



**ST JOHN PLESSINGTON**  
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER

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





## Headteacher's Reflection

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we complete the first two weeks of the new term, I want to extend my sincere thanks for your continued support. It has been wonderful to see our students settle so well, contributing to a real positive climate for learning across the college.

I am pleased to report that our students' behaviour has been excellent, reflecting the high standards we expect. Our uniform looks smart and professional—thank you for ensuring your child comes to school dressed appropriately. A reminder that blazers should be brought to school every day. If a coat is needed, it must be a proper coat; zip-up tops or substitutes for blazers are not permitted.

Please also ensure your child brings their school bag daily, equipped with all necessary materials to support their learning.

Our recent Open Evening was a fantastic success, showcasing St John Plessington at its best. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many visitors commenting on the exemplary behaviour and attitude of our amazing students. Thank you to all who took part in making the event so special.

This week, we launched our "Gospel to Life" initiative, with all year groups actively living out our Catholic ethos and embodying our mission, vision, and values of Excellence.

Attendance continues to be a key priority. Research shows that attendance above 97% significantly supports improved outcomes for all students. Well done to everyone for such a positive start—let's keep this momentum to ensure ongoing improvement across all aspects of college life.

Finally, I am thrilled to introduce our Junior Leadership Team in this week's newsletter. Their contributions to the college community and commitment to school improvement are truly inspiring. One of my favourite parts of the year is interviewing these students and hearing about the positive impact the school has had on their lives. I look forward to working closely with them throughout the year.

Thank you once again for your partnership. Wishing you all a fantastic weekend.

Mr Peadar McLoughlin  
Headteacher

## Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Students, Staff, and Families,  
Welcome back to St John Plessington Catholic College for another exciting school year. As Chair of Governors, I am delighted to see our community come together once again, united by our shared commitment to excellence, inclusion, and the Gospel values that guide us.



This year, we continue to strive to be "A Catholic learning community committed to excellence in all we do," Compassion, Respect, Determination and Justice in every aspect of school life. I encourage everyone to embrace the opportunities ahead, support one another, and make the most of the rich experiences our school offers.

Together, we will build on our successes and work collaboratively to ensure every student thrives in a safe, supportive, and inspiring environment.

Wishing you all a rewarding and fulfilling year.

With best wishes,  
Clare McNicholas  
Chair of Governors

## Celebrating Our New Junior Leadership Team at St John Plessington Catholic College

This week, we had the privilege of selecting our wonderful leaders and ambassadors for the Junior Leadership Team. It was an honour to listen to their inspiring stories, their journeys through SJP, and their innovative ideas on how to continue making our school the best it can be.

We received an impressive total of 20 applications, and I must admit, many sleepless nights were spent deliberating who would take on the vital roles of Chair and Vice Chairs. The decision was incredibly challenging, as every candidate showed remarkable potential and dedication.

In the end, all students have been appointed to key strategic areas within the team, and I have every confidence they will excel in their roles. Congratulations to Bithiah, who was selected as our Chair for the 2025-2026 academic year, supported by Jack and Liz as Vice Chairs.

We look forward to sharing their exciting plans and initiatives in upcoming newsletters. Keep an eye out to see how they will lead our school community with Compassion, Respect, Determination and Justice.



## St John Plessington Catholic College Open Evening a Huge Success!

We were thrilled to welcome over 1,000 visitors through our doors at our recent Open Evening. It was fantastic to see so many prospective students and their families eager to explore what makes our school truly exceptional.

A huge thank you to all our dedicated staff and wonderful students who contributed to making the evening such a memorable experience. Your enthusiasm and hard work shone through, and the feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive.

As Headteacher, I am incredibly proud of our whole school community for showcasing the excellence, Compassion, Respect, Determination, Justice that define St John Plessington Catholic College.

Looking ahead, we warmly invite parents to join us for our Open Mornings on **Monday 15 September** and **Tuesday 23 September 2025**, from 9am to 11am. These sessions offer a focused opportunity for parents to learn more about our inclusive and empowering environment.

For more information and to book your place, please visit our website.

Thank you for helping us spread the word!



## Toilet use

A reminder to all parents and students about an important aspect of our school day routine regarding students leaving lessons to fill water bottles or use the toilets.

To minimise disruption to learning and ensure students make the most of their lesson time, students should only leave lessons to fill water bottles or use the toilets in exceptional emergency situations. We ask that students fill their water bottles in the canteen at the start and end of the school day, as well as during the lunch break.

Similarly, toilet use should be planned for during break and lunch times. Students will not be permitted to leave lessons to use the toilets except in urgent medical circumstances. In cases of medical need, we kindly request that appropriate medical evidence is provided to the school to support any necessary exceptions.

Please encourage your child to use the toilets and fill their water bottles during break and lunch periods to avoid missing valuable learning time and disrupting lessons.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us maintain a focused and productive learning environment for all students.

## Punctuality

We are committed to ensuring all students benefit fully from their education, and punctuality is a key part of this. Please be reminded that school gates close promptly at 08:35. Students arriving after this time must enter through the canteen and will receive an end-of-day detention.

