# St John Plessington

## Catholic College

a Specialist Humanities and Technology College

## Newsletter



## **Theme for the Week**

#### The Ascension

The Ascension is celebrated on 17<sup>th</sup> May this year. It is the day when we remember that after his resurrection, Jesus ascended bodily into heaven. (Luke 24:50-53)

Where did Jesus go and what does that mean for us? Jesus himself gave us the answer *I am with you always, even to the end of time*. Jesus' ascension is not a sign of his moving away from us, but something by which we can remember how close to us he is all the time. Whether we're sitting exams, spending time with friends, driving or doing housework – no matter where we are or what we're doing, Jesus is there taking care of us.

## Lord Jesus,

We pray that we will always be aware of how close you are to us.

Help us not be afraid when life is difficult, knowing that you are there and let us enjoy life when things are good, knowing that you are celebrating with us.

Amen

## **Chapel Noticeboard**

G-Factor – Monday at 12.00 for Lower School Pupils

Prayer – Friday at 12.50 with Mr. McNally Morning Prayer – Tuesday and Thursday at 8.15

The Chapel will be used lunchtimes next week so that Year 11 pupils can rehearse for their Leavers' Service on Friday.

The Chapel will be open every break time for any pupils wanting a place for reflection.

## R.E. Revision Classes

**Year 10 (Room A8) – Thursday 17 May** Different kinds of Worship (Mrs J Ford)

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

# Mathematical Education on the Wirral Certificate Winner!



**Emma Shirley, Year 8** 



Congratulations go to Emma Shirley of Year 8 for winning a certificate in the recent **Mathematics Challenge Competition** run by Liverpool University.

Emma has been invited to attend a prize-giving ceremony in Liverpool in the next few weeks with her family and has also won a place to represent SJP at the Masterclasses later on in the year.

#### Well Done Emma!

Also, our thanks go out to all those other pupils who entered into the competition.

We will be running the competition again next year – watch this space!

## **Year 11 Celebration Prom**

This forthcoming Friday, 18 May 2007, Year 11 will be celebrating their time at St John Plessington with a Celebration Prom.

Red carpet entrance, limousines and a top DJ look set to establish Wirral's' own catwalk. We wish our Pupils an enjoyable evening and look forward to seeing some photographs of the event in next week's Plessington News.

## Revision Timetable GCSE Geography Paper 1

All classes to take place Wed 3.20 – 4.20pm

Date	Topic	Teacher and Rm
16 May	Tourism & Glaciation	M Klabou A39
23 May	Energy	D Williams A42

### **Year 13 Revision Classes - History**

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

Wed 16 May – Russian Dictatorships / exam techniques

Key Issue: Comparison of Russia's people under the Tsarist and Communist Regimes

## **Our New Recycling Facility**

This week we took delivery of our paper recycling facility.

Abitibi are a local company, based in Ellesmere Port. They will recycle our paper to make newspaper. The College will earn money per tonne of paper collected. If you would like to contribute; we can accept newspaper, magazines and catalogues. Pupils can drop off the paper as they enter the school gates in the morning. The money will be used to fund other energy saving ideas around the College Campus.

Remember the message is REDUCE, REUSE and last of all RECYCLE



## **Year 11 External Examinations**

On Thursday 17 May your son/daughter will be embarking upon their final journey in Year 11 with their external examinations.

Their individual exam timetable should now be on display in a prominent place at home and they should also have a personal revision plan.

Your support in ensuring they prepare for their exams is essential towards their success this summer.

We wish all of our Year 11 Pupils well and ask for you to remember them in your prayers.

## College Council News

Pupils have been asking for more Aquaid water fountains and we are delighted that 4 more are to be located around the College very shortly. To help in this all Pupils will be asked for their opinion on where they think the best places will be - but bear in mind that there needs to be a water supply and drainage already available in that location. All Pupils will also receive a FREE plastic water bottle for use in lessons - a result of the Water Policy in lessons brought in by the College Council two years ago. SJP will also be sponsoring the insertion of an 'elephant' pump in a less developed country - further information on this in a later edition of Plessington News. Aquaid has already raised £1.5m towards Christian Aid water projects.

Form Councils and Year Councils will be meeting this week and next to discuss the possible introduction of a summer uniform - a uniform that reflects the potential for hot working conditions in and around College as temperatures begin to rise in the coming months. We will, of course, be consulting Parents in the near future as the discussion gathers momentum.

### **House Point Corner**

	Weekly total as at 11/05/07					Overall Total
	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	To 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