

St John Fisher Catholic High School



Newsletter 2 29 September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Presentation Evening

Last Thursday's presentation evening was testament to the talent, hard work, and dedication of our students and a great opportunity to thank you as parents for the support you give to our school. Irving Weaver, chairman of Harrogate Town FC, kindly joined us for the evening to hand out our prizes and address us – his key message being that our students must make the most of the opportunities that their school gives to them. It was clear from the students who were there, and from the buzz of hard work that fills our classrooms, that the majority of our students know that, and have got their year off to a flying start so that next year's presentation evening will be able to celebrate similar success.

Year 7 Welcome Mass

Another opportunity for community celebration takes place this evening, Friday 29th September, in the form of our Year 7 Welcome Mass. This is the culmination of two weeks of Year 7 retreats at which we formally welcome our Year 7 and their families into our community. Mass begins at 6pm and will be followed by refreshments in the Sixth Form Dining Room, at which you can meet Year 7 form tutors and other parents. You are warmly invited to join us for this special occasion.

Open Day and Astro Turf Launch

Our Open Day this year is on Saturday 7th October from 11am – 2pm. The Open Day is a key event in helping parents decide which school is right for their child, and we want to give our visitors a real sense of everything that is good about our school. Thank you in advance for the support your children are giving our school in acting as tour guides, running activities in departments and being wonderful ambassadors for our school on this day. The Open Day is followed by our Astroturf launch, at which parents, students and staff can come together to watch the official opening of this facility, with an alumni football match, hog roast and plenty of refreshment, plus outdoor games for all the family. This event will run from 3-5pm, and we would love to see you there if you are able to join us.

There is a lot to celebrate at the start of this year. Thank you for your support with all of our events.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Langstaff
Head of School



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 11 Parental Support Evening – Wednesday 4 October

The second of the Year 11 Parent Support Evenings will take place 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.

Year 7 Welcome Mass and Refreshments

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

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>

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>

Health Matters

Thank you to all new Y7 parent who have completed and returned the Pupil Medical Forms. There are still some forms outstanding. Please complete and return ASAP, so we can be fully aware of the health needs of your child.

A polite reminder – students who are or have suffered from S & D should remain off school for 48 hours following their last bout of sickness as per the School's Policy. Thank you for your understanding



Sixth Form A Level Drama Theatre Workshop



Sixth Form A Level Drama students had a theatre workshop on Wednesday 20 September at St John Fisher led by the Assistant Director of "The Weir", the current production by English Touring Theatre. Students analysed themes of the play and did a practical workshop with the director to develop their understanding. They then watched the play last night and attended the post-show talk with the cast.

Key Stage 3 Annual Arts Showcase

The Key Stage 3 Arts Showcase will take place on **Thursday 12th October at 7pm in the Main Hall**. It celebrates the talent of our students in Dance, Drama and Music and there will be a number of ensemble and solo performances. It is always a wonderful evening and I do hope you can join us.

For tickets, please visit Parentpay; tickets are all priced at £5 each and must be pre-paid. Tickets will not be available on the door.

Macmillan Cake Sale – Part 1

The 6th Form Congress organised a cake stall for Macmillan Cancer on 29 September and raised a fantastic £252. To follow this, the SJF staff are holding another cake sale today, the total amount raised will be in the next Newsletter.



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 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.



Maths Items on Parent Pay Explained

Items purchased should be collected from F4 on Monday or Friday lunchtime between 12.30 and 12.45pm. Proof of purchase, either by printed receipt or a photo on a mobile, is required.

It is your child's responsibility to collect these items.

KS3

Year 7 Maths Pack 1

This pack contains a scientific calculator, 8 piece maths set and a revision guide and workbook, included is access to online resources to support your child at home.

Year 7 Maths Pack 2

This pack contains an 8 piece maths set and a revision guide and workbook, included is access to online resources to support your child at home.

Year 8 Maths KS3 Revision All-in-one

This revision guide and workbook is intended for KS3 students. Students currently in Year 8 will still be able to use this resource in Year 9 but it will not be specific to the scheme of work they are following.

KS4

Year 9, 10 & 11 Maths GCSE AQA Workbook and Revision Guide

The workbook and revision guide are best used together, with the workbook providing exercise allowing students to practise sections from the revision guide. These both follow the GCSE scheme of work that your child will be following from Year 9 through to Year 11.

MathsWatch Disc

This CD contains video examples of topics covered in the AQA GCSE and is therefore intended for Year 9 through to Year 11 students. The disc also contains additional worksheets that students can use for further practice. The disc contains both Higher and Foundation content.

