

Newsletter 14 7 April 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 11 and Year 13

I am confident that Year 11 and Year 13 will be revising for their final exams over Easter. For Year 11 we have some revision days, but also please 'encourage' your son or daughter to put in the effort. Easter is late and we only have three weeks after Easter until the first exam.

Year 10 Exams

We also have exams for Year 10 after Easter. They have been told what they need to revise. These will be the first authentic experience and will be part of their preparation for next year.

Exam Reforms

I endeavour to keep parents up to date with the changes to examinations. It also gives me an opportunity to 'comment' on the direction of travel. You are aware that GCSE grading is changing from A* to G to a 9 to 1. English and mathematics this year, then others will follow. The threshold for a "good" pass was set at a grade 5 or above.

On 28 March the education secretary Justine Greening announced that a grade 4 will now be considered "a **standard pass**", while grade 5 will be called a "**strong pass**". Then on the 31 March exams regulator Ofqual wrote to schools about proposed changes to new GCSE grades, but has left details of the government's new "standard" and "strong" passes off its new aide-memoire which can be accessed from the link below.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/596391/Ofqual_postcards_March_2017_Master.pdf

As we become aware of any changes, be assured we will keep you informed, but as always the advice is for all students at whatever stage, is to do their best, and we will support them however we can.

I hope that you have a good Easter break, and come back refreshed next term.

Best Wishes



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/>

Request for Leave of Absence During Term-Time

Requests for exceptional leave of absence during term-time must be approved by the Headteacher, such requests including medical appointments, funerals, out of school activities etc. should be made in writing to Mr Pritchard at office@sjfchs.org.uk or given by hand to Mrs Deacon (please do not give to Form Tutors).

Uniform – Polo Shirts

After Easter students may wear polo shirts (clearly labelled), instead of a shirt and tie, but a blazer must be worn. New 2 You has plenty of good quality spare polo shirts at £5 each, available from the Goldfish Bowl.

If you have any old uniform in good condition that you would like to donate to the school, especially boys' blazers to top up our New 2 You stock, please bring this to the Goldfish Bowl.

Y11 Easter Revision Sessions

A reminder 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 start times are 8:50am on the Monday and 9:00am on the Tuesday finishing at 1:30pm, apart for students who have been invited to stay for Art. For these students the day will finish at 3:45pm.

Maths Revision Session

Advance notice that there will be a day dedicated to Maths GCSE during May Half Term. This will take place on Tuesday 30 May.

Pre Examination Lessons

After Easter Y11 will receive a timetable of pre examination lessons that we strongly recommend they attend. Students who attended last year found them extremely useful.

Mock Exams Timetables

Y12 mock exams started on 27 March, click on the link below for the timetable.

Y10 mock exams start on 25 April, click on the links below for the timetable and exam guidelines

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

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Notice-to-Year-10-Students-re-Mock-Exams.pdf>

Sixth Form Enrichment Activities

A number of enrichment activities are being offered this summer, click on the link below for details:

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/sixth-form/extra-curricular-sixth-form/>

Drama Department Upcoming Exam/Assessment Dates

It's exam season in the Drama department and all students are busily rehearsing. The remaining exams are detailed below;

Tuesday 9th May - Year 12 A Level Devised Drama exam dress rehearsal

G18, 6.30pm - Family and friends welcome

Wednesday 10th-Friday 12th May - Year 12 A Level Devised Drama exam

Closed examination, St Aidan's School

We wish all of our students the best of luck in their forthcoming Drama exams.



SJF School Concert Band & Senior Jazz Orchestra

Rehearsals are well underway for the annual Harrogate International Youth Festival which takes place over the Easter weekend in and around Harrogate. The school Concert Band can be seen on parade on Easter Saturday morning in the town centre, commencing at 11:00am. They will be joined by seven international groups who are joining the festival from as far afield as Thailand and Canada. A number of local school groups will also be taking part in the five day extravaganza.

