

# St John Fisher Catholic High School



## Newsletter 12 9 March 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

### Training Day

You are getting this newsletter a little earlier due to the **training day on Friday 10 March**. I am aware that this day is not in the usual place (at the beginning or end of a term), but it is here because we are collaborating with five other schools to deliver a conference for our staff. We are getting together with King James, Tadcaster, Thirsk, Sherburn and St Aidan's. The event will be one of the biggest in the country and will enable us to collaborate and share ideas across establishments. Please note that students are not expected in school on Friday 10 March 2017.

### Behaviour on Buses

Students are unsupervised on the buses. Most of the bus routes are 'service buses' and they are within their right to stop transporting children who do not follow their rules. Please support the school and the companies by reminding your child to behave in a responsible manner.

### All Weather Pitch Footwear

As the pitch is nearly complete, your son or daughter may be telling you that they NEED some new boots for the pitch. Normal football boots with short plastic/moulded studs are fine. **Metal studs** are not allowed because they could damage the surface, and **'blades'** are not allowed because they may get caught in the surface and cause injury.

We would prefer boots with short plastic studs as this will be better for the surface, but the specification is such that trainers/astro turf trainers can also be used. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further clarification.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Pritchard'.

Mr R Pritchard  
Headteacher



## INFORMATION

### Dates for Your Diary

Please see below for forthcoming events; all other events are detailed on the school website.

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

### Y11 Reports

All Y11 students will have been issued with their reports by Friday 10 March.

### Easter Revision Sessions

Advanced notice that the Easter Revision School for Y11 will be held on Monday 10 and Tuesday 11 April. We hope all students will be able to attend. The time is likely to be 8:50am to 1:30pm, but this will be confirmed nearer the date.

### Mock Exams Timetables

Y12 mock exams start on 27 March, click on the link below for the timetable:

Y10 mock exams start on 25 April, click on the link below for the timetable:

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/curriculum/examination-arrangements/>

### GCSE 9 to 1 Grades

Many of you will be aware that, beginning with this summer's English and Maths GCSEs, GCSE qualifications will be awarded a number from 9-1 rather than a letter, with 9 being the highest grade. For the current Year 10, the majority of subjects will be awarded a number, and by the time the current Year 9 take their GCSEs, all results will be in the form of a number, rather than the previous A\*-G.

The Government have just released a new guidance video this week to explain the process to parents. The link is: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-gcse-9-to-1-grades-coming-soon>

I hope this provides some clarification about this significant change to Key Stage 4 qualification.

Jo Langstaff  
Head of School

### Well Being Information Session – Wednesday 5 April

Our next parental session will be looking at the rise in drug use and legal highs nationally amongst young people; spotting the signs, how to deal with it, where can you get help etc. This session is useful for any parent, irrespective of whether you think your child has tried a 'substance' or not, as it is not always easy to know that there is a problem until it is too late.

As well as myself, we hope to have a community police officer present and one of our mentoring team, who has previously worked in the Youth Service, to share advice and support. If you are interested in attending please email me at [elambden@sjfchs.org.uk](mailto:elambden@sjfchs.org.uk)

### Attic Newsletter Issue 4

The latest edition is now available, please click on the link below:

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/attic-newsletter-4/>



## Literacy Week

### Guest Speaker

SJF enjoyed their inaugural Literacy Week from 27<sup>th</sup> Feb - 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Activities ranged from form time quizzes and rounds of countdown to “Dropping Everything And Reading,” and an incredibly high-profile visit from Simon Reade – stage and screen writer of *Private Peaceful*. He adapted *Private Peaceful* from Michael Morpurgo's novel into a radio play, one man play, large cast play and film. He is the producer of Fluidity Films company and he has recently written the screenplay for *Journey's End* which will be released later this year. Simon presented to various year groups and led writing and performance workshops.



Simon Reade pictured leading a Year 7 Drama Workshop.

### Spelling Bee

The week culminated in a nail-biting final to the St John Fisher Spelling Bee where Jack Marrero-Allen of 8H clinched the winner's shield and 8W's team of spellers triumphed in the “team spell.”