Lateness to lessons will also result in detention, as we must minimise disruption and ensure learning time is maximised.

We ask for your support in ensuring your child arrives on time every day. If your child is unavoidably late, please contact the school to explain the reason.

Thank you for working with us to promote excellent attendance and punctuality.



## A Fantastic Start for Our New Year 7 Students at St John Plessington Catholic College

September 2nd marked an exciting and memorable day as our new Year 7 students arrived for their very first day at St John Plessington Catholic College. It has been wonderful to see them settle so quickly and confidently into their new environment, already making their own way to lessons and embracing life within our SJP family.

Our cohort of 278 Year 7 students, including 7 Assisi students, have all made an incredible start. Their behaviour and appearance have been exemplary, reflecting the pride and respect that underpin our school values. It is clear that they are ready to embark on their educational journey with determination and enthusiasm.

A significant contributor to this smooth transition has been our Summer School programme. The activities during this week were thoughtfully designed to help students acclimate to the routines and expectations of secondary school life. The engaging and supportive environment provided by our dedicated staff was instrumental in helping our new students feel welcomed and confident from day one.

I extend my sincere thanks to all the staff involved in delivering the Summer School activities. Your commitment and passion have made a real difference in ensuring our students start their time at SJP on a positive and successful note.

As Headteacher, I am excited to work with our new Year 7 students over the next seven years, supporting their growth, achievements, and development within our inclusive and inspiring community.

Well done to all our new students—keep up the fantastic work! challenge ourselves in alternative activities. We are very proud of the way all our children conducted themselves.



# News and Announcement

## Chaplaincy – Sept 12 2025

### Confirmation Preparation

Every year, pupils and staff who wish to be confirmed have the opportunity to join the confirmation preparation process which takes place at school and at St Ann's Parish. Last year we had a cohort of pupil and adult candidates begin this process and several were confirmed by the Bishop.

Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation in the Catholic Church. It is typically conferred on teenagers and adults who wish to receive this sacrament of the strengthening by the Holy Spirit.

On November 19, the Bishop will confer the sacrament on all our candidates. If your child or you wish to be confirmed and thereby complete the sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church or if you have any questions about confirmation or baptism, please contact us at [hansb@stjohnplessington.com](mailto:hansb@stjohnplessington.com)



### Reflection

Our pupils did a great job on Open Evening. It is so inspiring to see and hear them describe their experience of school to visitors. In the Chaplaincy Harry and Georgie invited visitors to come have a look at the Chapel, the peace Garden, and while light permitted the Farm. Their enthusiasm for chaplaincy activity was obvious to our visitors some of whom were pleasantly surprised to see the space provided in our school for these purposes. There were many good questions, usually in the form of: How Catholic is the school? Harry and Georgie gave an excellent description of how prayer, reflection, activity, charity and enrichment are woven into the fabric of their day.

Next week we will take a big step in our Year group-based Celebration of the Word. Starting Monday, the St Bernadette forms in each year group will be leading the Celebrations, sharing the prayers they wrote, the reflections they have, the music they chose. Our aim is to provide every pupil with an opportunity and an experience of contributing to sharing and celebrating the Gospel.

This week we began the gospel to life programme. These sessions are intended to help pupils relate the message of the Gospel to real life, to see how the message and person of Jesus inspired people to action and formed a movement, the Church, and that this movement is at the heart of our school with a call to all of us to follow Jesus. This week pupils learned about people whose faith has inspired heroic virtue like Sophie Scholl, Father Damien and Dorothy Day. Next week our Key Stage 3 pupils will learn more about Carlo Acutis, now Saint Carlo Acutis, the young boy born in London whose life is an example of the call to all us to live our life with and for God.

In Carlo's case this journey of faith was not dramatic. In his short life of 15 years, he inspired so many people to become more faithful, more loving, more open to God through simple everyday things. In school and at home, we can follow his example by doing little things with great love.

# Upcoming Events

**Monday 15th September 2025**  
SJP Open Morning 09:00–11:00

**Tuesday 16th September 2025**

**Wednesday 17th September 2025**  
Pilgrimage of the Jubilee Icon of the Visitation to Schools & Colleges

**Thursday 18th September 2025**  
Pilgrimage of the Jubilee Icon of the Visitation to Schools & Colleges  
Y13 Progress Review Meetings (3.45–7pm)

**Friday 19th September 2025**  
Pilgrimage of the Jubilee Icon of the Visitation to Schools & Colleges  
Y12 Emmaus Walk/ Alton Towers Trip

**Monday 22nd September 2025**  
Youth Mission – Diocese of Shrewsbury Yr 7 Retreat

**Tuesday 23rd September 2025**  
Youth Mission – Diocese of Shrewsbury Yr 7 Retreat  
SJP Open Morning 09:00–11:00

**Wednesday 24th September 2025**  
Youth Mission – Diocese of Shrewsbury Yr 7 Retreat

**Thursday 25th September 2025**  
Youth Mission – Diocese of Shrewsbury Yr 7 Retreat  
Coffee Morning – Vape & drug Awareness

