



NEWSLETTER

St John Plessington Catholic College



HEADTEACHER'S REFLECTION

As we approach the end of another term at St John Plessington Catholic College, I want to take a moment to reflect on our achievements and the values that guide us. Our school community continues to thrive, driven by our commitment to Excellence, Empowerment, and Inclusivity, all founded on Gospel Values.

Celebrating Our Values

Pride: This term, I have been incredibly proud of our students and staff. The dedication shown in the classroom, during extracurricular activities, and in our community outreach initiatives has been exceptional. Our students have demonstrated pride in their work and respect for one another, embodying the spirit of our school.

Respect: Respect is at the heart of our interactions. It has been heartening to see students supporting one another, fostering an environment where everyone feels valued and heard. Our commitment to respecting diverse backgrounds and beliefs has enriched our school culture, allowing us to learn from one another.

Determination: We have faced challenges this term, but our students have shown remarkable determination. Whether preparing for exams, participating in sports competitions, or engaging in community service, the resilience and perseverance displayed have been commendable. This determination not only helps us achieve our goals but also prepares us for the future.

A highlight this week has been our Year 7 Welcome Mass which was a beautiful celebration, marking the beginning of our students' journey at SJP. The service fostered a sense of community and belonging, emphasising our Gospel Values. Well done to all our students, you were a credit to us and your families.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the next term, let us continue to embody our values of Pride, Respect, and Determination. I encourage all students to set personal goals and strive for excellence in every endeavour. Together, we can create an inclusive and empowering environment that reflects our commitment to Gospel Values.

School closes at 15:10 on Thursday 24th October for all students. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable break. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school community.

Mr McLoughlin
Headteacher

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

89% or below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

96% - 90%
Cause for Concern

100% - 97%
Excellent!



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Your ongoing support in encouraging your child to attend school until the end of half term is greatly appreciated. Every day counts, with each day of absence equating to 5-hours of lost learning for your child. Good attendance not only impacts academic outcomes but also helps develop essential life skills such as time management and responsibility. Your encouragement and reinforcement of attendance expectations are invaluable. Thank you for your support.



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

Our theme of the week has been to reflect on the fact that Jesus does not offer us an escape from life or from the disappointments and suffering of life. Nor does he guarantee us wealth, glory, honour and popularity. Instead, he transforms our lives with his presence, changing our minds and hearts, and allowing us to see what the meaning of our lives and the things which happen to us really is, and giving us, through the Holy Spirit, the courage, wisdom, and power to build up His Kingdom.

GOVERNOR'S UPDATE

Dear Parents, Staff, and Students,
As we approach the end of this term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the achievements and progress we have made at St John Plessington Catholic College. It has been a busy and productive term, filled with numerous activities and initiatives that have showcased the hard work and dedication of our entire school community.

Thank you to our staff for their unwavering commitment to providing high-quality education and support to our students. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and they play a crucial role in shaping the positive learning environment we strive for.

To our students, I commend you for your hard work and resilience. Your enthusiasm for learning and participation in school activities have been inspiring. I encourage you to take pride in your achievements this term and continue to strive for excellence.

As we look forward to the upcoming half term, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of maintaining open communication between home and school. Your involvement is vital in supporting our students' education and well-being.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break. Thank you for your continued support of our school community.

Clare McNicholas
Chair of Governors



YEAR 7 FOOTBALL SQUAD VS CO-OP ACADEMY

Year 7 played their first game this week away at Co-op Academy Bebington. Our A team were successful with a strong performance and a 7-2 win, with the B and C team narrowly losing out 2-1. There were some great passages of play and the boys came together really well considering lots of pupils were playing in the same teams for the first time! Well done Boys!



WIRRAL YOUNG SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Letitia in Year 10 who was awarded the Wirral Young Sports person of the year. She was nominated to receive the award from the PE department who are in awe of her latest accolades including 3 x National schoolgirl title. European schoolgirl Champion as well as her currently ranking of number 1 in the world for her weight category. The ceremony at the Floral Pavllion was very well attended celebrating the 60 year anniversary of the Sports Awards. Letitia was nominated amongst some very talented individuals but was the well deserving winner of the award!



