

# St John Fisher Catholic High School



## Newsletter 1 15 September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to the new term. I hope that you all have had a good summer.

On Tuesday we welcomed 234 students into Year 7 and our new Year 12 students into the Associated Sixth Form. As I am writing this they have settled into the routines really well, but if there are any concerns please contact the Head of Year, Mrs Crichton for Year 7, or the Senior Tutor for Year 12 via the Sixth Form office. We want to make sure the transition is as smooth as possible and support is available when it is needed.

### COMMUNICATION

A newsletter will be emailed every two weeks. Information will also be posted on the school web site. I urge you to spend a few minutes reading these newsletters as this is our main method of communication. Also, if your contact details or email details have changed – please let us know. As you are aware, Mrs Langstaff is the Head of School. She and I are now working together to oversee the running and strategic direction of the school. One of the changes you will see is that, from now on, she will be writing the school newsletter. This is because I am working as a National Leader of Education across the country, and this gives us further capacity.

### AN INVITATION: 3G PITCH OPENING CEREMONY

As you will know, we have worked for many years to secure the funding for a 3G pitch and, last year, the hard work paid off when our 3G Pitch was built. We are marking this success with an official opening on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October, from 3-5.30pm, following on from our school's Open Day. We really hope that you will be able to join us. The centrepiece of our celebrations is an alumni 'old boys' football match and official plaque unveiling. If you are an ex-pupil who would like to play, please email [office@sjfchs.org.uk](mailto:office@sjfchs.org.uk). We are also using this as the first of a series of launch events to establish an Alumni Association – if you are unable to attend are an ex-pupil and would like to become a member, please also email [office@sjfchs.org.uk](mailto:office@sjfchs.org.uk).

In addition to the football match, we will also have plenty of family entertainment on offer in the form of a climbing wall, giant sumo wrestling, other outdoor games and live music, plus a Hog Roast and refreshment tents including a Prosecco van, a Daleside Brewery stand, a Tipple gin tent and much more. Thank you to the SJFA who are organising this event for our community. A letter will be coming out shortly to gauge how many are attending so we can ensure we cater for you all. Please keep your eyes open for the letter and reply slip.

### EXAMINATION RESULTS

Over the summer you may have seen in the press that we were delighted with the A Level and GCSE results this year. The attainment and progress of students has remained really strong; thanks to the hard work of the students, staff and the support of parents. You may also have read that the changes to both grading and courses this year means that it is difficult to compare performance with previous years, however we can be really pleased with the 82% of students who achieved 4+ (equivalent to the old C Grade) in English and Maths, with 67% getting the new tougher measure of 5+. For the EBacc we achieved 54% at 4+, and an impressive 51% achieved the EBACC at the tougher measure of 5+. We expect these figures to be one of the top outcomes in the region.



I am looking forward to working with all students and parents over the coming year.

Yours sincerely



**Mr R A Pritchard**  
**Headmaster**



# INFORMATION

## School Communication

Please see below for forthcoming events; all other events and information are detailed on the school website or Facebook:

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/SJFCHS/>

if you have any queries for teaching staff, please email:

office@sjfchs.org.uk

## Open Day & 3G Pitch Official Opening – Saturday 7 October

This year's Open Day is on Saturday 7 October between 11am and 2pm. All parents and children are welcome to visit the school to see what it can offer for their child's secondary education. This is then followed by the official opening of the 3G pitch. A fun afternoon is in store with various events taking place, more details to follow.

## Year 12 Pastoral Parents' Evening - Monday 18th September, 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Parents of all Year 12 students are invited to a Year 12 Pastoral Parents' Evening on Monday 18 September from 6.30pm to 7.30pm in the Main Hall of St John Fisher School.

The purpose of the event is to outline the Sixth Form programme, introducing the system used for academic monitoring and explaining our expectations in terms of workload and behaviour. The students' perspective will also be presented, and there will be an opportunity to meet your son / daughter's Senior Tutor if there are any matters you wish to discuss on an informal basis.

We hope that parents of Year 12 students are able to join us for this event, which we feel will help parents support the students through the pressures and challenges of sixth form life.

## Year 11 Parental Support Evenings – Wednesday 27 September and 4 October

Year 11 Parent Support Evenings will take place on Wednesday 27 September from 6.30pm for parents of students in 11A, 11B, 11C and 11F and on Wednesday 4 October from 6.30pm for parents of students in 11H, 11M, 11P, 11W and 11EB. Students are not to attend as they will be receiving this information in school. Please complete and return supply slips. If there are any queries, please contact Mr Sharpe or Mr Johnson at school.

