



NEWSLETTER

St John Plessington Catholic College



HEADTEACHER'S REFLECTION

As we continue our journey through this academic year, I want to take a moment to emphasise the critical importance of school attendance. At St John Plessington, we set high expectations for all our students, and attending every lesson is a fundamental part of this commitment. All students are expected to attend school every day and be in their classrooms by 08:35. Regular attendance is vital not only for academic success but also for personal development and social interaction. Each lesson missed is an opportunity lost, and we want every student to benefit fully from the rich learning experiences we offer.

As our students travel to and from school, whether by public transport, walking or bike, it is essential that they represent both their families and our school with dignity. We expect all students to be polite and respectful at all times. This behaviour not only reflects well on them but also on our entire school community. Issues raised will be dealt with firmly through our behaviour policy. I would also like to remind families to be considerate when parking around the school. We have received some complaints from our neighbours and local businesses regarding parking issues. Please ensure that you park responsibly and

respect the residential areas around our school. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps maintain positive relationships within our community.

I am thrilled to share that we have received fantastic feedback regarding the Year 7 retreat. Well done to all our Year 7 students for their enthusiastic participation! It is heartening to see our students engaging in such meaningful experiences that contribute to their personal growth and spiritual development. I look forward to seeing our Year 7 pupils and their parents at the Meet the Form Tutor Evening this Thursday. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with your child's form tutor and discuss their progress and experiences at school.

As we head into the weekend, I wish you all a safe and restful time. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that our students thrive in a positive and engaging learning environment.

With warm regards,
Mr McLoughlin

Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

89% or below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

96% - 90%
Cause for Concern

100% - 97%
Excellent!



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Every day counts in your child's educational journey, and we greatly appreciate your role in ensuring their attendance & punctuality. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment. Together, we can help them reach their full potential!

NINE DAY COUNTDOWN!

Pupils in school for the next 9 days leading up to the break will be entered into a prize draw to win some goodies on the last day of half term!

They must be in school every day from Monday 14 October to Thursday 24 October to be entered. Two lucky winners will be drawn from each form.



EPHESIANS 4:3 - Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace

THEME OF THE WEEK

This week we have been listening to Jesus' commandment to become child-like rather than childish. A childish person is self-absorbed, explosive, and does not listen. A child-like person is curious, open to new experiences, able to love, full of empathy and compassion. Jesus tells us with great forcefulness that we must retain this child-like trust, wonder, and capacity to love and set aside our self-absorption, whining and complaining. This ability to be child-like is a function of our trust and faith, our belief that God has created a good world and loves us and that we can depend on Him and His plans for us.



REPRESENTING WIRRAL SCHOOL GIRLS

Well done to Liv, Nancy and Emily (year 10) who represented Wirral School Girls football team at the weekend. They played against Redcar in the ESFA National cup in Middlesborough. A tough game ending in 3-3 but that still leaves Wirral School Girls top of the league.



BRADLEY (YEAR 10) SELECTED FOR WIRRAL DARTS YOUTH COUNTY U18S

Bradley in year 10 has been selected to represent Wirral in the darts youth county under 18's. He is one of five boys that has been selected, along side his brother. He won his last match at home, on stage in front of 150 people. He plays again next weekend away to Worcestershire. Good Luck Bradley!

CONGRATULATIONS TO SADIE ON WINNING SILVER AT THE BRITISH JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS!

Sadie competed in the British Judo Championships last Friday and achieved a well deserved silver medal. Well done Sadie, we are all really proud of your achievements.



HIGHLIGHTS

A highlight in Chaplaincy this week has been the enthusiasm of our Year 7 as they engage with the diocesan retreat team.

Mondays are a special time in Chaplaincy. A group of pupils have decided to ask for baptism, others for confirmation, and they meet to be prepared for these sacraments. Outside Mr O'Sullivan and his Farm Club are transforming the farm into a fertile place of growth and exploration. There I witness the child-like wonder and trust which is a glimpse of the Kingdom.



HOME THEATRE IN MANCHESTER TRIP

This week, our KS4 and KS5 drama students made a dash to Home Theatre in Manchester, for the performance of Feel Me by theatre company Paper Birds. Exploring the themes of forces displacement, the interactive performance comprised of multi-media projections, live streaming and audience polls, the show aimed to explore the feelings surrounding displacement through the use of technology and social media. The piece was powerful and thought provoking, introducing our students to a new style of performance which they can use as inspiration for their own devised work. Whilst it was a late night for all, the experience and learning was invaluable.



Meet the Junior Leadership Team

We are proud to present our Junior Leadership Team. Here at SJP we value the voices of our students and what better way to ensure they are represented than by having a team of students work with their peers to share their opinions and

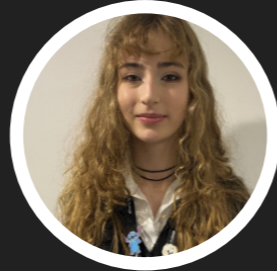
be forces for change at SJP. Here we introduce the team and their roles as well as sharing some of what they hope to achieve in the coming year. We will dig deeper into the events and initiatives they have planned soon!