Members of the concert band will be performing in the Saturday evening opening concert in the Royal Hall and as part of the massed band which this year is expected to number some 250 students.

The school Senior Jazz Orchestra will be performing on Easter Sunday at the Jazz night at the old Swan hotel.

The festival, in its 44th year, promises to be a great one with over 500 students taking part over the Easter weekend. There is a concert for everyone and more details can be found on the festival website at www.hiyf.co.uk



Friday 19 May - Ceilidh Fund Raising Event for Lourdes



Lenton Recollection Services



On Wednesday 29 March Lenten Recollection Services were held for all year groups in the Chapel.

Guest Speaker – Kendi Kinuthia

Kendi gave a fascinating talk to all Y7 students. She had amazing pictures and talked about growing up in Kenya, life in Nairobi city, the farms and villages, tea and coffee plantations, types of transport and school systems, tourism, wildlife and safari animals.

She also brought in some traditional Swahili dress, scarves and jewellery.



Cycle Marking Scheme

North Yorkshire Police visited the school yesterday and provided a cycle marking scheme free of charge. Several members of staff and students had their bikes marked to aid prevention of theft and assist in the return should a theft occur.



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/>

Sports Results

Cross Country



Congratulations to Ethan Hussey who had an amazing run in Wales on Sunday 25 March on his International debut. He finished 2nd, gaining the silver medal and also helping England win team gold.

Girls Rugby

Following the success at the North Yorkshire Girls Rugby Finals, the U18 girls have qualified for the Yorkshire Finals that will take place this Wednesday, 29th March, in York.

The U13's and U15's narrowly missed out on qualification, the U15's only by one try!
The U13's finished 3rd out of 9 teams and the u15's finished 3rd out of 11 teams.

So a very successful day all round and I am extremely proud of all the students that have represented our school so brilliantly!

Please congratulate them all as they thoroughly deserve it.

Miss Huegett

Table Tennis

The Yorkshire Regional Finals played in Rotherham over 4 Sundays, were concluded last Sunday and the school team of Sammy, Theo Kelly and Luke Furlong were the winners of the Division 2 League.



Already 2 points in front of their nearest rivals Colin Deaton Club from Chesterfield and well in front of Haworth Hawks and Rotherham Scorpions, they completed the win with firstly, a 6-3 win against Haworth, followed by a 7-2 win against Rotherham and in the afternoon a 6-3 win over Colin Deaton.

Sammy won all his matches to have a 100% record over the 4 Sundays. Theo winning 6 from 9 and Luke 4 from 9 on the final day.

Theo having a 69.44% overall total, and Luke a 51.85%.

Aman Joshua played in 1 of the events when Luke was ill.

Overall Scores

Events	SJF	Colin Deaton	Haworth	Rotherham
November	21	18	6	9
December	19	20	7	8
January	16	15	13	10
March	19	13	14	8
Overall	75	66	40	35

County Tournament

This was a competition for the top players in the County.

An excellent day for our 3 boys, ending with Sammy Kelly in the U15 boys, being selected to represent Yorkshire, both in the individual and team competitions to be held in early June for the Inter Regional finals.

A great achievement for Sammy and the school. Finishing 2nd in his group, with 2 wins and 1 loss, he met the U13 winner in the quarter finals and won 3-0. He then met the No 1 seed in the semi-final, and lost in 3 close games.

Theo Kelly and Luke Furlong were in the U13 competition. Theo was runner up in his group with 2 wins, only beaten by the overall runner up. In the quarter final he lost in 3 close sets to the No 3 seed.

Theo also entered the U15 event—winning games but no matches in his group, but played well. Theo is an U12 so can play next year.

Luke finished 3rd in his group with 1 win, so was placed in the consolation event, winning his opening match before losing to the eventual winner of the consolation event. Luke also entered the U15 event and lost in 5 games in 2 of his group matches, and was beaten in the quarter final of the consolation event.