## GCSE Review of Remark Requests and Access to Scripts Request

Please be advised that all requests for review of GCSE marking is 9am on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September and the deadline for access to scripts request is 9am Thursday 28 September.

All requests should be completed and returned with the appropriate payment to Mrs Haley, Exams Officer. Any requests received after this deadline will not be actioned.

## Y11 Mock Exam Timetable

For details of the Y11 Mock Exams, click on the link below:

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Y11-MOCK-GCSE-EXAM-TIMETABLE-2017-Given-to-Year-11-for-Students.pdf>



## Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition to Nidderdale - 23 to 24 September

Please sign up ASAP, any queries, please contact Mr Owen.

[dowen@sjfchs.org.uk](mailto:dowen@sjfchs.org.uk)

## Year 7 Welcome Mass and Refreshments

The Year 7 Welcome Mass **will take place on Friday 29 September from 6pm** followed by refreshments.

## Y11 to Y13 Theatre Trip – 20 September

On Wednesday 20th Sept, there is a trip to see 'The Weir', from 7pm to 10pm at Harrogate Theatre.

## Appointments

All appointments must be put in writing and emailed to [office@sjfchs.org.uk](mailto:office@sjfchs.org.uk) and also written in your child's planner. If parents are not picking up their child from school for their appointment, this must also be put in writing and emailed to [office@sjfchs.org.uk](mailto:office@sjfchs.org.uk) or your child will not be allowed off site due to safeguarding issues.

## Applied General or Cambridge Technical Written Exam Units – January Exam Series

For further information, either go to our website or click on the link below:

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Note-re-Applied-General-and-Cambridge-Technical-Exam-Resits.pdf>

## GCSE Re-Sits English Language & Maths – November Exam Series

For further information, either go to our website or click on the link below:

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Note-re-GCSE-English-and-Maths-Resits.pdf>

## NYCC Annual Consent Form (All Students) and Pupil Medical Form (Y7 Students only)

Please could all parents ensure that they have returned these forms to the school office ASAP so we have up to date information on each student. The NYCC Annual Consent Form must be completed at the start of each academic year, please ensure to complete all sections, in particular, on the reverse of the form the 'Consent to Use Images or Photographs'.

## New 2 You

Thank you to all who donated second hand uniform to New 2 You, we raised £846.50 which is tremendous for the first year this has been operating. Please keep donating especially girls' blazers.

Cash only to be brought on the day of purchase from the Goldfish Bowl.

### Price List

Socks - £2

Skort - £10

Shorts - £5

Hoodies - £15

Rugby Shirt - £5

Shirts – £2

Polo Shirt - £5

PE Tops - £5

Kilts - £10

Blazers - £10

Trousers - £5

Ties (new) - £4



## Uniform

A reminder to all parents, please can you ensure that **ALL** items of uniform are clearly labelled to avoid the start of the lost property mountain.

## Car Access on Site

This is a reminder that cars are **NOT** allowed onto site between the following times:

8.30am to 8.50am

3.15pm to 4.00pm

## ParentPay

A reminder to **ALL** parents to activate your ParentPay account.

In an attempt to remove all cash and cheques from school we are asking all parents to use our e-payment method to pay for school dinners, trips, music lessons etc. This can be done online using a very secure website called:

ParentPay

If you have not yet activated your account and do not have a username and password please contact the finance office on: [finance@sjfchs.org.uk](mailto:finance@sjfchs.org.uk) or 01423 818409

## School Production – 28 Nov to 1 Dec

St. John Fisher Catholic High School is delighted to present 'Grease' as their senior production in November this year. Experience the friendships, romances and adventures of a group of high school kids in the 1950s in this hit show! Grease is the singing and dancing, most successful movie musical of all time. Wholesome exchange student Sandy and leather-clad Danny have a summer romance, but will it cross clique lines? The production features students from Year 9-13 and follows on from sell out performances of Billy Elliot, Hairspray and Oliver.

Tickets are sure to be in demand and go on sale on **Friday 15th September**, available as in previous years from our good friends at [www.harrogateinternationalfestivals.com](http://www.harrogateinternationalfestivals.com) or on 01423 562303. If you really want to get into the 1950's retro feel, the school is also inviting people to dress in fancy dress on the final night (Friday) of the production. Tickets priced £15 and £12 for under 18's (premium seats), £12 and £10 (all other seats). Booking fee may apply.

