

# St John Fisher Catholic High School



## Newsletter 15 5 May 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome back after the Easter break and the long weekend. We have a short term ahead of us with a great deal to do before the summer holidays.

### Kirkland Survey

You will remember that we carried out a survey of parents and students. We have the results and I would like to give you some feedback. Thank you for the time and effort you put into the survey. We intend to act on the advice and have assemblies scheduled with all year groups to tell the students what we intend to do as result of what you said.

As a summary of strengths and weaknesses, I thought that this may be of interest to you. Overall we were really pleased with the aspect judged to be good or outstanding. Even the weaknesses were judged to be good on the 'Kirkland scale' – so the data needs to be used with caution. We still intend to act on the reports to make things even better.

### Strengths – Outstanding

Parent Survey	Student Survey
Developing moral values	Discipline
Choice of subjects	Community spirit
Exam results	Developing confidence
Discipline	Communication
Community spirit	Choice of subjects

### Areas to develop – Good

Parent Survey	Student Survey
School facilities	School facilities
Computer access	Computer access
Availability of resources	Careers advice
Social health education	Social health education
Careers advice	Availability of resources

**Facilities are the big issue** at the school, and with the governors we are desperate to improve the provision. I am sure that you are aware that from 1997 to 2010 large amounts of capital was put into education. It is unfortunate that at the time St John Fisher did not receive much of this for the work it needed. We are doing small projects to improve the environment, but we need a large injection of capital. Be assured that we are now chasing every funding stream as it becomes available.

Careers Advice was not as strong as some of the other areas. After reflecting on this we need to make parents and students more aware of the things we do to guide the students. Last term we won a national award for careers advice and have three advisers to support the students. We will make sure we signpost more and target the advice to where it is needed.



Finally, social health education. The wellbeing of students is and will continue to be a focus. You will be aware that we have run classes for students and parents to support the health of our community. We take part in the North Yorkshire annual survey which compares our students to others in North Yorkshire and identifies the behaviours that need intervention. Mr Stansfield is leading some assemblies next week to feedback to the students, and how we will act.

Once again thank you for the feedback – we want to get things right and improve what we do so that we can support the students more and more throughout their school life.

Yours sincerely



**Mr R A 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 Students

Y11 students are expected to be in school, study leave has not yet started and revision is taking place in front of subject teachers. We strongly recommend that all students follow this as it is much more beneficial to revise at school with the help and guidance of staff.

### New £5 note and £1 Coin

The Reval unit has now been upgraded to accept the new note and coin and also the new £10 note when it comes into circulation later on in the year. The unit will still accept the old £1 coin but not the old £5 note which we are no longer allowed to take as method of payment.

Please be aware the preferred method of payment is Parent Pay.

### Y11 Year Book

This is now available to buy on Parent Pay for £19. All payments to be received by 19 May and once payment has been made, the Year Book is to be collected from the Goldfish Bowl.

### New 2 You

New 2 You has proved to be very popular since it was launched last October and stocks are running very low. For parents of Y11 students who leave school this summer term, please could you check to see if you have any old uniform in good condition that you would like to donate to replenish our depleting stock and bring this to the Goldfish Bowl. All sizes and types of uniform would be gratefully received.

### Trophies

Please could those students who received a trophy at the Presentation Evening last September return them to Reception by Friday 12 May.

### Exam Information for Y11 Students

Please click on the links below for up to date information regarding Y11 summer exams. Please ensure your child reads both of these items.

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Notice-to-Year-11-Students-re-Summer-Exams.pdf>

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/GCSE-Examinations-Booklet-2017.pdf>

### 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.

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Wednesday 10 May – PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be held in the Conference Room at 7pm. New members are welcome.

### Wednesday 17 May - Parental Support Session

Continuing our successful parental support sessions, we are going to run the next one at 7.00pm covering self-harm.

### Friday 19 May - Ceilidh Fund Raising Event for Lourdes



## Primary Schools Skipping Festival - 2 May 2017



SJF hosted the Skipping Schools Festival and the following Primary Schools took part in this annual event:

Barkston Ash, Tadcaster  
St Joseph's, Harrogate  
St Joseph's, Tadcaster  
St Mary's, Knaresborough  
St Roberts, Harrogate

Congratulations to St Robert's, Harrogate who were the overall winning team. The festival involved about 120 pupils from Years 3, 4 and 5 and comprised of the pupils performing skills such as the double bounce, speed bounce, side swing, cross over, pretzel, face-to-face, butterfly pairs, run jump out and keep the pot boiling. The pupils were assisted by 20 SJF sports Leaders. All the pupils really enjoyed the morning festival and we hope that all the pupils continue skipping back at their Primary Schools.

