



ST JOHN PLESSINGTON
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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excellence in all we do...*





Headteacher's Message

Dear St John Plessington Catholic College Community,

I wanted to take a moment to share some wonderful highlights from our recent school experiences.

Our Year 11 students have been truly impressive during their mock exams. It has been fantastic to watch them thrive and focus with such dedication. We extend our very best wishes to them as they continue their important academic journey.

Our recent Sixth Form information evening was a tremendous success. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our incredible staff who demonstrated unwavering commitment in showcasing the remarkable opportunities we offer – not just to our current students, but also to external visitors. I would like to remind everyone to submit their applications on time.

I must highlight the extraordinary work of Mrs Davies from our Art department. Her Remembrance Day display was creative, wonderful, and continues to be spectacular and deeply thought-provoking every single year. Additionally, Richard Austin's performance of the Last Post during our remembrance service added a profoundly moving and memorable dimension to our community commemoration. We are forever grateful for your continued attendance year on year.

Our faith continues to be a cornerstone of our school community. Our students from Years 7 to 9 celebrated Holy Mass this week at Saint John the Evangelist, and we are grateful to Fr Mario and his team for their warm welcome. It was truly a wonderful experience that strengthened our spiritual connection. We were also privileged this week to have our students from St John's who attended SJP to celebrate the ending of their activities for the Jubilee year.

A particularly special moment occurred this week when 21 of our students and a member of staff received the sacrament of Confirmation. This significant milestone strengthens their union with Christ and the Church, and represents a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We offer our warmest congratulations to all the candidates who took this important step in their faith journey.

I also want to inform parents about an upcoming event: the HFCMAT Joy to the World celebration, which will take place at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool on 16th December. We look forward to this festive occasion.

These moments remind us of the vibrant, supportive, and faith-filled community we are privileged to be part of at St John Plessington Catholic College.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Peadar McLoughlin

A Week of Worship, Confirmation and Community at Saint John the Evangelist

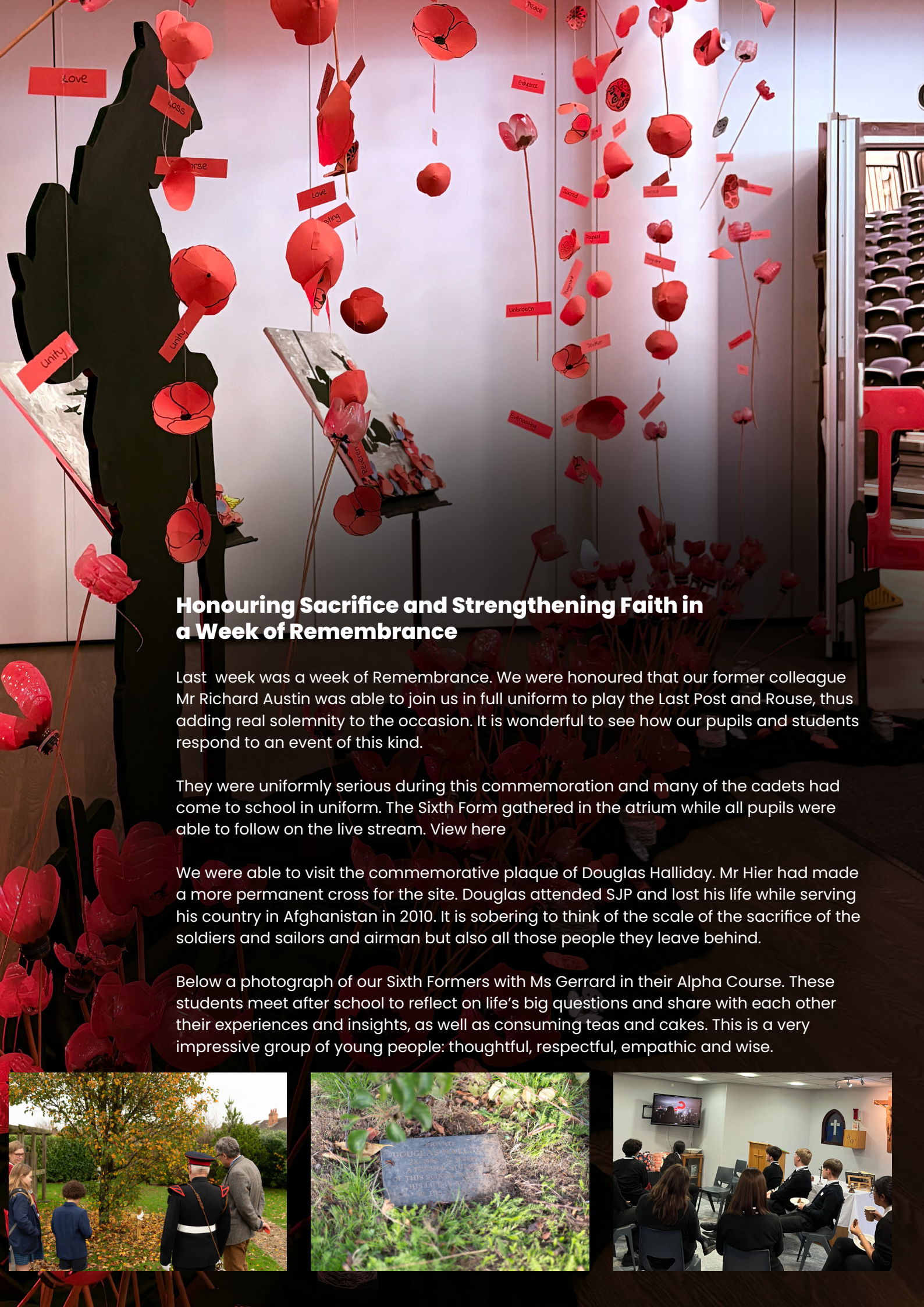
The Pastor and Parishioners of Saint John the Evangelist provided amazing hospitality to us this week. On three separate days we walked together as an entire year group to the Church to join, or perhaps more accurately fill, the daily Mass of the parish. Pupils were extremely engaged and there was much positive comment from the parish, the staff and the pupils. The singing was on several occasions a particularly strong feature of the liturgy and our thanks to Mr Payne who energetically led our efforts. But even after three days of three straight Masses we gathered at the church again on Wednesday night for the confirmation of 21 SJP pupils.

