



ST JOHN PLESSINGTON
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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





Headteacher's Message

As we move towards the final few weeks of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your continued support of our school community. The partnership between home and school is so important, and we are incredibly grateful for everything you do to support our young people.

This week has marked the end of examinations for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. We wish them every success as they await their results this summer and look forward to celebrating their achievements with them in August.

If you ever want to witness the cohesion, compassion and sense of family that exists here at SJP, you only need to look at the way our Year 11 and Year 13 students have come together over recent weeks. It has been an emotional time as we say goodbye to many students who have been part of our community for five or even seven years.

Our Year 11 Leavers' Liturgy was a wonderful occasion, providing an opportunity for reflection, gratitude and celebration. This was followed by a truly special evening at Thornton Hall. It was fantastic to see students enjoying themselves, celebrating together, dancing and creating lasting memories. The overwhelming sense of community throughout the evening perfectly reflected the values we work so hard to instil in our young people.

One of the highlights of the evening was being able to celebrate the remarkable fundraising efforts of our Year 11 students. Through their own organisation and determination, they raised £1,000 for Alder Hey Children's Hospital and more than £9,000 for Cancer Research UK in support of Alexandra following her recent diagnosis. Their compassion, leadership and commitment to supporting others has been inspirational. I am immensely proud to be the Headteacher of such a fantastic school and such an exceptional group of young people. Parents and families should be incredibly proud of all they have achieved.

I would also like to thank the many parents who have taken the time to send messages of thanks to staff. These messages are always

greatly appreciated and mean a great deal to colleagues who work tirelessly to support our students each day.

Our Year 10 students have now begun their trial examinations and have made a fantastic start. They have approached the examination period with maturity, focus and determination, and we wish them every success over the coming weeks.

Another real highlight of this term has been celebrating our end-of-term Masses with Years 7, 8 and 9 at St John the Evangelist Church in Bebington. It was wonderful to gather with our parish community, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the parishioners and to Fr Mario for making us feel so welcome. These opportunities to celebrate our faith together remain an important part of life at SJP.

Next week we look forward to our Year 13 Prom at the Hilton Liverpool as we celebrate what has been a fantastic seven-year journey for many of our students. It promises to be a wonderful occasion and a fitting celebration of their time with us.

As I write this, it is hard to believe that we have just four weeks remaining of this academic year. It has certainly been a busy term, not least with recruitment, and I am delighted to share that we will be fully staffed in September, ensuring we can provide the highest quality curriculum and opportunities for our students.

We are also excited to welcome our new Year 6 students and their families next week for our Induction Evening. It was a pleasure to see so many parents attend our coffee morning this week, and we look forward to welcoming the newest members of the SJP family. There are still a small number of places available in Year 7 for September, should any families wish to apply.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I hope you and your families enjoy the fantastic weather and have a wonderful weekend.

Mr McLoughlin
Headteacher

Celebrating Year 11

A Wonderful Night at Prom

What a night, and what a year group.

Our Year 11 Prom was a wonderful celebration of a fantastic group of young people. It has been an absolute pleasure to watch them grow, and they have been a credit to their families, our school and themselves.

We were so proud to celebrate with them and we look forward to seeing them all again in August. More photos and videos will be shared soon.

Year 11 Leavers' Celebration

We celebrated our Year 11 Leavers' Celebration with a special afternoon filled with memories, laughter and a few tears.

Students came together for prayers from their form tutors, received small gifts, enjoyed a trip down memory lane and spent time signing shirts and sharing ice cream in the Peace Garden.

Well done to all of our Year 11 students. They have been an amazing year group, and we are so proud of everything they have achieved. We cannot wait to celebrate with them again on Results Day.

Photos can be found here: <https://stjohnplessington.com/album-year-11-leavers/>



Year 10 Hospitality and Catering Vegan Cooking Challenge

Our Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students took part in a fantastic vegan cooking challenge with Grubby Meal Kits.

Working in teams, students created delicious plant-based dishes while developing their teamwork, organisation and cooking skills. They also explored sustainability and discovered just how flavourful vegan cooking can be.

We were incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, creativity and hard work. A huge thank you to Miss Saxby for making this opportunity possible.



Year 9 LIPA Taster Day

A group of Year 9 students took part in a Taster Day at LIPA University.

Students enjoyed a tour of the building and took part in acting and musical theatre workshops with LIPA students and facilitators. It was a fantastic opportunity for our young people, and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

They showed great energy, confidence and commitment throughout the day. We cannot wait to see the fantastic work they produce in Year 10 and Year 11.



Year 12 PE LJMU Taster Day

Our Year 12 PE students visited Liverpool John Moores University for a PE Taster Day.

During the day, students experienced a campus tour, took part in analysis and movement sessions, and even had the opportunity to try kin-ball. They fully embraced the experience and represented SJP brilliantly.

It was a valuable opportunity for students to explore university life and develop their understanding of future pathways in PE and sport.



Year 10 Tiki-Inspired Ceramic Masks

Year 10 created a fantastic collection of Tiki-inspired ceramic masks.