If you require any further information for skipping initiatives, please see:

[www.skippingschool.co.uk](http://www.skippingschool.co.uk)

twitter @skippingschool1



## Library News

### Carnegie Book Award

We are pleased to invite Alison Cassels, the regional judge, who is visiting the Library on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May at lunchtime to meet our Carnegie Shadowing group. Students are invited to find out about the awards process and ask questions themselves. Find our Shadowing page at [www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk](http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk), click on Shadowing, type in St. John Fisher and select our school from the list. There is still time to join in and read the short list, ask at the Library desk.

### Knitted Chicks For Macmillan

Thank you to everyone who supported our Charity Chicks either through buying them, knitting them or supplying the crème or caramel eggs. We have now sold out completely and the grand total raised for Macmillan is **£502.90!**

### Music Department

Congratulations to the students below who achieved fantastic exam results, all of their grades being above a merit. Well done.

#### Singing Exam Results

Jenny Horsfall grade 2, merit (124)  
Emily Jennings grade 2, merit (122)  
Holly Todd, grade 2, distinction (130)  
Millie Connell grade 3, merit (127)  
Eleanor Roberts, grade 3 distinction (136)  
Laura Robinson grade 3 distinction (132)  
Jayant Shires grade 4 distinction (130)  
Amber Lowen grade 4 distinction (133)  
Mairead James grade 5 merit (121)  
Ellen McGaroh Cohen grade 5 merit (122)

#### Trumpet Exam Results

Aidan Miller, grade 4, merit (128)  
Frankie Romer, grade 4, merit (124)

### School Concert Band Qualify for Brum!

Following an outstanding performance in March at the Music for Youth Regional Festival in Wakefield, the concert band has been invited to the National Festival this July. This firmly ranks the concert band as one of the highest achieving school bands in the country and will see them performing at Symphony Hall, Birmingham on Thursday 6th July. Mr Ratcliffe, Head of Music commented "Having the opportunity to play in one of the finest concert halls in the world is an amazing opportunity for our musicians and they deserve every accolade for their hard work". The band will be rehearsing hard between now and July in preparation for the festival.



### Celebration 2017!

This summer sees the departure of a large number of Year 13 students who are members of the various ensembles in the music department. With this in mind, we thought it would be a great opportunity to get out into the local community and perform our final Senior Concert at a new venue this year. We have managed to secure Harrogate Theatre on Thursday 29th June for what is always an amazing showcase of the hard work that has gone on throughout the year. The concert will also feature the 60 strong junior choir alongside senior ensembles and soloists from our departing Year 13 cohort. We really would love to see as many parents there supporting as possible and giving the year 13 students a great send off before they go on to work or further education.

Tickets are priced £8 and £5 and are available from Harrogate Theatre box office on 01423 502116 or online at [www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk](http://www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk)



St. John Fisher Catholic  
High School presents

# CELEBRATION!

## 2017



**Thursday 29th June**  
**Harrogate Theatre**  
**7:30 P.M**

Our Senior Concert celebrating the  
achievements of all students and an  
opportunity to hear performances from  
our departing Year 13 musicians

For ticket sales, please call 01423 502116 or visit  
[www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk](http://www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk)



## Sports Results

### County Hockey

Charlie Sutton (8C) and Tom Alldred (Y8W) have both recently been selected to play hockey for the North East at the UK U13 Boys Regional Hockey Championships (the Regional Trophy Tournament) which will take place in Nottingham in June.

Charlie also plays hockey for West Yorkshire U13s.

### Table Tennis Charity Cup Final

Congratulations to the B Team who were winners of the Charity Cup



Team photograph from left to right with Max Mills holding the trophy:  
Sammy Kelly, George Gibson, Dale Gibson - A Team.  
Tom Hudson, Matthew Lynch, George Asbury - B Team

A Team—1 Dale Gibson (Handicap 71), 2 Sammy Kelly (70), George Gibson (80)

B Team---1 Tom Hudson (127), George Asbury (136), Matthew Lynch (109)

Fishers B received a 166 point lead.

Sammy v Tom	21-15, 21-13, 42-194
Dale v Matthew	17-21, 21-14, 80-229
George v George	21-19, 19-21, 120-269
Sammy v Matthew	21-6, 21-15, 162-290
George v Tom	21-15, 21-11, 204-316
Dale v George	21-17, 21-8, 246-341
George v Matthew	21-18, 20-21, 287-380
Sammy v George	21-2, 21-10, 329-394
Dale v Tom	16-21, 21-10, 366-425

With a target of 379 needed to win, the B Team—all 3 really playing their best of the season, had won the Final with 2 matches to go, allowing everyone to relax a little. The Final was almost decided in the opening 3 matches and despite Sammy's efforts the B Team players were not likely to lose such a commanding lead.

Individual scores saw Dale finishing (with handicap taken into the reckoning) on -32, Sammy on +5, and George on -32.

B Team - Tom +22, George +19 and Matthew +18

Congratulations to both teams for an excellent final, very good to watch, with great sportsmanship. If you missed it, you missed a treat, only the 2<sup>nd</sup> time the final has been an all Fishers match, and maybe the last, but hopefully not.