**Friday 26th September 2025**  
Youth Mission – Diocese of Shrewsbury Yr 7 Retreat  
Green Careers Carousel

# Rewards & Recognition

## Year 7:

Arthur Greenwood, Theo Jones, Ellie Copeland, Alexia Black, Kira Burns, Harley Pinch, Charlie Lally, Darcy Down, Callum Linge, Orla Whiteside, Asher Gati, Violet Field

## Year 8:

Savannah Rae Bateman, Adylyn George, Bella Bradley, Leo Marshal, Minan Salih, Matthew Green, Abel Linson, Joel Harvey, Ryan Muthanna/ Oliver Norman, Lewis Hill, Evie Smith, Lois Carew, Daniel Griffiths, Jack McVeigh, Finley Shone, Bella Cawley, Alyssia Clerkin, Dan Griffiths, Georgie Gorman, Hannah Shibi, Farrah Stewart, Evs Barratt, Layla McCarthy, Cassius Flynn, Fletcher Powney, Saanvi Poreddy–Mahender–Nath, Oakley Goodacre, Ellie Copeland, Peter Carr, Brody Grisewood, Lucas Lovett, Annie Kevill Whiting, Dolly McCulloch

## Year 9:

Rayne Windrow, Lilah Morton, Leila Guthrie, Mia Wilde, Sophia Mae Byrne, Jillian Tan, Cole Kinsella, Isy McCabe, Dylan Russell, Noah Johnson, Ceirios Humphreys, Finley Sutton–Downey, Jacob Jones, Logan Davies/Piotr Babol, Oscar Archer, Jacob Smyth, Jack Connolly, Alfie Riley, Ria Best, Megan Hanaghan, Annabelle Barnes, Chloe Merity, Halle Atherton

## Year 10:

Max Liddicoat, Lyla–Rose Dakin–Mills, Darcie McClean, Ava Jebb, Dylan Hughes, Korey Jones, Freya Foy, Josie Mae McIntyre/Amelia Parry, James Cloetel–Eberell, Lucia Rudd, Sawyer Dawson–Gore, Samuel Poulse, Robyn Paterson, Ava Bailey, Julia Sijka, James Cloette–Ebbrell, Lucia Gordon, Archie McGowan, Layla Jebb, Elizabeth Williams, Imogen Lawrence, Sienna Davies, Vinnie Martin, Lee Makonese, Zac Reynolds, Elise Newman Tierney, Owen West, Charlie Wylam, Aston Hunt, Elsie Wooten

## Year 11:

Brooke Hughes, Niall Robinson, Thomas Moynihan, Amy Fullerton, Derek Smith, Robin Manoj, Kia Cookson, Aileen Anil, Seb McArdle, Ruby Marwaha, Jake Clark, Daniel Hunter, Alona Paul, Chloe Slack, Delvin Matibiri, Jayne Dunn, Oscar Taylor, Harry Barnett, Isla J – and pastoral, Nicole May, Kaleb Craze, Amelia Clerkin, Grace Hayden, Grace Brooker, Meg Byrne, Zac Tierney, Mia Cheshire, Gamu Chimichuri, Huw Maddox, Aine Maddox, Max Morgan, Jenson Jones, Alfie Smith

## Year 12:

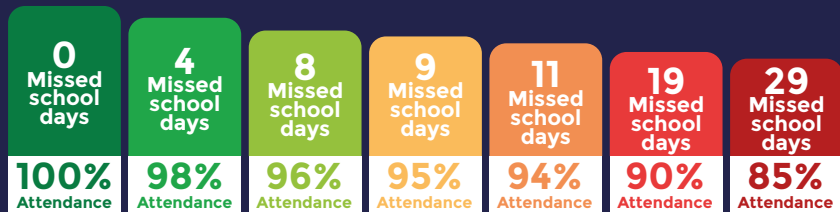
Alisha O'Brien, Daniel Chung, Ben Duckworth, Libby Agrellis, Connor Archer, Matei Stoica, Kaleb Dobbins, Libby Lefbrve, Edward Moore, Elena Garipoli, Maggie Lloyd, James Peacock, Patryk Szyba, Sophie Wheeler, Mya Dutton, Lorenzo Barbagello, Caitlin J, Dom Simmons, Rosa Turk & Molly Higham, Freya Bennett, Leighton Bibby, Jack Sharp, Ed Moore, Hannah Mazier, George Quinn, Summer Hemingway, Finlay Moreton, Abi Donnelly

## Year 13:

Erin Appleton, Lexi Downey, Leon Roberts, Georgina Thurston, Sophie Haslam, Arron Smith, Syeda Rahat, Alex Davies, Harriet Wooten, Ruby Wylam, Beatrix Manley, Liam McCulloch, Elwin Eldho, Amelia Jones, Sienna Braimo, Liam Blackburn, Coby Riley, Liam Mc, Crystal Martin, Jasper Coy & Isobel Wilcox, Liz Joseph, Jack Lally, Bithiah Alwin–George, Sherin Sabu, Ryan Cottrell, Daisy Drinkwater, Sasha Garner, Yousif Yousif

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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

**Deputy Headteacher:** Mr B Nunnery BA (Hons) & MA in Education | **Deputy Headteacher:** Mrs E Donohoe 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