Throughout the project, students showed creativity, resilience, problem-solving skills and determination. From their initial designs to the challenge of constructing with slabs of clay, they embraced every stage with enthusiasm and imagination. The quality and individuality of the finished pieces were outstanding. Well done, Year 10, this was a wonderful showcase of artistic talent and hard work.



Madrid Trip

Our pupils enjoyed an exciting trip to Madrid, filled with culture, new experiences and unforgettable memories.

After arriving at the airport ready to begin their adventure, students took part in a flamenco workshop and explored some of Madrid's most famous landmarks, including the Palacio Real and La Catedral de la Almudena.

They also visited the famous San Ginés chocolatería, where they enjoyed a true taste of Spanish culture.

The trip gave pupils a wonderful opportunity to experience the language, history and culture of Madrid first-hand. They represented SJP brilliantly throughout.



Year 10 Basketball Victory

Well done to our Year 10 basketball team, who secured a brilliant 40–35 win against South Wirral High School.

The team showed determination, teamwork and resilience throughout the game, and we were very proud of their performance.



Year 10 PE Pupils Support Primary Sports Day

Our Year 10 PE pupils helped at St John's Primary School Sports Day.

They supported younger pupils throughout the event and showed excellent leadership, encouragement and teamwork. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to be role models and represent SJP in the wider community.



Bella's Brilliant Netball Season.

Congratulations to Bella in year 8 who was, despite challenges, Supremes Netball player of the season, for her year group. She can play every position and has been relentless regardless of the position.

She shows respect to coaches, teammates and opposition, supports others and carries herself with a positive attitude on and off the court!

Well done Bella



Wirral Schools Dance Festival

A group of Year 9 students performed at the Floral Pavilion as part of the Wirral Schools Dance Festival.

The theme was "Moments That Changed the World", and students performed their piece based on the introduction of phones and social media. This was the same piece that achieved second place in the Northern Schools Dance Competition.

The girls performed in two shows and were incredible. We were so proud of their confidence, professionalism and talent.



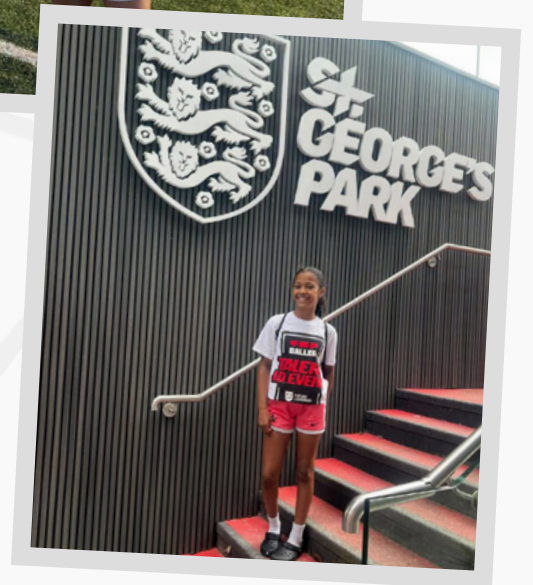
Shamelia's Football Success

Shamelia had an incredible few weeks of football success.

During half term, she travelled to Flamingo Land with her Glenavon team, where they competed against top teams from across the country and won the top cup. Shamelia was also named Player of the Tournament.

The following week, the girls won the league cup while playing a year up, with Shamelia scoring and assisting two goals. She also won the Cheshire Cup. After attending a Talent ID event, Shamelia was invited to the final stage at St George's Park. The experience included gameplay, as well as the opportunity to explore St George's Park alongside England players and coaching staff.

A very busy and successful few weeks. We are incredibly proud of her.



NEW BRIGHTON ARTS FESTIVAL 2026

MONDAY 6TH JULY - SATURDAY 11 JULY

MONDAY 6TH JULY
NB: Unfiltered
A Night at the Tower

TUESDAY 7TH JULY
Choirs by Candlelight

WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY
Blow the Roof Off!

THURSDAY 9TH JULY
Spoken Word
with Joseph Roberts

FRIDAY 10TH JULY
Friday Night Live!

SATURDAY 11TH JULY
NBAF Street Party



We're bidding to be



UK Town of Culture

Reflection from our Trust Chaplain

We are almost through the exam season and we are planning many end-of school year activities. Weather had prevented us from doing all the May Crownings in May, but Year 9 and Year 7 were able to do them this week.

This week we also launched the Alpha Junior Course for Year 9. Pupils have lunch together on 4 consecutive Tuesdays and watch and discuss Alpha course videos. Logan in Year 9 is energetically leading the group and encouraging his classmates. Pupils discuss questions such as "What makes you really happy?" "What would you do if you had 24 hours completely free?" "If you could ask God a question, what would you ask?" It is a real privilege to see young people interacting with each other and with these questions in a positive and engaging way. The course will conclude with a day-long workshop on July 9th.

Last week Father Mario and the parishioners of Saint John the Evangelist welcomed us on three consecutive days. All of Years 7, 8 and 9 attended Mass. Thank you Mr Payne for encouraging us all to sing, and to all the staff who helped make the celebration both joyful and reverend.