It is always a privilege to watch a young person make a commitment to follow Jesus. They are beginning a life-long journey of discovering who God is, who they are, and how they are called to serve the cause of God's Kingdom in the world. Several pupils have now begun their preparation for the sacrament of first Holy Communion. If you would like your child to be prepared for this sacrament or for baptism, please contact me through the school office.

Thursday, we also welcomed 410 primary pupils from next door. They came to celebrate the ending of the activities of their Jubilee Year. Our Jubilee continues as we seek to fulfil the promises and pledges, we made to the homeless. Each form will be packing a backpack with clothes and goodies. The Whitechapel Centre will be delivering these to homeless people over the holidays. Please do support this campaign by helping your child bring the appropriate items for the backpack to school. A prayer for our confirmed pupils:

Holy Spirit, strengthen our students with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within so that they can count on your guidance today and every day. Show us the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we meet. Come, Holy Spirit! Come!





Honouring Sacrifice and Strengthening Faith in a Week of Remembrance

Last week was a week of Remembrance. We were honoured that our former colleague Mr Richard Austin was able to join us in full uniform to play the Last Post and Rouse, thus adding real solemnity to the occasion. It is wonderful to see how our pupils and students respond to an event of this kind.

They were uniformly serious during this commemoration and many of the cadets had come to school in uniform. The Sixth Form gathered in the atrium while all pupils were able to follow on the live stream. [View here](#)

We were able to visit the commemorative plaque of Douglas Halliday. Mr Hier had made a more permanent cross for the site. Douglas attended SJP and lost his life while serving his country in Afghanistan in 2010. It is sobering to think of the scale of the sacrifice of the soldiers and sailors and airman but also all those people they leave behind.

Below a photograph of our Sixth Formers with Ms Gerrard in their Alpha Course. These students meet after school to reflect on life's big questions and share with each other their experiences and insights, as well as consuming teas and cakes. This is a very impressive group of young people: thoughtful, respectful, empathic and wise.



Sport Success



Well done to the Year 9 football team who beat Beb high 7-3 this evening! Great performance by the boys!



Congratulations to Max in 9BH who has just accepted a scholarship with St Helens rugby league club starting next year. Obviously an extremely proud moment for him after lots of hard work. We are so proud of you Max



Congratulations to the Year 11 football team who beat Calday 5-3 this evening to advance to the next round of the National Cup.



A great afternoon of football from our Yr7&8 squad, who represented SJP at the Tranmere Utilita Cup. The girls played 4 games showing great team work and effort. The team is making great progress with every game we play. Well done girls!