Hi. My name is India Williams and I am the Chair of the junior leadership team. I am delighted to have been selected to lead this team and be an ambassador for SJP. In the coming year, we hope to make a difference to student life at SJP as well as forge new links with our community.



My name is Jacob Osuagwu and I am proud to be the Vice-Chair of the JLT. I am really looking forward to speaking to other students and seeing how we can work together to make a difference.



Hi, I'm Giuliana and learning is very important to me. I want to look at ways in which we can maximise our learning in the classroom and make sure we achieve our full potential.



I am Liz Rennie and I am one of the lead ambassadors for fundraising in the Junior Leadership Team. I wanted to be on the JLT as I believe it is a good way for me to make a positive change in the school. I am looking forward to raising money for charity and helping the school reach their fundraising goals.



Hi I am Peter and I am a chair of the eco team on the JLT. My goal is to create initiatives that allow our school to be sustainable and have a positive impact on the local community.



My name is Jacob Hughes and my aim this year is to work with others to see how we can become more eco-friendly at SJP and how we can make sure we have a foundation of respect in all that we do.



My name is Josh Roe and I am the lead ambassador for anti-bullying. My role includes making the college a place where students can have a happy experience without any issue. I wanted to be part of the JLT in order to make a good difference within our college.



Hi, I'm Sophie and I'm the lead ambassador for behaviour & inclusion. This year I'm looking forward to increasing recognition across the school community and ensuring everyone feels happy and supported.



Hi my name is Alfie and I am the current Lead of sport. My reasoning for wanting to be the Lead of sport is because I want sport to be seen more inside school and make more use of facilities around the school.



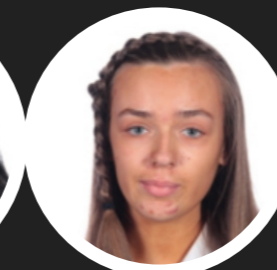
Hi I'm Jacob Hall, I am one of the two lead ambassadors for fundraising this school year. Over this school year my plan is to hold a lot more fundraising events to help not only our school community but the local community as well. Similarly some of the events we plan to put on are: Here comes Christmas, Raffles, Movie nights and an open mic night.



I'm Jacob Fox-Thomas and this year I want to explore how we can embed creativity in all that we do - from lessons to enrichment, I would like to see how we can develop our habits of learning across SJP.



Hi, I'm Daniel Weedall and this year I will be the lead ambassador for student voice. I will be looking at ways we can gather and share our opinions with staff and our wider community.



We are Poppy Cannell and Crista Gimpson and we are the lead ambassadors for well-being. We want to work with students to explore issues surrounding well-being and how we can work together to improve this for all students across SJP.



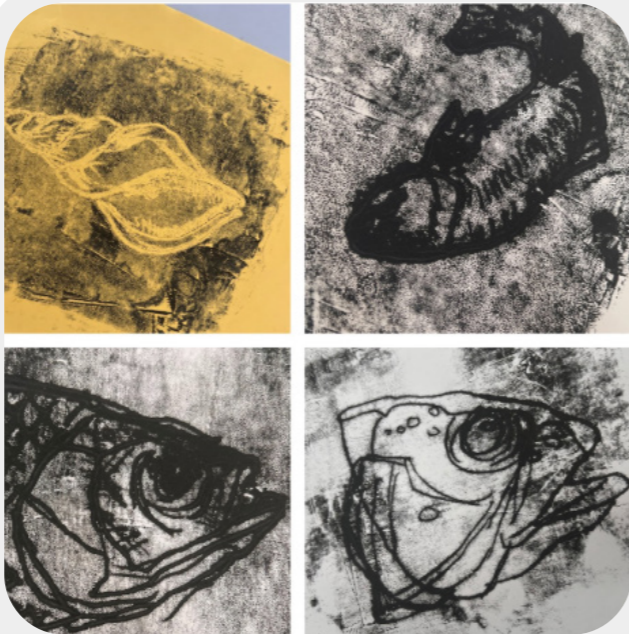
GOVERNORS NEWS

I am Chris. I am one of the foundation governors at our fantastic school. I am linked to the quality of education at the school. I have also attended Junior Leadership Team meetings, and I am amazed at how passionate the children are in those meetings.



BEAUTIFUL WORK YEAR 11

Year 11 designed and started making their Adinkra dresses, transferring and learning new textiles skills, using their Lino cut plates to print their designs. Looking forward to seeing their designs sheets after completing for homework this week.



BEAUTIFUL WORK YEAR 10

Year 10 have created some amazing mono prints in their skill workshop sessions this week. Their resilience and skill development was outstanding to witness.



