



ST JOHN PLESSINGTON
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

*A Catholic learning community committed to
excellence in all we do...*





Headteacher's Message

Dear St John Plessington Catholic College Community,

What an energetic and spiritually enriching start to the term we've experienced! I'm delighted to share some wonderful moments from our school community.

Our recent Open Morning was a fantastic opportunity to showcase St John Plessington in full operation, allowing prospective students and families to see the vibrant learning environment we've created.

A particularly special moment last week was the Pilgrimage of the Jubilee Icon to our school. Bishop Mark blessed this precious icon, and we celebrated with a beautiful Celebration of the Word involving our staff and students. Our team then travelled to St John's Juniors to pass the icon along its diocesan journey.

We've also had some remarkable student experiences. Our Alton Towers rewards trip was a highlight, recognising and celebrating student achievements. Our Year 12 students embarked on an Emmaus walk, a profound spiritual journey that symbolises the disciples encountering the risen Christ. This pilgrimage reflects the deeper faith and personal growth we encourage in our students.

The Diocese of Shrewsbury's Year 7 Retreat, delivered by the Youth Mission team, has been instrumental in supporting our newest students as they begin their spiritual journey with us. These sessions, being delivered across Year 7 forms, will continue next week, and we're looking forward to hearing more about the students' experiences.

Attendance remains a critical focus for us. The majority of our students have made an excellent start, with superb attendance levels. We want to emphasise that while 100% attendance is ideal, maintaining attendance above 97% is crucial for academic attainment. We've noticed a concerning trend of increased absences on Fridays, and we'll be monitoring this closely. Again, to highlight, the proposed industrial action by Stagecoach has been cancelled.

Our Heads of Learning and pastoral teams are committed to supporting students and breaking down any barriers to ensure consistent attendance. We encourage all our students to attend school every day and maximise their learning opportunities.

As ever, it's been a busy start to the term with so much happening across our school community. I hope you all have a great weekend.

Peadar McLoughlin
Headteacher



Liverpool ONE are proud to support the dot-art Schools Winning Artists display!

Liverpool ONE are proud to support the dot-art Schools Winning Artists display. You can now see the fantastic 2025 showcase on School Lane, featuring the incredible creativity of young artists from across the Liverpool City Region including Daniel's beautiful mixed media painting.

Our very own Daniel visited on Thursday to see his winning painting unveiled on the large-scale wall mural—a truly proud moment for his family and our school. What a superstar he is!



Edward Shines at the English Schools Athletics Association Combined Events National Championships!

Edward had a fantastic – if exhausting – weekend competing in the Octathlon at the National Championships. After day one, he led the competition following four strong events. On day two, he fought to the very end, finishing the 1500m with a personal best performance.

He completed the Octathlon with an impressive 5418 points, taking 2nd place by just 15 points – a result that now places him 3rd overall in the UK! As recognition of his outstanding performance, Edward has been selected to represent England in December. What an incredible achievement – we are so proud of him.



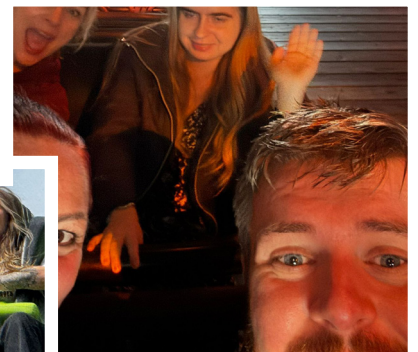
Pupils Rewarded with Alton Towers Trip for Excellent Attendance

At SJP, we believe that excellent attendance is the key to success and this week, pupils who have achieved over 97% attendance over the last academic year were rewarded with a fantastic day out at Alton Towers.

The trip was organised to celebrate and recognise the commitment of our pupils who consistently attend school, demonstrating dedication to their learning and making the most of every opportunity.

From thrilling rollercoasters to fun-filled attractions, pupils enjoyed a day packed with excitement, laughter, and unforgettable memories. For many, it was a well-deserved reward for their hard work and determination throughout the term.

Staff praised the pupils not only for their excellent attendance but also for the way they represented the school during the visit, showing respect, kindness, and great enthusiasm.