Mr Pritchard presenting the trophy to Jack Marrero-Allen

### Battle of the Books

A team from School competed in the annual Battle of the Books quiz competition at Roundhay School during Literacy Week. Although they did not win the team worked together well and were placed in one of the rounds. Team members were from Years 9 & 10. We look forward to competing at Queen Mary's School at Thirsk next year.



### Book Awards

The Library encourages students to take part in various book awards by reading the shortlists then reviewing or ranking in order of preference. We will be following three book awards in the next few months including: Carnegie Book Award with our Shadowing Group, the Federation of Children's Book Groups' Children's Book Award and the more local Harrogate Book Award for students in Year 10 upwards. If your child would like to take part in any of these by reading the short list please speak to Library staff.

## Sport

### Girl's Golf Rocks

There is a fantastic opportunity for girls to take part in free golf taster sessions at four venues starting from 1 April. For full details, click on the link below:

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/girls-golf-free-taster-sessions/>

### Chess

Congratulations to Mate Ther (Y7) who has qualified into the England Junior Chess Team after three and half years of hard work. He will represent England in international tournaments.



## Sports Results

### Table Tennis

Results from competition held at Rossett School on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February

#### U13 Boys

Theo Kelly reached the Final but was beaten by his friend Sam Lowe from Scarborough.

Luke Furlong reached the last 8 (from 16 entries) but was a little disappointed not to reach the semi-finals.

Tom Barlow and Gabriel Mead both had a win in the group stage but did not progress to the quarter finals.

Brook Sutton was in a tough group, and just failed to manage a win.

All 3 learned a tremendous amount and can all play next year along with Theo.

#### U16 Boys

Sammy Kelly reached the semi-final stage, but was edged into 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

He played really well and was by far the youngest player there.

Matthew Lynch and Tom Hudson reached the quarter finals by finishing as runners up in their group, but could not progress from there. George Asbury was in the same group as Tom and due to losing to Tom, did not advance to the quarter finals.

All 4 played very well against strong opposition.

Vicky Hudson became North Yorkshire Champion for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in 3 years.

In the Under 16 girls she was the only entrant, and so can go to the All England Finals if she decides to go.

Max Mills

### Football

#### Sixth Form Area Cup Semi-Final

Fishers 1 - Ermysteds 0

Good performance away against a well organised Ermysteds side which is promising ahead of the Area Cup Final. Fishers dominated the majority of the game but were frustrated a number of times by a fine Ermysteds goalkeeper.

A second half goal from George Widdows after a brilliant Greg Moodie assist was the difference in the end.

Special mention to Year 11's Dan Flynn, who had a great game at left back, Rob White, who looked promising in the second half on the right wing, and Gus Steele who made a big difference up front after coming on at half time. On to the final!

Report Written by: Fearghal Lydon, Year 13

#### Year 7 C Team Boys Football Tournament

We entered a C team and a D team in this tournament so that more boys could take part.

The C team drew 1-1 with the D team and then won all their games:

1-0 v Ermysteds

3-1 v St Aidan's

1-0 v Harrogate Grammar

The D team drew 1-1 with the C team and their results were as follows:

4-0 v St Aidan's

0-0 v Ermysteds

0-0 v Harrogate Grammar

This meant that Fishers C won the tournament and Fishers D came second - both teams undefeated.



## Girls' Rugby Teams

Over 30 St John Fisher students successfully competed in the Giggleswick Girls Rugby Festival on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, resulting in a St John Fisher victory.

St John Fisher had representation in each of the U13, U15 and U18 categories and competed against schools from Settle, Giggleswick, Oakbank and South Craven. Each St John Fisher team produced a sensational performance in each game, made up of resilience, passion, teamwork and determination.

The Under 13's were outstanding in their rugby debut, only losing one game all day, finishing in joint first place!

The U15's stormed the competition, winning 7 out of 8 games, despite having no substitutes, resulting in another SJF victory!

The U18 team won 2 out of 4 of their games, despite some serious injuries and losing some key players, they fought on until the end!