With Theo representing Yorkshire in the U11 county team last season, this is a great double for the Kelly family. Max Mills

Sports Fixtures

Monday 24 April

Y7 Boys Athletics Trials @ SJF

Friday 28 April

Y8 Boys Athletics Trials @ SJF

PE Extra Curricular Timetable

Please see below for the summer PE Extra Curricular Timetable (April to July) and Girls' Rounders Fixtures.



Year 7

Have you booked your place?! A Yorkshire Wildlife Park visit confirmed for Tuesday 18th July. £18.00 and appears on parentpay.

We will allocate places on a first come first served basis, and hope that if all places are filled then we will be able to book additional places. A letter detailing this visit has been emailed through the parent pay system to all year 7. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries once you have the information.



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 May. In Science this will consist of 1hr examinations in each of Chemistry 2nd May pm, Biology 3rd May pm, and Physics 4th May am. This will test 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

REVISE!!

We are now entering the closing stages of GCSE. All pupils will have now completed the course content, or be in the final phases, such that they can now **REVISE**.

In order to help pupils **REVISE**, we are running teacher-led sessions on Monday, Thursday and Friday lunch times, to which ALL pupils are invited. After school sessions are on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 3.45pm to 4.45pm, ALL pupils are invited to these also.

- **REVISE using 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 to REVISE using 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.**
- **REVISE using past papers available on our VLE, or from the AQA website.**
- **REVISE using Kerboodle.**
- **REVISE using Getrevising.co.uk**
- **REVISE by coming to the sessions at lunchtime and after school.**
- **REVISE by coming to the sessions that will be offered prior to each examination**

Mr Tanner-Smith

Head of Science

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Which subjects can give me the most options at University?

Many courses at university level build on knowledge and skills which you will gain while still at school.

Where this is the case, universities need to make sure that all the students they admit have prepared themselves in the best way to cope with their chosen course. For this reason, some university courses may require you to have studied a specific subject prior to entry, others may not. However, there are some subjects that are required more often than others. These subjects are sometimes referred to as facilitating subjects.

Subjects that can be viewed as facilitating subjects are:

- Mathematics and Further Mathematics
- English Literature
- Physics
- Biology



- Chemistry
- Geography
- History
- Languages (Classical and Modern)

You don't necessarily need to have studied three facilitating subjects at A-level. Some courses require one or two facilitating subjects, whilst for other courses there are no specific subject requirements.

If you don't know what you want to study then it's a really good rule of thumb that taking two facilitating subjects will keep a wide range of degree courses open to you.

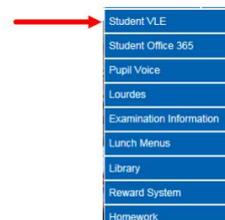
VLE

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.



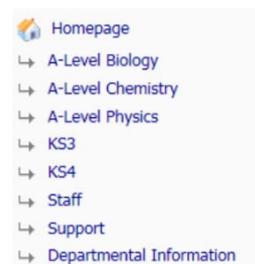
2. Scroll down and click on Student VLE:



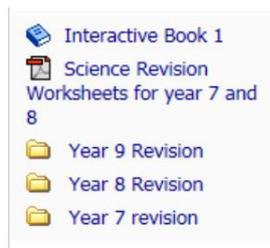
3. Scroll down to Science



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 2nd 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 – APRIL TO JULY