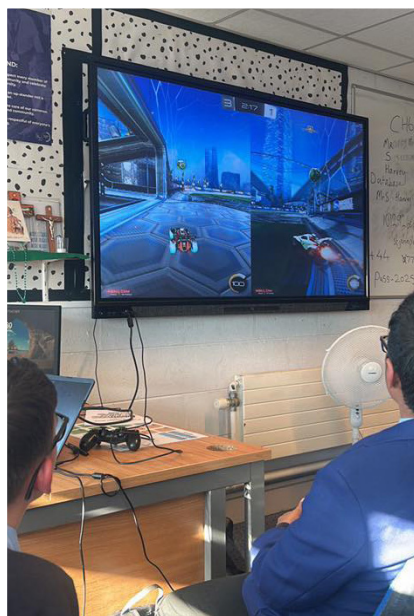


KS3 Esports & Coding Club Every Thursday | 3:15pm – 4:15pm

This week we had an incredible turnout with 60 students taking part – a fantastic start and such a buzz in the room!

Whether you're into competitive gaming or keen to develop your coding skills, this is the place for you.

Everyone is welcome – so come along next week and get involved!



Year 11 Football Triumph: SJP Through to Next Round on Penalties

A huge well done to our Year 11 football team, who made their National Cup debut this week against Kirkby High School.

It was a thrilling match from start to finish. SJP looked strong early on, taking the lead at 2-0 and later extending it to 3-1. However, two late goals from Kirkby took the game to penalties, setting up a nail-biting finish.

Showing determination and composure, the boys held their nerve and secured a 4-2 victory on penalties, booking their place in the next round of the National Cup.



Luke's Fundraising Success Helps SJP Sixth Form Donate Nearly £5,000

A huge well done to Luke Boston, Year 13, who has raised over £400 for Claire House as part of our Sixth Form fundraising drive.

This is an incredible achievement, and we are so proud of Luke for his determination, positivity, and ability to inspire others – even recruiting family members to get involved and raise even more money for such a worthy cause.

With Luke's fantastic contribution, our Sixth Form has now donated nearly £5,000 to Claire House over the past two years – and we're excited to continue supporting this amazing charity in the future.



Creativity in Action: GCSE Art Students Design Personal Adinkra Prints

Our GCSE Art students have been busy lino printing their own Adinkra symbols, each carefully chosen for its personal meaning.

The project has given students the chance to explore cultural symbolism while developing their printmaking skills. We can't wait to see how they build on this work through their collaged homework and personal responses.

It's an exciting time in the Art Department, and we're incredibly proud of these talented young artists as they continue to showcase their creativity and imagination.



Chaplaincy

This week the Gospel to Life sessions have been about Oscar Romero, the namesake of one of our houses. Romero was a quiet and scholarly person who from an early age displayed a great commitment to spiritual life.

Eventually he was chosen to lead the Church in his native El Salvador as archbishop. He was chosen because people thought he was “safe” and he would side with the powerful interest and wealthy people in his country which at the time was ravaged by a civil war between Marxist rebels and authoritarian right-wingers.

Romero preached peace, justice, reconciliation. He did not pick sides but always raised his voice for the poor and marginalised and ministered to them. Eventually, forces of the government decided to silence him. They threatened him, imprisoned him, humiliated him. Eventually they hired people to assassinate him while he was celebrating the Mass, that symbol of Christian love and service.

Romero is an example of following Christ’s call to pursue justice which we can all do in our lives, even if we do not face the terrible situation Romero faced. We can, every day, make a decision to work for a better world through dialogue and reconciliation between people. Next Wednesday we will celebrate our school Mass at 1445. If you would like to attend as a parent, please let me know at hansb@hfcmat.com and arrive at reception at 1440. We would love to welcome you.



Upcoming Events

Monday 29th September 2025

Youth Mission – Diocese of Shrewsbury Yr 7 Retreat

Tuesday 30th September 2025

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Wednesday 1st October 2025

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Y11 Human Geography Fieldtrip

Thursday 2nd October 2025

Youth Mission – Diocese of Shrewsbury Yr 7 Retreat

Friday 3rd October 2025

Youth Mission – Diocese of Shrewsbury Yr 7 Retreat

Monday 6th October 2025

Tuesday 7th October 2025

PE Y10 Football National Cup Fixture Blacon High School
Y12 Initial Assessment

Wednesday 8th October 2025

Thursday 9th October 2025

Y11 Progress Review Meetings (3.45–7pm)

Friday 10th October 2025

Young Minds – Hellow Yellow

Rewards & Recognition

Year 7:

Penelope Whittaker, Jess Johnson, brodie grieswood, Isla Donoghough, Jaiden Nag, Prisha Gurnell, Asher Gati, Jacob Barker, Fletcher Powney, Evie Nolan, Yazan Almeen, Jacob Barker, Kyle Kewley, Lincoln Kelly, David Garnett, Abby Cullimore