BEAUTIFUL WORK YEAR 11

Year 11 continue to make incredible progress on their Business Studies Component 2 coursework. Each student is currently creating their own Micro-Enterprise for the component and the detail and enthusiasm they show in each lesson is incredible. Year 11 students are organising their own 'Cinema Club' and will be selling tickets to KS3 students during lunch time as part of their Micro-Enterprise experience.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

This week pupils covered topics such as dental health, money and work and mental health. Personal Development lessons are taught to forms and follow a set curriculum. We encourage you to have regular conversations with your child about which topics they have been doing in Personal Development lessons. Remember for further information about Personal Development at SJP you can access all of the relevant information using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/mw7wjt32>



TOM AND PETER REPRESENT SJP WITH EXCELLENCE

A big well done to year 13 students Peter Nielsen-Scott and Thomas Marshall who completed additional work experience this week at Urenco UK. Both students really impressed their mentor who commended the boys, commenting how proud the school should be of the manners and attitude the students displayed during the week. Tom and Peter met with engineers, senior management and mechanical engineers to gain an invaluable insight into their chosen future careers. Well done Tom and Peter - what great ambassadors you are for SJP.



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT:

This week saw a range of activities happening across the College to mark World Mental Health Day. This included all pupils doing a lesson about World Mental Health Day and the importance of looking after our mental health. Pupils were given tips on how to manage our mental health but also were told about the different local organisations we work alongside and how they can access mental health support at home. The RE Department also hosted a "Tea and talk" session at lunch time for staff.

Trial Exams Revision Topics and Resources

Subject	Year 11 November Trial Exams - Revision Topics and Resources
Art	'One man's trash is another man's treasure' is the theme of the personal investigation. Research artists who are suggested, even find their own. Develop a range of ideas and collect waste materials that they can use. Practise the final outcome before the 5 hour exam, to ensure both their confidence and process understanding. Complete the weekly exam preparation tasks to be presented as 60% of the evidence mark.
DT	Levers and mechanisms Materials & their properties The environment, recycling & upcycling Manufacturing methods, finishes and quality control Design communication https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zdvb2sg
English	Macbeth - revise whole plot, characters and themes. Anthology poems - revise main ideas in each poem, context and key quotes. Anthology revise poems in pairs using blank STILTS charts to help.

YEAR 11 TRAIL EXAMS

Trail exam timetables will be distributed to year 11. We ask you to encourage your child to complete a revision timetable and revise regularly in preparation for these exams.

[Download](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next week is Hate Crime Awareness Week. We will be sharing information with pupils in Personal Development about what a hate crime is and how victims or witnesses of a hate crime can report and get support.

Monday, 14th October

Photographers for Year 7, 10, and 12 Portraits

Tuesday, 15th October

Y7 Meet Your Form Tutor Evening
Time: 15:15 - 17:45

UK University & Apprenticeship Event
Location: Anfield
Participants: Year 12 students

FORWARD PLANNING:

Wednesday 23rd October

Year 7 Welcome Mass

Thursday 24th October - Year 11 EBAC Information Evening

Friday 25th October - INSET - School closed to pupils.

SAFEGUARDING NEWS:

Social Media:

We have recently become aware of fake social media pages that impersonate our school/community. Unfortunately, these pages do not reflect our values or the information we provide. While we are unable to control or remove these pages directly, we encourage you to report them to the respective social media platforms. We will also continue to report these pages/groups to the social media sites. Sadly this is something that many schools are having to face in our advancing digital world.

We urge all parents and students to monitor your child's social media activity closely. If you come across any suspicious pages or content, please report them immediately to the social media site. Your vigilance is crucial in helping us maintain a safe online environment.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring the safety and well-being of our school community.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



THANK YOU ST JOHN PLESSINGTON CATHOLIC COLLEGE

FOR RAISING AN AMAZING

£2500.00

IN SUPPORT OF
CLAIRE HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

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Fundraising Team - Claire House Children's Hospice
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100% Attendance	98% Attendance	96% Attendance	95% Attendance	94% Attendance	90% Attendance	85% Attendance

Vision - Excellence in all we do
Mission - Empowering an inclusive community founded on Gospel Values
Values - Pride, respect & determination

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8 October 2024

Dear St John Plessington Catholic College,

Thank you for your kind donation of £2500.00 to Claire House Children's Hospice.

Claire House have been helping my family since my son, Charlie, was six years old.

Charlie has a rare brain disorder which means he can't walk, talk, or sit up, but he's a lovely boy who loves lights, music, and being around people.

Claire House Children's Hospice is a special place where Charlie can do things we wouldn't be able to do at home like go on trips out, join in with music sessions, or do crafts in the art room.

It can be hard for me and Charlie's dad to look after him all the time, but when he comes to Claire House we know that he is being taken care of so we can have a break and spend time with Charlie's sister.

Your kind donation helps make all this magic happen.

Thank you so much.

Shiney

Charlie's Mummy