Thanks to all supporters, and helpers over the season, the best ever for the teams.

Last weekend saw Sammy and Theo Kelly and Luke Furlong play in the 2\* event in Blackpool, against some of the best players in the country.

All 3 did well, with Theo taking the "plate" final win in the U13 competition.

Max Mills



## Sports Fixtures

### Monday 8 May

Y9 & Y10 A/B Girls Rounders v St Aidan's @ St Aidan's, 15:30-17:30

### Tuesday 9 May

Y11 Boys Football Area Cup final v Ermysteds @ Harrogate Town, 20:00 KO

### Wednesday 10 May

Y7-Y10 Girls Athletics Competition @ Harrogate Grammar School, 16:00-17:30

### Thursday 11 May

Y8B Boys Tennis @ Ashville College, 16:00-17:30

Y8 Boys Football Area Cup Final @ Harrogate Town, 17:00 KO

6<sup>th</sup> Form Boys Football Area Cup Final @ Harrogate Town, 20:00 KO

### Friday 12 May

Y8 Boys Cricket v Ripon Grammar School @ Ripon Grammar, 13:30-18:00

### Monday 15 May

Y3/4 Mini Red Tennis Competition @ SJF Tennis Courts, 15:00-17:00

Y7 & Y8 A/B Girls Rounders v St Aidan's @ SJF, 15:30-17:30

### Tuesday 16 May

Athletics – 1<sup>st</sup> Round ESAA Track & Field Cup @ York University

### Thursday 18 May

Y5/Y6 Tennis @ SJF Tennis Courts, 15:00-17:00

Y10B Boys Tennis @ Ashville College, 16:00-17:30

### PE Extra Curricular Timetable

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





### Year 7

Thank you to all of you who have booked for the Yorkshire Wildlife Park, we can only hope that the weather mirrors that of the beginning of May.

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

We have allocated 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.



There will be an end of Year test at the end of June/beginning of July, specific topic details and dates will be released nearer the time. This will help us divide the year in to new, mixed sets, which are not streamed, but will give pupils the opportunity of working with those from other forms.

### 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.

There will be an end of Year test at the end of June/beginning of July, specific topic details and dates will be released nearer the time. This will help us divide the year in to new, streamed sets on each side of the year. We continually assess setting across Year 9 and are happy for movement between groups, where evidence shows this is necessary. Generally the two top groups in each side of the year will supply the majority of those who go on to pursue Separate Sciences.

### 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 advise 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.

This will give us an indication of those who should pursue separate science and those for whom combined science is more appropriate and set for Y10 accordingly.

However we will test pupils in Y10, around Christmas, and again at this current time of year and will make set changes where evidence supports this.



## Year 10

Year 10 have now completed their mock examinations, we will be issuing the results of these around the 19<sup>th</sup> May. After which we will review the papers with pupils in order to consolidate and extend their understanding. Grades will be reported 9-1. 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. Please contact me if there are any issues regarding logging on.

## 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.**

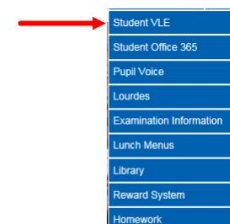
### VLE

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.



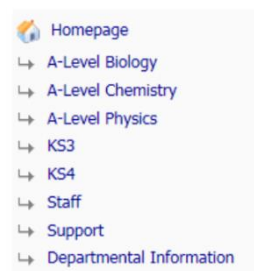
2. Scroll down and click on Student VLE:



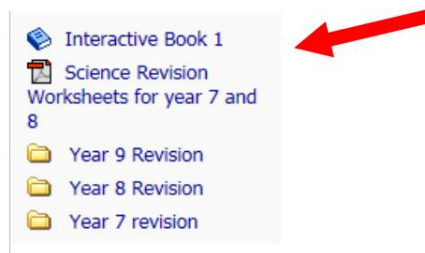
3. Scroll down to Science



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 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 – 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 <sup>th</sup> May	Y9 & 10 A/B	St Aidan's	St Aidan's	Reception @ 3.30pm	St John Fisher @ 5.30pm	
1	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Y7 & 8 A/B	St Aidan's	St John Fisher	Astro @ 3.30pm	St John Fisher @ 5.30pm	
2	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June	Y7 & 8 A/B	Rossett	St John Fisher	Astro @ 3.30pm	St John Fisher @ 5.30pm	
1	Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June	Y9 & 10 A/B	Ripon Grammar	St John Fisher	Astro @ 3.30pm	St John Fisher @ 5.30pm	
1	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y7 & 8 A/B	Harrogate Grammar	St John Fisher	Astro @ 3.30pm	St John Fisher @ 5.30pm	
2	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y9 & 10 A/B	King James	St John Fisher	Astro @ 3.30pm	St John Fisher @ 5.30pm	
1	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> 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