We're so proud of Huw, who competed at the European Championship in Alanya, Turkey, last week. It was an incredible experience and a real challenge, but he came away with a Team Silver medal for the U17 men in Triathle (running, shooting, and swimming)! Congratulations, Huw, a fantastic achievement and a credit to our school community.

SJP Hosts COP 30

This week we were proud to host COP30 here at St John Plessington, welcoming pupils from schools across our Trust to join us in tackling some of the most pressing environmental issues facing our world.

Each group delivered powerful, thought-provoking speeches exploring key global challenges and the positive changes we can all make to protect our planet.

Our young speakers shared inspiring presentations on: Beneath the Surface: The Fight for Coral Reefs, Plastic Pollution, The Problem with Fast Fashion, One Earth, Our Responsibility!, From Plate to Planet: Why Food Waste Matters, Tides of Change: The Global Overfishing Crisis, and Energy Waste in Schools.

We are incredibly proud of every pupil for their passion, dedication and commitment to building a more sustainable future. Our young people truly are the change-makers of tomorrow.

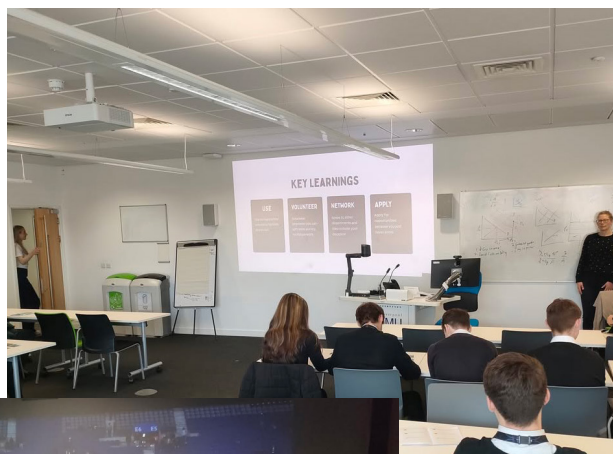


Exploring Future Pathways: Sixth Form Students Inspired at Science Conference

A group of our SJP sixth form students attended a Science conference to discover the types of degree courses they may wish to consider in the future. The day started with a presentation by Dr Graeme Rose. Dr Rose is the lead nutritionist for the England men's rugby team and heads up the 'sports and exercise' research team at LJMU, rated as in the top 20 worldwide for sports science.

Our students then met some female scientists currently studying PhDs in astrophysics. They explained that they are driven to work hard because of their love of maths, physics and love of discovering new things.

The day provided an opportunity for the students to sample what might await them should they pursue the study of science in the future.



BIMA Digital Day 2025: Creativity Meets Technology!

On Wednesday, 12th November 2025, 35 of our Year 8 and Year 9 students took part in BIMA Digital Day, a national event that connects schools with leading digital agencies to inspire the next generation of innovators and problem-solvers.

This year, we were delighted to collaborate with the award-winning digital agency Reading Room, who led our students through an action-packed day exploring careers in the digital, creative, and technology industries.

Exploring the Digital World

The day began with an insightful introduction from the Reading Room team, who shared their experiences working in web development, UX design, project management, and digital marketing. Students were fascinated to learn how digital professionals use creativity and technology to solve real-world problems — and how these skills are highly valued in today's job market.

The BIMA Challenges: Aston Martin & HelloFresh

Students then took on two exciting real-world challenges set by global brands Aston Martin and HelloFresh.

The Aston Martin Challenge asked students to develop digital ideas to support the launch of the company's new car — finding creative ways to engage younger audiences and build excitement online.

The HelloFresh Challenge focused on coming up with innovative digital solutions to help the brand reach new customers and promote healthy, sustainable eating through technology.

Working in small teams, pupils brainstormed ideas, created digital campaign concepts, and developed marketing strategies before presenting their final pitches to Reading Room's judges.