## Parent Database for Careers Education

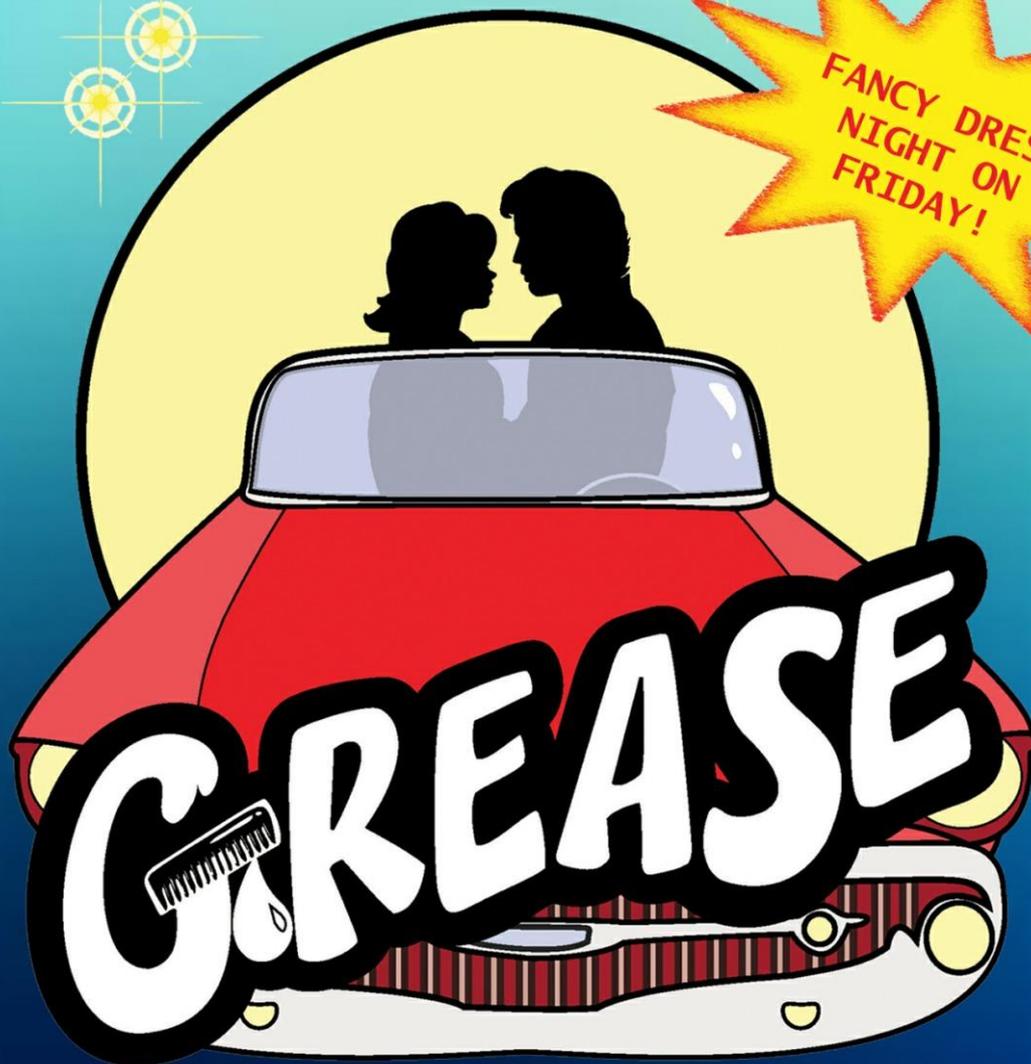
We would like to enhance our careers education for students by making the most of the many skills you as parents have in your different jobs. It enhances motivation and builds aspiration for our students if they can see that their studies in school are contributing towards their longer term life goals and ambitions. We currently hold a data base of parents who would be willing to come in to speak to students about the job they have in assemblies or careers events that may take place in school. If you would be willing to share your expertise with our students, please could you email [office@sjfchs.org.uk](mailto:office@sjfchs.org.uk)



# St. John Fisher Catholic High School, Harrogate

presents

FANCY DRESS NIGHT ON FRIDAY!