Mrs Harvey found a wonderfully succinct explanation of why we go to Mass which we are putting up around the school.

On Tuesday June 23, Year 10 will have the opportunity to go on a day-long retreat. Once again, we will be the guests of the parish as we spend time together in reflection, games, group building activities and prayer. Please encourage your Year 10 child to sign up for this opportunity. On July 7th it will be the turn of the Year 8 to go on retreat.

The annual pilgrimage walks from Heswall to Neston will take place on Wednesday July 15, when we visit the church where the vestments of St John Plessington are kept.

This adventure was a great success this year and we hope that, like so many pilgrimages all over the world, the numbers will grow

The summer term is a busy and active time in chaplaincy and a great time to spend time together reflecting on the past year and getting ready for a purposeful summer.

Here is a prayer you can say with the family for a great finish to the school year
Allmighty ever loving God,

Thank you for leading and helping us through this school year. Thank you for our teachers, families, and friends who have helped us learn and grow. As we come to the end of the year, help us to finish our school work with honesty, kindness, and perseverance. Give us peace during our exams and confidence to do our best and serve others. Amen.



Upcoming Events

Week B

Monday 22nd June 2026

Tuesday 23rd June 2026

Wirral School Athletics Y7 8 9
Y10 Retreat – Day of Reflection

Wednesday 24th June 2026

Student Mass 14:40
Y10 Geography Field Trip – River Alyn

Thursday 25th June 2026

Julia Cunninham visit
Reading for Pleasure – Coffee Morning
Y10 Geography Field Trip – River Alyn
Y6 Induction Evening

Friday 26th June 2026

Year 13 Leaver's Dinner

Week A

Monday 29th June 2026

Y12 Work Experience Week
Y6 Coffee Morning 10:00
World Refugee Day

Tuesday 30th June 2026

Y12 Work Experience Week
Y7-10 Sports Day 2026

Wednesday 1st July 2026

Y12 Work Experience Week
Y6 Induction Day
Student Mass 14:40

Thursday 2nd July 2026

Y12 Work Experience Week
Y8 National Careers Challenge

Friday 3rd July 2026

Y12 Work Experience Week
Bronze DofE Qual Expedition
Y7-10 Esports Competition
Mini Dash and COAST at ST Columba's Chester:

Rewards & Recognition

Year 7

Charlie Murray, Samuel Crossley, Braxton Flint, Niya Elsa Anup, Leighton Cook, Noah Domville, Liam O'Hara, Joseph Marsland, Samuel Tierney, Oakley Goodacre, Brooke Wilson, Ida Choinska, Amala Saji, Matthew Igoe, Jess Johnson, Sophie Sutton, Nicole White, Maisie Edwards, Harley Pinch, Isaac Miller, Lula Eyres, George Creer, Brooke Wilson

Year 8

James Harley Kidman, Hollie Reid, Adylyn George, Evlynn Barrett, Mathew Munashe-moyo, Mads Casey, Sofia McGuinness, Faith Bradley, Matthew Moyo, Evie Smith, Sophie Evans, Jody Lowey, Max Hussey, Casey Down, Ashraf Osman, Licia Rose Jones, Kosi Ohubunwa, Osian Miller, Lewis Hill, Misha Boyd, Riley Owens, Finlay Shone, Bella Woodhouse Williams

Year 9

Lilly Jane Jones, Olivia Glover, James Doughty, Mia McCarthy, Rhys Riley, George Aspey, Pedro Linto, Isla Heron, Annabelle Barnes, Joseph Stanley, Macey Hillman, Autumn and Lizzy Cunningham, Mia Wilde, Caitlin Nolan, Ann Linson, Amelia-Rose Burns, Sophia-Mae Byrne, India Blanchard, Macy Howells, Mila Lawton, Emmy-Rose Hulse, Shirley Leighton, Imogen O'Gorman, Mia McCarthy, Lara Cavanagh, Poppy Glascott, Millie Lacey, Isla Heron, Eleanor Moreton, Ellenor Stewart, Logan Dakin

Year 10

Mia Kent, Amelia Parry, Benjamin Mathew, Blake Casino, Sophie Thompson Parry, Miley Fowler, Isla Burke, David Garnett, Lucian Darkholm, Laura Howell, Tom Burnett, Emily Butler, Thomas Burnett, Ollie Hope, Kaitlyn Rose, Leon Stanos, Amelia McCready, Kuba Fiszer, Analiya Jackson, Robyn Patterson, Daisy Bryan, Penny Daley, Kate Thelwel, Clayton Murphy, Jacob Clyne, Max Liddicoat, Ethan Goldrick, James De Silva, Emma Harvey, Ella Thompson, Justin Hellon, Talia Dumulu, Aron Joshy

Year 12

Ethan Charles, Gaby Ubah, Aliyah Osuagwu, Annabelle O'Brien, Dan Esparza-Topping, Edward Moore, Abi Donnelly, Molly Higham, Max Fraser, Adele Harwood, Sophie Wheeler, Leighton Bibby, Caitlin Kelly, Lily Garnett



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