Teamwork, Innovation, and Inspiration

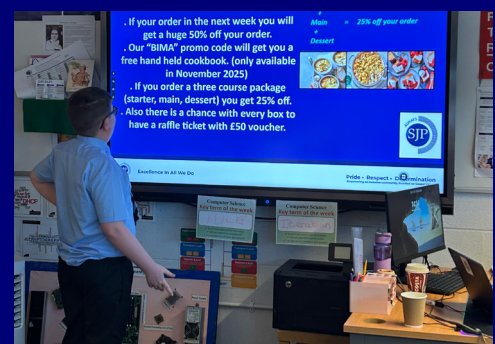
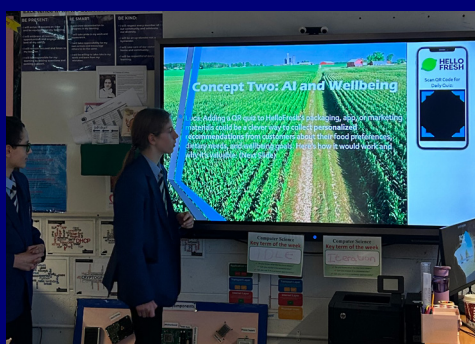
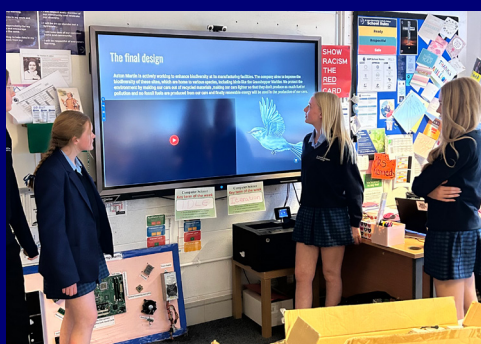
The creativity and confidence shown by our students were outstanding. From interactive mobile apps and social media campaigns to eco-friendly marketing ideas, every group demonstrated teamwork, problem-solving, and presentation skills that truly impressed the judges.

The Reading Room team praised the students' ability to think like professionals — combining creativity with digital awareness and real-world relevance.

Inspiring Digital Futures

BIMA Digital Day 2025 was a huge success and an inspiring experience for everyone involved. Our students left with a greater understanding of the exciting opportunities in the digital and creative industries — and a sense that the next big idea could come from them!

A huge thank you to Reading Room for giving our students such a valuable and memorable experience, and to BIMA for connecting education with the world of digital innovation.



