



### Theme for the Week

#### **Pentecost**

God revealed himself to Moses in the fire of the burning bush. He spoke to Moses, giving him words of comfort and assuring him that He was with him. A thousand years later, Jesus, the Son of God ascended into Heaven and assured his followers that the Holy Spirit would come upon them. The Spirit came upon Jesus' followers in the form of wind and fire. It inspired them to speak of the good things God had done.

The Holy Spirit remains with us today. We are not alone. It is for us to allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives.

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful*

*And kindle in them the fire of your love.*

*Send out your Spirit and they shall be created*

*And you will renew the face of the earth.*

### Chapel Noticeboard

G-Factor – Monday at 12.00 for Lower School Pupils

Music Liturgy Group – 3.30 – 4.30 in Miss Stott's room

Prayer – Friday at 12.50 with Mr. McNally

Morning Prayer – Tuesday and Thursday at 8.15

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

### Year 12 three day residential Geography fieldtrip to the Lake District in May

The awe and wonder of Geography is difficult to convey solely in the classroom. What better way is there to bring to life the sheer scale and power of a glacier, than to walk up a valley it has carved out during the last ice age? How can students really understand the birth of a river without seeing it with their own eyes? With this goal in mind, the Geography department took four A-level students on a three day residential to the Lake District. The results were phenomenal. The four students, Michael Brockway, Kristina Dodd, John Henderson and Ellen Roberts showed such enthusiasm and maturity that it made the trip extremely enjoyable and worthwhile. The group excelled to such a degree that the highly knowledgeable and enthusiastic field studies leader, Chris Evans, voluntarily gave up his own time to take the group on extra trips.

The three days of study were all linked to the A-level syllabus, and have really helped the students develop their geographical minds by experiencing and seeing the phenomena they study in the classroom. Rivers, Coasts and Glaciation were the main topics of study, but the journeys through the lakes allowed a holistic study, incorporating human features such as Sellafield and the cockle pickers of Nethertown. The full days in and around the mountains put our new minibus through its paces, but the students were keen to stay out as long as possible before returning to the excellent facilities at the Field Studies Council centre in Keswick. Our trip finished with canoeing in glorious sunshine on Derwent Lake, a fitting end as it did not rain once over the three days!



### **SJP Lourdes Group To Complete Wirral Coastal Walk**

A group of year 12 pupils will be going on pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer. In Lourdes they will work with people from our diocese who are ill, disabled or infirm.

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May these pupils, along with Mr. Woods and Alison our college chaplain, took part in the Wirral Walk in order to collect some sponsorship for their pilgrimage to Lourdes. Everyone completed the walk successfully and without complaining too much about blistered feet and aching legs!!



### **Study leave for Year 12 Students following A Level Courses**

Year 12 have now commenced Study Leave, which lasts until normal lessons resume on Monday 11 June 2007.

Students will be aware of the additional revision lessons that are occurring and it is vital they attend. Please note that we expect students to continue with their full complement of courses until discussions after Results Day, 16 August 2007.

May I wish each of you good luck in the forthcoming external examinations.

### **Grade C Mathematics Revision Classes For Year 11**

There will be two revision sessions next week for year 11, one on Tuesday after school and one on Wednesday after school. Both sessions will run from 3:30-4:30. In addition to these there will be two grade C revision days during the half term holiday. They will be on Thursday 30th May and Friday 1st June and they will run from 10am until 1pm in the mathematics department. These classes are aimed at intermediate pupils aiming for C in their Mathematics GCSE.

### **Promtastic!!!!**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May, Year 11 enjoyed a tremendous evening at their end of year prom. Full red carpet treatment, professional DJ and a banquet contributed to a first class evening in which all the pupils were a credit to the College and their families. The standard of attire was equivalent (if not better than) to the BAFTA awards.

The resident DJ Mr Terry Lennaine commented that the pupils' behaviour, manners and politeness was the best he had experienced in many years of playing to audiences.

A sense of togetherness and community well being was evident throughout the evening.

Pictures are available to be viewed on our website [www.stjohnplessington.com](http://www.stjohnplessington.com)



### **House Point Corner**

	Weekly total as at 18/05/07					Overall Total To date
	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	
<b>Bernadette</b>	73	60	47	38	26	3036
<b>Bosco</b>	74	73	39	56	25	2721
<b>Hume</b>	104	63	51	39	20	2808
<b>Kolbe</b>	78	77	67	34	23	3038
<b>Romero</b>	80	54	32	43	26	2779
<b>Teresa</b>	76	82	54	34	21	2988

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