	LUNCH TIME SPORT	WHERE	TEACHER	AFTER SCHOOL SPORT	WHERE	TEACHER
MON	KS3 YOUNG LEADERS AWARD YEAR 7 & 8 BOYS ATHLETICS YR 9 & 10 BOYS TENNIS FORM FOOTBALL LEAGUES	S HALL FIELD COURTS ASTRO	MISS HUEGETT MR KNOWLES MR MILLS MR PASS	ROUNDERS MATCHES	LOCAL SCHOOLS	MISS HUEGETT
				ALL YEARS BOYS TENNIS	COURTS	MR MILLS
TUES	ALL YEARS GIRLS FOOTBALL YEAR 7 & 8 BOYS ATHLETICS YEAR 9 BOYS CRICKET	ASTRO FIELD S HALL	MISS HUEGETT MR KNOWLES MR STANSFIELD	ALL YEARS GIRLS ROUNDERS PRACTICE	ASTRO	MISS HUEGETT
WED	ALL YEARS GIRLS ROUNDERS YEAR 7 & 8 BOYS ATHLETICS YR 7 & 8 BOYS TENNIS YEAR 10 BOYS CRICKET	ASTRO FIELD COURTS S HALL	MISS HUEGETT MR KNOWLES MR MILLS MR BARTON & MR TANNER-S	YEAR 7, 8, 9 & 10 BOYS AND GIRLS ATHLETICS	FIELD	MR KNOWLES MR PASS MISS THOMAS MRS NIGHTINGALE
THURS	ALL YEARS GIRLS TENNIS YEAR 7 & 8 BOYS ATHLETICS YEAR 7 BOYS CRICKET	COURTS FIELD S HALL	MISS HUEGETT MR KNOWLES MR PASS			
FRIDAY	ALL YEARS GIRLS CRICKET YEAR 7 & 8 BOYS ATHLETICS YEAR 8 BOYS CRICKET FORM FOOTBALL LEAGUES YR 7 MIXED DODGEBALL CLUB	S HALL FIELD S HALL ASTRO GYM	MISS HUEGETT MR KNOWLES MR HEATON MR PASS SPORTS LEADERS			



ST JOHN FISHER GIRLS' ROUNDERS FIXTURES 2017

Wk	Date	Age Group	Versus	Venue	Meet Time and Place	Pick up Time and Venue	Method of Transport
2	Mon 8 th May	Y9 & 10 A/B	St Aidan's	St Aidan's	Reception @ 3.30pm	St John Fisher @ 5.30pm	
1	Mon 15 th May	Y7 & 8 A/B	St Aidan's	St John Fisher	Astro @ 3.30pm	St John Fisher @ 5.30pm	
2	Mon 22 nd May	Y9 & 10 A/B	Rossett	Rossett	Reception @ 3.25pm	Rossett @ 5.20pm or SJF @ 5.30pm (1 bus)	New Minibus + 6 Taxi's
1	Mon 5 th June	Y7 & 8 A/B	Rossett	St John Fisher	Astro @ 3.30pm	St John Fisher @ 5.30pm	
1	Thurs 8 th June	Y7,8,9 A	Area Tournament School Games	Rossett	Reception @ 2.40pm	Rossett @ 5.40 or SJF @ 5.50pm (1 bus)	New Minibus + 6 Taxi's
2	Mon 12 th June	Y9 & 10 A/B	Ripon Grammar	St John Fisher	Astro @ 3.30pm	St John Fisher @ 5.30pm	
1	Mon 19 th June	Y7 & 8 A/B	Ripon Grammar	Ripon	Reception @ 2.40pm	Ripon @ 5.20pm or SJF @ 6pm	1 x 49 seater Coach
2	Mon 26 th June	Y9 & 10 A/B	Harrogate Grammar	Harrogate Grammar	Reception @ 3.25pm	HGS @ 5.20pm or SJF @ 5.30pm (1 bus)	New Minibus + 6 Taxi's
1	Mon 3 rd July	Y7 & 8 A/B	Harrogate Grammar	St John Fisher	Astro @ 3.30pm	St John Fisher @ 5.30pm	
2	Mon 10 th July	Y9 & 10 A/B	King James	St John Fisher	Astro @ 3.30pm	St John Fisher @ 5.30pm	
1	Mon 17 th July	Y7 & 8 A/B	King James	King James	Reception @ 3.10pm	KJS @ 5.20 or SJF at 5.45 (1 bus)	New Minibus + 6 Taxi's