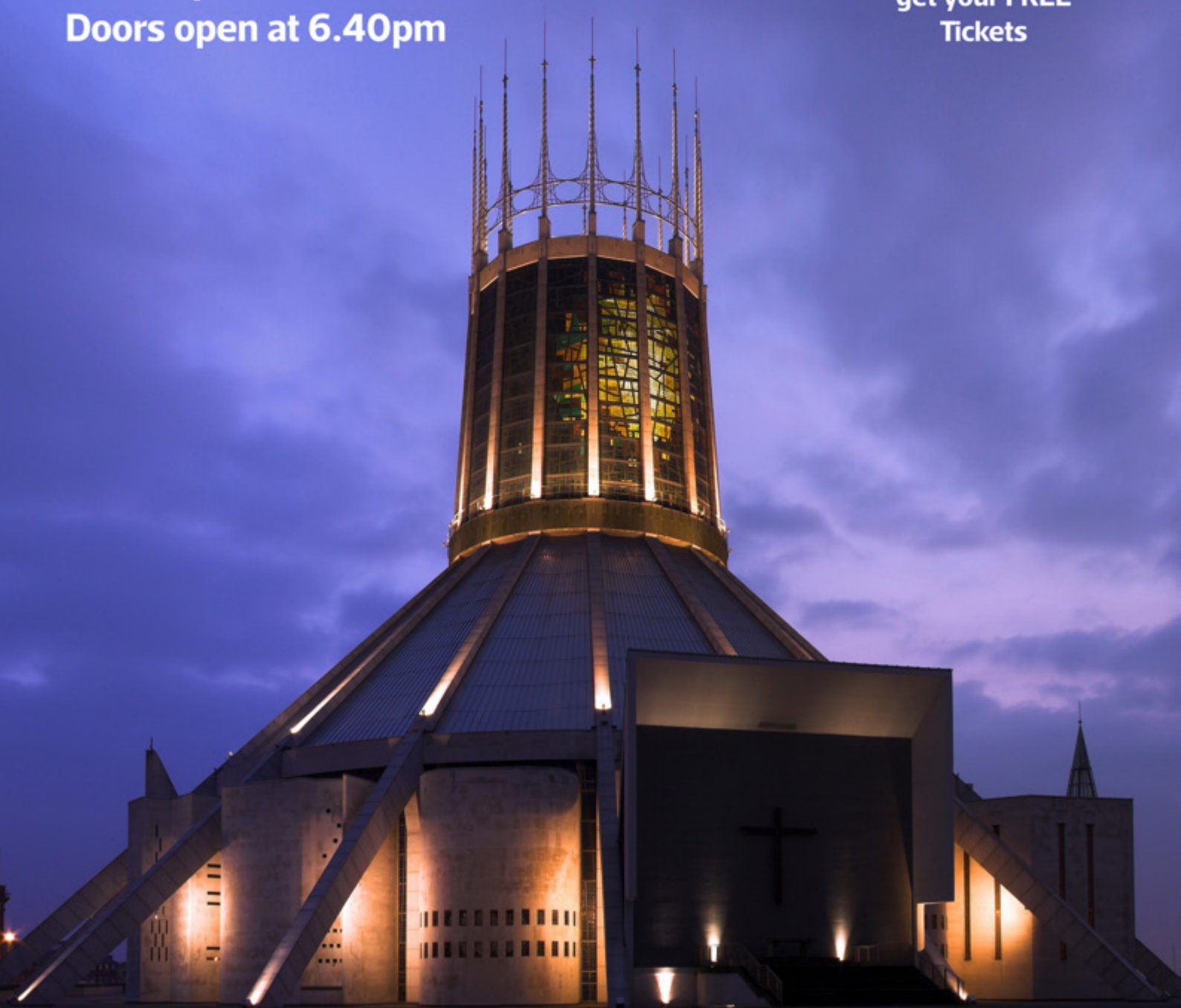
✦ HFCMAT P R E S E N T S

Joy to the World

Tuesday 16th December
Doors open at 6.40pm



Scan the QR code to
get your **FREE**
Tickets



Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral,
Cathedral House, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool L3 5TQ





CAREERS FOCUS – IT and the Internet

What is IT?

IT is basically the technology that powers our lives. Not just the apps we use but the hardware too, computers, smartphones, tablets and even the servers the internet runs on.

And how is the internet job sector linked to IT?

The internet job scene is super linked to IT. The internet runs on IT – the physical stuff that transports it around and lets us access it on our phones and laptops.

What about the digital sector?

The digital sector is all about using tech for marketing, design, and communication. It is where creativity meets analytics to connect brands with audiences online.

What skills will I need?

Some examples:

Analytical thinking

Analytical thinking involves breaking down complex problems and finding solutions. They are key in tech, helping you make data driven decisions and optimise processes.

Communication

Communication skills are essential in tech. Whether collaborating on projects or explaining complex ideas, being able to convey your thoughts clearly makes a huge difference.

Creativity

Creativity fuels innovation in tech. It allows you to think outside the box, come up with unique solutions and design engaging experiences that resonate with users.

Logical thinking

Logical thinking is about solving problems systematically. It is crucial in tech roles, helping you make sense of data and develop efficient solutions to challenges.

Problem solving

Problem solving is all about tackling challenges head on. In tech, this skill means identifying issues and coming up with practical solutions to keep things running smoothly.

What apprenticeships can I do?

You can dive straight into a tech career with apprenticeships like cyber security technologist (level 4) or software developer (level 4) to kickstart your journey.

Is uni an option?

Yes, university is a solid choice if you are looking for in depth knowledge. Degrees in computer science or digital marketing can set you up for a bright future.

What professional qualifications can I gain?

You can earn qualifications like Chartered IT Professional (CITP) from the British Computer Society. These boost your credibility and skills in the tech industry.

To finish, the PDF directs you to explore Lizzie's story. She is a digital communications manager:
<https://icould.com/stories/lizzie-dcm/>
Careers Focus – IT and the Inte...

Upcoming Events

Week B

Monday 24th November 2025

Year 11 & 13 Trial Exams

Tuesday 25th November 2025

Year 11 & 13 Trial Exams

Y10 Drop Down PSA Dance & PE

Wednesday 26th November 2025

Year 11 & 13 Trial Exams

Thursday 27th November 2025

Year 11 & 13 Trial Exams

YR12 Cambridge Residential

Friday 28th November 2025

Year 11 & 13 Trial Exams

YR12 Cambridge Residential

Week A

Monday 1st December 2025

NHS Flu Session Nasal Sprays/Vaccinations

Y7-11

Y11 - Sixth Form Taster Afternoon

Tuesday 2nd December 2025

Y9 -Michael Aldag performance & careers talk

Reports Sent (7, 8, 9)