All of these students represented St John Fisher in the best possible light, they were recognised by the officials, event organisers and staff members from other school for their passion, teamwork, respect and togetherness. We are extremely proud of these students and look forward to the Area Finals on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**U13 Squad:** Grace Della Rovere, Natasha Abbott, Robyn McKendrick, Therese Tolan, Fran Hall, Martha Rhodes, Cassie Green, Grace Browne, Anna Prioetti, Ellie Sykes, Josie Bridson, Molly Dennis, Jess Hague

**U15 Squad:** Eimear Wyrill, Niamh Barker, Olivia Hague, Cassidy Lane, Jess Flynn, Lola Broadbent, Carys McDonnell.



**U18 Squad:** Alex Raper-Rumoroso, Ailis Lydon, Ellie Maxwell, Adrianna Garcia, Ellen Armstrong, Orla Nally, Fionnuala Heywood, Charlotte Burton, Olivia Holmes, Kitty Milnes.

## Sports Fixtures

### Monday 13 March

Y8A & B Boys Football v King James @ KJS, 15:00-17:00

Y9 Netball v St Aidan's @ SJF, 16:00-18:00

6<sup>th</sup> Form Boys Football v St Aidan's @ Harrogate Town, 14:30-17:00

### Tuesday 14 March

U15 Area Netball Tournament @ Ashville, 14:00-18:00

Y9A Boys Football v Queen Ethelburga's, @ Queen Ethelburga's, 15:00-17:00



### **Thursday 16 March**

U13A & B Area Netball Tournament @ Ashville, 14:30-17:30

### **Friday 17 March**

U13, U15, U18 Girls Rugby Area Finals @ Harrogate Rugby Club, 15:15-17:00

### **Monday 20 March**

U12 Area Netball Tournament @ Queen Ethelburga, 14:00-18:00

Y9 Boys Football v Rossett @ Rossett, 15:00-17:00

Y10B Boys Football v Nidderdale @ Nidderdale, 16:00-17:30

Y11B Boys Football v Nidderdale @ Nidderdale, 16:00-17:30

### **Friday 24 March**

U13, U15, U18 Girls Rugby North Yorkshire Finals @ Ripon Rugby Club, 11:00-16:00

### **PE Extra Curricular Timetable (Feb to April)**

Please see below for updated PE Extra Curricular Timetable.

### **News from the Science Desk – March 2017**

#### **Year 7**

We are hoping to take the year group to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park in the last week of the Summer term, i.e. July. Watch this space for further details. Of the two sides of the year, the left hand side is the better attending than the right hand side. Any pupil who would like to attend is very welcome, please look at the notice on the door of F18.

#### **Year 8**

A short reminder that the revision resources below are still open to Y8. Y8 will find these increasingly useful as they experience the more complicated topics that they encounter. Both years will find these particularly useful when they come to prepare for end of unit and end of year tests.

#### **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. We have now put these on parent pay also, should you choose this option, please print out the relevant screen and send in with your son/daughter to collect the books.

The VLE does NOT require a log in, please follow the links that are open to all members of the public from the school website.

#### **Year 9**

**Revision Guides and Workbook together for Combined Science (£10), and Revision Guide and Workbook for each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics (£4 each) are now available. If you are unsure as to which is the most suitable then the class teacher will be able to advice accordingly.**

We will continue to assess Y9 over the year, but there will be no wholesale changes of set, until pupils sit an end of year test in the summer, which will give us an indication of those who should pursue separate science and those for whom combined science is more appropriate.



## Year 10

The next important date is the whole year mocks in April. In Science this will consist of 1hr examinations in each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics, testing pupils on both Y9 work and Y10 work. Pupils have been issued with revision lists, and can use these in conjunction with the appropriate revision guides and work books.

We will tier these to Separates/Higher Combines to allow movement between these sets, and Foundation Combined. If in doubt pupils will sit the higher tier to allow us to assess their comprehension of the harder style questions.

We would like all pupils to reach their full potential and to achieve the highest grade of which they are capable, and thus make every attempt to ensure that pupils are on the most appropriate course for them. The new specification is of increased rigour, requires deeper levels of knowledge (including some A-level standard concepts), and requires the ability to remember and rearrange a number of equations.

**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.**

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

Dual Science pupils should now have completed two ISAs for their Core Science and will complete a second Additional next half term. Where there are concerns that the mark will not support examination performance, an opportunity will be offered to at Easter to undertake a third ISA for Core and/or Additional Science. Where there are similar concerns for those studying separates, pupils will be required to complete a further ISA either over a series of lunch times or after school.