Year 8:

Joseph Rawson, Waten Ali, Lara Souza Azevedo, Aloysious Shilju, Annria Paul, Adam Jebb, Oliver Norman, James Grieves, Autumn Cuninghame, Destiny Igoe, Savannah Rae Bateman, Mathew Munashe Moyo, Lucy Sawley, Andrei Neacsu, Daisy Mae Kelly, Emily Butler, Mia Kent, Sawyer Dawson-Gore, Charlie Fewtrell, Ava Jebb, Josie May McIntyre, George Quinn, Aliyah Osuagwu, David Garnett, Grace Brewer, Jake Dingwall, Erin Page, Isla Mouldsdales, Bobby Martin, Niya Anup, Lois Smith, Saanvi Poreddy, Matthew Igoe, Emilee-Anne Parkinson, George Creer, Mikey McHugh

Year 9:

Glascott, Tyler Hill, Joe Hastewell, Matteo Perez Cuestas, Joseph Deeny, Bobby Joe Whalley, Lucas Mei, Thomas Roche, Duffy, Angelina Joy, Matthew Hulmston, Lucas Evans, Katie McCool, Ruby Wylam, Leon Roberts, LJ Black, Edward Moore, Maddie McCallow, Saania Mustafee, Jenson Cobb, Matthew Quinlan, Adrian Prieto, Adylyn George, Tim Behrens, Imogen O'Gorman, Louis Edison Devin, Isabel Prescott, Hollie Reed, Patsy Rimmer

Year 10:

Josie May McIntyre, Finn Wilson, Summer Smith, Psalm Amaripa Espiritu, Lily McVeigh, Xander Roberts, Evangaline Carty, Edward Merrin, Amelia Clerkin, Connor Wilson, Ella Owston, David Garnett, Harley Woods, Daniel Newmarch, Mia Kent, Will Kelso, Hami Nass, James Hyland, Sofia Spencer, Heidi Churchill, Mia McCarthy, Lily Anderson, Lilly-Jane Jones

Year 11:

Mo Elhassan, Brooke Hughes, Mitchell Wylde, Emily Sass, John Patrick-Cameron, Robin Manoj, Noah Ferguson, Toby Layfield, Adele Harwood, Pheabe Cullen, Aeden Larnicol-Ringwood, Harry Forshaw, Isabelle Hewitt, Daniel Newmarch, Sienna Braimo, Liam McCulloch, Aliyah Osuagwu, James Hyland, Jismi Joseph, Shazeem Chong, Seb McArdle, Gabriella Ujedibie, Bobby Smith, Jacob Hughes, Leyla Gokce, Sophie Thompson-Parry, Paige Wallace, Dan Welch, Vivien Olie

Year 12:

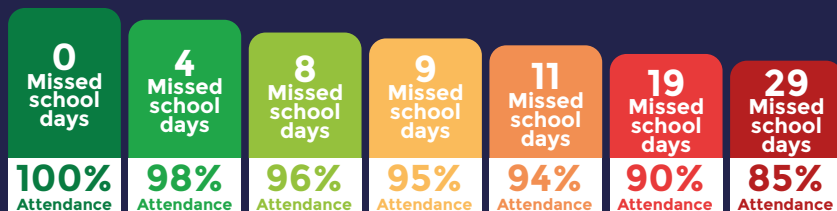
George Quinn, Mya Dutton, Jovile Kleibaite, Aliyah Osuagwu, Greta Gasparini, Beth Gladwin, Sheyla Diaz, Jack Lally, Neve Murphy, Johanna van Zelm, Isabelle Hewitt, Daniel Newmarch, Joshua O'Toole, Ruby Wylam, Leon Roberts, Grace Brewer, Lexi Trantom, Huw Maddox, Leighton Jones, Oscar Potter, Blake Domville, Adrian Wolf, Mitchell Welsman, Allegra Collosi, Evie Gelling Reynolds, Harry Davies

Year 13:

Sacha Garner, Liz Jospeh, Summer Jones Hughes, Amelia Clerkin, Jack Lally, Sinead Daly, Ethan Chow, Isabelle Hewitt, Joshua O'Toole, Edward Moore, Erin Cartwright, Hattie Jebb, May Delamere, Isaac Kennedy, Yousif Yousif, Ed Whittaker, Aldin Binoy

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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

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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