Wednesday 3rd December 2025

Justice Dept Presentation - Y10

Thursday 4th December 2025

Friday 5th December 2025

Christmas Fair

Rewards & Recognition

Year 7

Muhammed Affan, Charlotte Fitzgerald, Bobby Johnson, Jessica Forrest, Jackson Davies, Samuel Crossley, Fletcher Powney, George Creer, Isaac Miller, Jacob Williams, Patsy Rimmer, Erin Page, Nile McCarthy

Year 8

Saania Mustafae, Adylyn George, Naveah Dodoma, Charlie Leigh Westlake, Andrew Williams, Isaac Whittenbury, Logan McDonald-Owen, Jack Evans, Macie-Lea Kelly, May Pryce, Heidi Churchill, Giselle Gordon, Kel Yousif

Year 9

Cole Kinsella, Amelia Hogg, Mila Lawton, JP Butterworth, Millie Lacey, Charlotte Hutchinson, Amber Flint, Karl Evans, Lily Jane Jones, Will Coburn, Lucia Skye Rudd, William Coburn, Rhys Riley

Year 10

Joe Hastewell, Elsie Newman-Tierney, Lily Fearon, Rodriguez Iker, Alisha Noble, Jess Rutter, George Brine, Elsie Wooten, Faith Robinson, Joseph Taylor, Emily Burnett, Alfie Williams-Moore, Rhys Shek

Year 11

Andrei Neascu, Harriet Lowther, Frank Kaczor, Emily Burnett, Jenson Jones, Sophie Doyle Woods, Ellis Connor, Isaac Kennedy, Grace Hayden, Tom Barret, Hannah Mazier, Johanna Van Helm, Kryspin Grodzki

Year 12

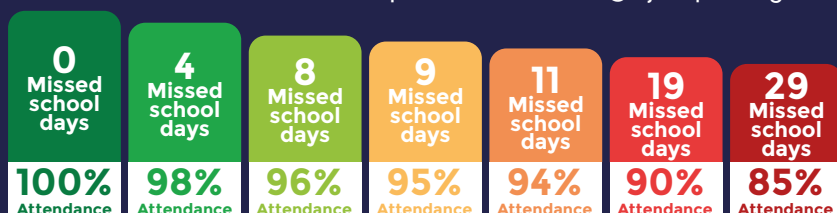
Daniel Williams, Patryk Szyba, Lily Fearon, Andrew Sarson, Helen Henry, May Delamere, Maya Khan, Ben Davies, Daniel Esparza Topping, Edward Moore, Amelia Roberts, Bithiah Alwin George, Evangeline Carty, Daisy Byran, Alfie Roberts, Bethany Murphy, Jade Challinor, Thomas Roche, Emil Shibu, Isabel Iranzo, Harry Edwards, Kishor Sasitharan, Josa Davies, Corey Evans

Year 13

Charlotte Williams, Coby Riley, Mila Lawton, Emily Burnett, Erin Boardman, Georgina Thurston, Will Coburn, Liam McCulloch, Lucia Skye Rudd, Erin Appleton, Elsa Harvey, Liam Blackburn, Scarlett Jones, Hami Nass, Joshua O'Toole, Patryk Syzba, Isabelle Hewitt, Alona Paul, Cam Wilcocks, Layla Gillies Mercer, Jess Goulbourn, Irene Del Furia, Joe Panter, George Quinn, Josh O'Toole, Elsa Harvey, Ethan Chow

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Vision - A Catholic learning community committed to excellence in all we do

Mission - To build an inclusive Catholic community founded on the Gospel Values

Values - Compassion, Respect, Determination, Justice

Headteacher: Mr P McLoughlin BSc (Hons) NPQH

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EVERY DAY COUNTS



Why is attendance important to my child's education?

Did you know?

90%

of young people with attendance **BELOW**

85%

fail to get good grades.

MISSING **1** DAY A WEEK



LOSING ONE YEAR OF SCHOOL LIFE.

Good attendance means:

Being in school at least 97% of the time,

Target
97%



175

days are **NOT** spent in school each year.*

* Plenty of time for shopping, holidays & appointments.

143

Days of education

75%

47 days absent

152

Days of education

80%

38 days absent

162

Days of education

85%

28 days absent

171

Days of education

90%

18 days absent

184

Days of education

97%

6 days absent

190

Days of education

100%

0 days absent

SERIOUSLY WORRIED

Why poor attendance has a serious impact & reduces life chances.

VERY CONCERNED

Poor attendance gives less chance of success

WELL DONE

Good attendance gives the best chance of success