Book, Music, and Lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey  
"Hopelessly Devoted to You", "You're The One That I Want", "Sandy" and  
"Grease" used by arrangement with Robert Stigwood

**TUESDAY 28TH NOV - FRIDAY 1ST DEC 2017**

7.00pm all performances. Tickets priced £15/£12/£10  
(under 18's). Booking fee may apply. Available from  
[www.harrogateinternationalfestivals.com](http://www.harrogateinternationalfestivals.com) or 01423 562303



## Sports Fixtures

### Monday 18 September

Mr Hussey - Y9 Boys 6-a-side Football Tournament @ Rossett School, 16:00-17:30

### Tuesday 19 September

Mr Stansfield – Y10 Boys 6-a-side Football Tournament @ Rossett School, 16:00-17:30

Miss Huegett – U13 Girls Football Competition @ SJF, 16:00-17:30

### Wednesday 20 September

Miss Thomas – U13 Netball v Ripon Grammar School, venue and time TBC

Mr Knowles – U13 ESA Cup Boys Football v Beckfoot @ Beckfoot, 13:30-18:00

Mr Pass/Mr Fox – Y10 Boys Rugby v St Peters, York @ SJD, 15:00-17:00

### Tuesday 26 September

Miss Huegett – U14 Girls 7-a-side Football Competition @ SJF Astro Turf, 16:00-17:30

### Wednesday 27 September

Mr Knowles/Miss Thomas – Y7-Y10 Boys 7 Girls Cross Country v St Aidan's, 14:00-15:30

Mr Hussey – Y9B Boys Football v Snaith School @ Snaith, 15:00-18:30

## PE Extra Curricular Timetable

Please see below for new PE Extra Curricular Timetable.



## News from the Science Desk – September 2017

### Year 7

Welcome to your Science at St John Fisher, you will now have met your teacher(s) and have been introduced to safety and the early principles in your first topic. Topics that you will be encountering this year are: B7.1 Cells and Reproduction, C7.1 Safety and Particles, P7.1 Forces and Motion, B7.2 Classification and Variation, C7.2 Acids and Rocks, P7.2 Heating and Energy.

### Year 8

Topics that you will encounter this year are: B8.1 Digestions and Respiration, C8.1 Elements, Compounds and Mixtures, P8.1 Light and Sound, B8.2 Causes of Disease, C8.2 Reactivity of Metals, P8.2 Magnetism and Electricity. You will find support material for each topic, revision material as well as worksheets and an interactive workbook (not supported by all PCs) for the whole key stage in the KS3 area of the VLE.

### Revision Material for Year 7 and 8

Collins KS3 Revision Science ISBN 978-0-00-756282-4

CGP Key Stage Three Science The Workbook ISBN 978-1-84146-239-4

The two books above can be obtained for a combined price of £7.50 from the Science prep room, and will allow pupils to consolidate their understanding in addition to the support material and worksheets for the whole key stage in the KS3 area of the VLE.

### Year 9

Your year group will be facing the new GCSE content from this September. Broadly this is very similar to the current specification, but we will seek to build a suite of new and adapted resources for you as you continue your studies.

We have set up pupils with a Kerboodle account which will provide on-line text books supporting the new specification together with a suite of further resources which are very useful if accessed.

Students are streamed in Year 9 with the upper sets on each side of the year containing those students who may continue and pursue Separate Sciences, but pupils from other sets will also be considered where there is strong evidence to show that they will contend with the pace and content. Assessment will continue throughout Year 9, and we will continue to test and monitor students across the year, and make changes in setting where there is evidence to suggest that this is required, and in to the first term of Year 10, to ensure that students enter the most suitable pathway for these new, more challenging GCSEs.

This group will be the cohort to go through the new GCSE in Science for examination in Year 11, 2020.

### Summary of changes for all new GCSEs

- A new grading system will be introduced. Students will be awarded a grade from 1 to 9, with 9 being the highest. Students will get a U where performance is below the minimum required to pass the GCSE.
- Tiering will only be used in subjects where un-tiered papers will not allow students at the lower end of the ability range to demonstrate their knowledge and skills, or will not stretch the most able. The tiered model used will be decided on a subject by subject basis. Science is expected to be tiered in to Higher and Foundation levels.
- All new GCSEs will be fully linear with assessment at the end of the course and content not divided into modules.
- Exams will be the default method of assessment, though there will be 16 required practicals to be undertaken.
- Combined Science is expected to consist of two, 1 hour and 15 min (70 marks), papers in each of: Biology, Chemistry and Physics.
- Separate Sciences will consist of two, 1 hour 45min (100 marks) papers in each subject. There will be 8 required practicals per subject.



## Year 10

There are 3 groups of separates, of around 25 students per class, which will allow additional setting after the first mock examinations in Science, at the end of this term, where there is evidence to suggest that this is advisable.

Alternatively students will pursue Combined Science as detailed above. There is no assessment through coursework, but pupils may be tested on their practical approach within the terminal examinations.