Science revision sessions are now open to all interested pupils, and other pupils by 'invitation'. We hope that pupils will take advantage of the staff giving up their time at lunch (Monday, Thursday and Friday. Sessions are also taking place after school each day of the week (Monday –Thursday inclusive), and we will be run by some of our sixth form students to small groups, the pace and content will be dictated by the individual requirements of those attending.

The resources and support that we are able to offer provide pupils with an excellent opportunity to gain the grades that their own hard work and efforts warrant. Pupils will retain their access to Kerboodle, and can utilise the VLE to consolidate and stretch their learning, as well as access to past papers and mark schemes.

**Students are able to purchase the appropriate revision guides from the Science prep room at £2.50 per book, and can ask their classroom teacher as to which would be the most appropriate to obtain.**

**Should pupils wish hard copies of the existing specification text books we have a limited supply of these that we can supply for £10 for all three books, on a first come first served basis.**

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

### VLE

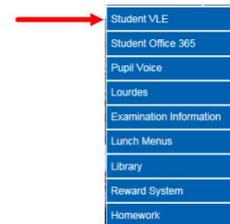
On the KS3 area of the VLE are support materials, the first of the support materials is an interactive booklet and requires students to log on using their school log on, and a password of 'password' until changed, the second of which provides summary/revision sheets for the appropriate topics.



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



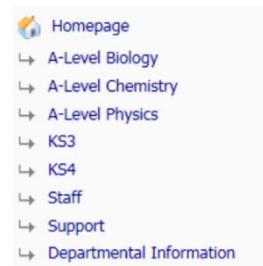
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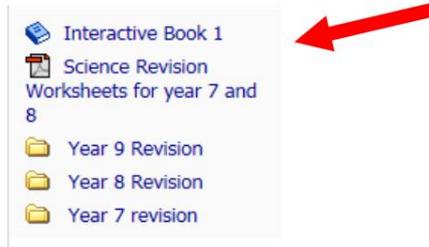
3. Scroll down to Science



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.

### **Getrevising.co.uk**

Make an exam revision timetable

Install exam dates

Exam board, unit and topics

How many hours wanting to be dedicated

Links to exam board specific revision materials such as flash cards and mind maps.

We have had very positive responses from those pupils and parents who have utilised this resource thus far.



## PE Extra-Curricular Timetable 2017 (Feb – April)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Lunchtime – until 1.15pm</u>			<u>After School – until 5pm</u>		
	Sport	Where	Teacher	Sport	Where	Teacher
Monday	GCSE VOLLEYBALL ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	S HALL F SUITE	MR KNOWLES MR ROMANEC	YEAR 7 NETBALL YEAR 9 NETBALL ALL YEARS GIRLS RUGBY ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	SPORTS HALL SPORTS HALL FIELD F SUITE	MISS THOMAS MRS CRICHTON MISS HUEGETT MR DONAGHUE
Tuesday	YEAR 7 NETBALL YEAR 11 BOYS FOOTBALL ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	S HALL FIELD F SUITE	MISS THOMAS & MRS PALMA MR STANSFIELD MR ROMANEC	ALL YEARS GIRLS RUGBY ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	FIELD FITNESS SUITE	MISS HUEGETT MR ASHTON
Wednesday	ALL YEARS TABLE TENNIS YEAR 8 NETBALL ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	GYM S HALL F SUITE	MR MILLS MISS THOMAS MISS MILLER	ALL YEARS TABLE TENNIS YEAR 8 NETBALL ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	GYM SPORTS HALL FITNESS SUITE	MR MILLS MISS THOMAS MISS KNOWLES & MISS SURRIDGE
Thursday	YEAR 8 BOYS FOOTBALL YEAR 9 BOYS FOOTBALL YEAR 9 BOYS RUGBY ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	MR HUSSEY MR PASS MR FOX F SUITE	FIELD SPORTS HALL FIELD MR CARR	YEAR 10 NETBALL	SPORTS HALL	MRS NIGHTINGALE
Friday	GIRLS FOOTBALL ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	SPORTS HALL F SUITE	MISS HUEGETT MR CARR	ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	FITNESS SUITE	MR WALSH & MR OWEN