YEAR 10 RUGBY LEADERSHIP EVENT @ WIRRAL RUGBY CLUB

Four year 10 students participated in a Rugby Leadership event at Wirral Rugby Club this week. The girls developed leadership and coaching skills throughout the day and have achieved their Coaching Certificate. Keep an eye out for more leadership opportunities and rugby development! Well done girls!



PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS TEAM OF THE YEAR AT WIRRAL SPORT AWARDS

We are thrilled to announce that one of our year 7 pupils Joseph Rawson and his Cricket Team has been awarded the Primary School Sports Team of the Year at the Wirral Sport Awards for their outstanding contributions. This accolade is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship displayed by all the team.

We are extremely proud of Joseph and this award is thoroughly deserved.



YEAR 7 AND 9 NETBALL MATCH AT SOUTH WIRRAL

Our newly formed Year 7 and 9 netball teams played against South Wirral this week. The Year 7 team were successful and won the game 7-5 with Bella being nominated as player of the game. The Year 9 demonstrated some real determination and grit and Elsie was nominated player of the game in their loss to Year 9 South Wirral. We cant wait to see all the teams progress through the season



SHAMELIA YEAR 7 - CONTINUED FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Shamelia had a busy weekend with 2 games being played. She played for Man City winning 10-6, scored and assisted goals. She also represented Wirral School Girls and scored 1 and assisted 1 in their 3-1 win over Blackpool School Girls. We are fully invested in her journey and love hearing about her matches and experiences each week! Keep up the good work.



YEAR 10 FOOTBALL SUCCESS:

Our Year 10 boys football team played against Woodchurch this week, preparing for this year Wirral Cup entry. They were successful and won the match 4-1. Mason Smith gained a hat-trick and Josh Broadway scored one. Well done, boys. Captain, Seb McArdle was happy with the squad performance and said they team were looking forward to the next warm-up match.

YEAR 7 WELCOME MASS

Our Year 7 Welcome Mass was a special highlight for our college community this week. Students walked to St Anne's Catholic Church in Rock Ferry where they celebrated Mass as part of their welcome to our College Community. I would like to say a special thank you to Hans, the RE and Performing Arts department and the Year 7 pastoral team for making this a very special event for our community. A huge well done to all of our students who participated in the Mass and a special well done to all of Year 7 students who raised the roof with their signing. A very special event for all. Finally thank you to Fr Mario for celebrating the Mass for us. It was fantastic that some of our parents were able to attend. One parent kindly wrote to me after to say: I have just arrived home after attending the Year 7's Welcome Mass at St. Anne's church and wanted to pass on my congratulations and thanks to all of the teachers and pupils involved. What a group of well behaved, enthusiastic and wonderfully talented children you have! Their singing was amazing! Our previous chaplain and now Governor Rev Gerard Boyle also contacted me after to say:

How well our Students took part in the celebration and also to pass on his thanks to all the Staff who took part in helping the celebration be so successful. We look forward to our Year 8 celebration of Mass next half term.



BEAUTIFUL WORK

Year 12 IT students have been learning about Database. Students were first introduced to this topic in KS3 and now are looking to enhance their skills from this. Students are currently looking at creating relational tables and the importance of these to store and link information. Students have been excelling in these lessons and producing some high quality Databases.

Year 10 Business Studies have started analysing Small and Medium sized Enterprises in the local area. Students have been sharing their new Business knowledge to highlight what makes local Enterprises successful. Year 10 Enterprise students have made an excellent start to Business Studies. Students are currently preparing for their Component 1 coursework task which will start in January.

Year 10 in the Wednesday Support night - developing their annotation and presentation in their sketchbooks of their print making workshops this week. Well done!

Year 9 have started to develop their Paolozzi inspired heads, exploring and developing their cardboard manipulation skills, understanding how to use the grain of the card. Great start year 9!

Year 11 showing their dedication and independence, staying for support session on a Wednesday refining their mask paintings.



CELEBRATING JOSEPH DODD-BERRY'S GOLFING ACHIEVEMENTS

We are immensely proud to celebrate Joseph Dodd-Berry, one of our Year 12 students. Joseph decided to take up golf just three years ago. He has made huge strides already in such a short amount of time. Last year Joseph was selected to play for Cheshire U16s and has now been successful in moving up to the Cheshire Boys' Squad.

He is a member at Royal Liverpool Golf Club and his playing handicap is already down to 4! Joseph's dream is to one day emulate his 20 year old brother Matthew by playing in The Open and representing England. Joseph is a superstar in the making; well done!





