Owens took centre stage at the event to share his story with the guests. Robbie trained to become a JAM mentor last year. Since then, he has provided invaluable support to younger Pupils at College and has personally benefited from the experience. *"Getting involved with the JAM programme has changed my life. I am more confident, optimistic and I am definitely a lot happier. I am doing well at College and I am on target to pass my A levels this year. The potential was always there, and this experience has helped me to become the person I want to be – the person I really am."*

Rachel McMahon, Director of Sixth Form adds *"This has been a fantastic opportunity for our students. JAM has been running at SJP for the past three years. It's provided additional support to our younger Pupils to assist them with their personal and academic progress. The O2 mentors have been invaluable in the support they've offered. Students have been able to contact them regularly by phone and face to face when they've visited the school and we've visited the O2 site in Preston Brook."*

Speaking at the event, Falklands War Veteran and Weston Spirit's co-founder, Simon Weston OBE said *"with O2's help, we've been able to support more than 300 young people and positively affect the lives of thousands more Pupils back at school. Our three year partnership with O2 is about to come to an end, but we intend to use this experience to inspire and encourage other organisations to adopt the JAM mentoring model."*

*"JAM has been a huge success – it's won two awards and has been highly praise by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority. We want to build on this success and ensure that peer mentoring continues to make a real and long lasting impact on many more young lives and local communities."*

O2 UK CEO, Matthew Key said, *"Our people believe Weston Spirit provides invaluable training and support to help them develop successful mentoring relationships, and as mentors, our people have discovered new talents and improve their interpersonal skills. Clearly, the transferable nature of these skills helps our people in the workplace and to provide a better service to customers."*

Matthew Key also took the opportunity to present a cheque for £270,000 to Simon Weston following a series of fundraising challenges undertaken by O2's 11,000 employees. The funds will help Weston Spirit support more vulnerable young people through its 11 youth centres.



Simon Weston OBE & Robbie Owens

## House Point Corner

Updated House Points Totals will be available at 14 May 2007.

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