Pupils will continue to have access to Kerboodle which will provide on-line text books supporting the new specification together with a suite of further resources which are very useful if accessed.

## Year 11

Year 11 can be a tough year, as pupils come to the realisation of what the year culminates with. On their return pupils will receive some guidance around study skills, on their first day back, and I look forward to meeting parents at the Year 11 information evenings on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept and 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Pupils will continue to have access to Kerboodle which will provide on-line text books supporting the new specification together with a suite of further resources which are very useful if accessed.

**We have identified suitable revision guides and work books for the new curriculum. We will carry a rolling stock of books that are suitable for Revision Guide and Workbook together for Combined Science (£10), and Revision Guide and Workbook for each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics (£4 each). If you are unsure as to which is the most suitable then the class teacher will be able to advise accordingly.**

## Events and Clubs

KS3 Science Club (Y7)

Bolton Lecture Dates and tickets TBC

Physics and Engineering Ambassadors visit Y12 and Y13

**We will advise pupils and parents days, dates and signing up process as these approach.**

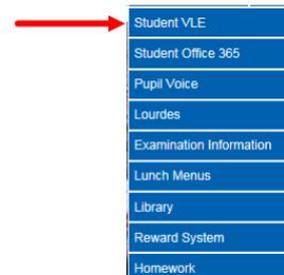
## VLE

On the KS3 area of the VLE are support materials, the first of the support materials is an interactive booklet and requires students to log on using their school log on, and a password of 'password' until changed, the second of which provides summary/revision sheets for the appropriate topics.

1. Click on either of these two tabs on the school website.



2. Scroll down and click on Student VLE:



3.Scroll down to Science



4.Click on the subject area that you would like to explore.

5.The KS3 area has two large resources supporting the whole of Y7 and Y8.



The interactive book requires a log in which is the same as students’ email address (Year of start at SJF, first 5 surname letters, initial – e.g. 09TanneR), with password set as password until changed. There have been some technical issues with some PC software issues for this resource, so if there are any problems do use the 2<sup>nd</sup> resource.

The Science revision sheets **do not** require a login, and can be printed out, with the answers at the end of the resource.

6.The GCSE area is now divided in to:

- Dual Science
- GCSE Physics
- GCSE Biology
- GCSE Chemistry
- GCSE Astronomy
- ISA



7.From here you can access the material relevant to the area of study, as well as the link to Kerboodle (for Y9,Y10 and Y11)

To log on:

**Username:** Initial followed by surname (e.g. rtannersmith)

**Password:** Initial followed by surname again (you will be prompted to change this once logged on).

**Centre no:** qjq1 (QJQ1 –in lower case)



## **Revision Apps**

In this day of portable devices, you may like to explore the following revision applications:

Test and Learn Science GCSE AQA.

AQA Core Science GCSE textbook.

## **Staffing**

We welcome three new members of staff from September in to the Science Department, Miss Hogg, Mr Palmer and Mr Robinson. Recruitment is increasingly an issue in some schools, and I am very pleased to welcome three teachers of such an excellent standard to join our team.

## **Finally**

Thank you to all parents for your support over the year, and as ever should you have any questions or queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me, but please note the new email address of:

[rtanner-smith@sjfchs.org.uk](mailto:rtanner-smith@sjfchs.org.uk)

Apologies if any emails have gone astray with our changes to Office 365.

**Mr Tanner-Smith**  
**Head of Science**



**PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE 2017 -2018 (SEPT - EASTER)**

DAY	LUNCHTIME – TILL 1.15PM			AFTER SCHOOL – TILL 5PM		
	SPORT	WHERE	TEACHER	SPORT	WHERE	TEACHER
MON	YEAR 8 GIRLS NETBALL ALL YEARS TABLE TENNIS YEAR 11 BOYS FOOTBALL 6 <sup>TH</sup> FORM BOYS FOOTBALL ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	SPORTS HALL GYM ASTROTURF ASTROTURF FITNESS SUITE	MISS THOMAS MR MILLS MR OWEN MR HEATON MR ROMANEC	YEAR 7 GIRLS NETBALL YEAR 9 BOYS FOOTBALL ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	SPORTS HALL ASTROTURF FITNESS SUITE	MRS CRICHTON MR HUSSEY MR WALSH & MR OWEN
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FRI	ALL YEARS BOYS AND GIRLS RUNNING CLUB  ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	OFF SITE  FITNESS SUITE	MR KNOWLES & MISS THOMAS	ALL YEARS BADMINTON CLUB	SPORTS HALL	EXTERNAL COACH