CAREERS FOCUS 8-24 – AEROSPACE AND DEFENCE

The Aerospace & Defence (A&D) Industry serves, as its name represents, two main markets: Aerospace, which largely comprises the production, sale, and service of commercial aircraft

Defence, which depends on the nation's need for military weapons and systems designed to work toward land, sea, and within the air. During Covid, the number of commercial flights plummeted and some airlines went out of business, with many people within the industry being made redundant. People have also become more aware of the impact of air travel on the environment. However, the amount of commercial flights have recovered to the extent that they are now exceeding pre-pandemic figures. There is also a heightened focus on defence and its development, due to the size and scale of current conflicts around the world.

In summary, A&D is a growing market, and one which will embrace digital technology more and more as companies strive to become more

efficient and consider what can be done to minimise the negative impacts of production on the environment.

Within our region, Airbus employs over 6000 people at its Broughton factory and they have just signed contracts with the Ministry of Defence to develop a military wing to their operation (no pun intended).

Several of our Sixth Form students are currently filling in detailed applications to become apprentices with this company, in areas such as engineering, digital and technology solutions, business integration and much more.

Other companies with similar opportunities include BAE Systems, Boeing and Lockheed.

There are a couple of videos to look at below. Dervish works in Air Defence at Airbus. He left school with only two GCSEs, but his motto is 'never take no as a defining no' and it has paid off for him: <https://icould.com/stories/dervish/>

Steve joined the RAF at the age of nineteen and is now an Air Accidents Investigator: <https://icould.com/stories/steve-c/>

CHAPLAIN UPDATE

It was entirely appropriate and timely to visit St Anne's Parish Church and to be welcomed by Father Mario, the parish priest who does so much to support our school, for a celebration of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is described in the Catechism as the "source and summit" of the Christian life. The source because it was at the last Supper that Jesus revealed to us his plan for our healing and salvation and commanded us to "Do this in memory of Me". The summit because in the Eucharist we receive communion with Christ himself.

Many visitors commented on the excellent singing, due in large part to Mr Payne's tireless efforts to teach the pupils songs they can sing together, to express their joy and unity. Pupils read and prayed, participating actively in the Liturgy. We are currently busy preparing a similar liturgy for the Year 8 pupils after half term.

Our prayer for you this week is that your holidays are truly holy and that they are days of refreshment, reflection, and grace.

UPCOMING EVENTS

School reopens for all students on Monday 4th November 2024. A reminder that students must be on the yard at 08:35 at which time the gate will close and students will be marked late.

Wednesday 6th November - Friday 8th November
Year 7 Conway 'First Steps' residential

Thursday 7th November

Sixth Form - information evening for all Year 11 students and external students looking to join SJP in Year 12 2025.

Saturday 26th October:

RE A-level trip to Krakow, Poland.

VISIT TO PRENTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Visit to Prenton High School for Girls. A group of Year 12s and Year 13s attended Prenton High School this week to lead an assembly for the Year 11 pupils. Our impressive students spoke enthusiastically and eloquently about their experiences of attending our Sixth Form and gave information about our upcoming Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 7th November.

Thank you to India, Sophia, Matilde, Cody and Liam!

SAFEGUARDING NEWS:

Last week we shared a letter from Merseyside police about the law and how to keep your child safe during Halloween and Bonfire Night. Students will also learn about keeping themselves safe during this period during their Personal Development sessions.

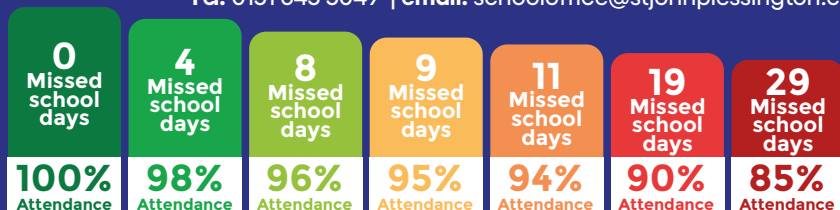
We hope you all enjoy this period and take the necessary precautions to keep your child safe.



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Vision - Excellence in all we do

Mission - Empowering an inclusive community founded on Gospel Values

Values - Pride, respect & determination

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