General Items

8 Piece Maths Set

The 8 piece maths set contains a 15cm ruler, 180 degree protractor, 45 and 60 degree set squares, sharpener, eraser, pair of compasses and 3.5" pencil. It is expected that all students attend every lesson with correct maths equipment.

Maths Scientific Calculator

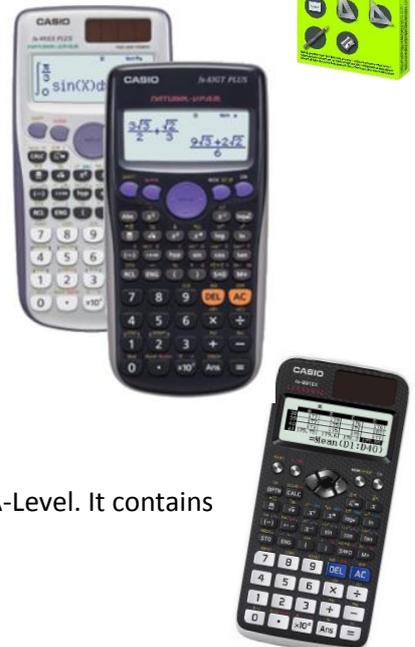
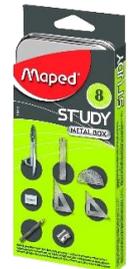
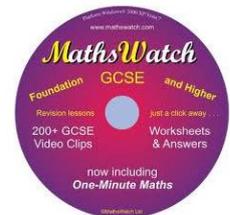
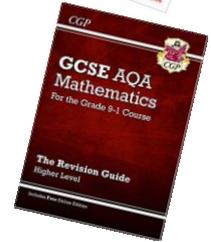
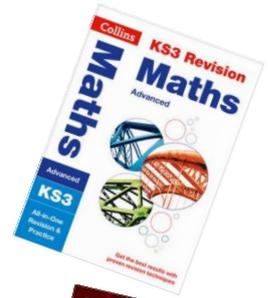
This calculator is recommended and suitable for all students, and will be used in Year 7 through to Year 11.

Silver Dream Machine

This calculator is suitable for students in Year 7 to 11. It contains additional features such as equation solver.

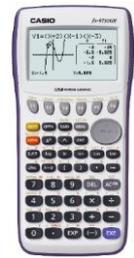
ClassWiz Calculator

This calculator is necessary for all students studying the new specification A-Level. It contains additional features needed for A-level.



Maths Graphical Calculator

This calculator will only be useful for those studying Maths or Further Maths at A-Level. It is not necessary that students have these, but they may be useful in some topics (more so in Further Maths A-Level).



Sports Results

U13 Girls Football

The team started the year on the perfect note as they were crowned Area Champions in the Harrogate and District Cup 7-a-side Area Tournament on Tuesday 19 September.

The A team; featuring five Year 7 players, won the competition without conceding a goal or losing a game. An outstanding achievement for any team.

Rebecca Hugill was player of the tournament scoring a fantastic eight goals.

The SJF B and C team which also featured a large number of Y7 pupils, also had a fantastic tournament, narrowly missing out on a runners up spot - finishing 3rd and 5th!

The tournament was played in a fantastic spirit, showcasing girls football!

Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to our superb Sports Leaders who helped organise the competition; Cassidy Lane, Jess Flynn, Hollie Higgins, Will Hugill and Ethan Della Rovere.

The U13 Girls' Football team also made a terrific start to their National Cup, Round 1 tie against Castleford Academy, winning 5-0. This will now setup a derby tie with local rivals St Aidan's in Round 2.

Featuring 7 debutants from Year 7, the St John Fisher girls were rewarded in the 12th minute after a fantastic team goal. Rebecca Hugill opened the scoring, latching on to a through ball from Harriet Robson, after great work from Therese Tolan. Moments later, Hugill grabbed her second with a terrific solo effort that curled into the top corner.

Ruby Watts was a constant threat, displaying pace, power and intricate passing with Robyn McKendrick opened up the space for her to deliver a pinpoint ball allowing Hugill to score her hat trick.

Half time - SJF: 3 v 0 Castleford Academy

The second half showed a much more composed Fisher's side after finding their rhythm. The industrious McKendrick lead by example and drove her team forward and fired past the keeper whilst picking up an injury in the process.

The experience of Parkin, Rowan, McKendrick and Abbott gave way to the youth of Shields, Scobbie, Cree and Longley, who impressed straight away. All four girls displayed a tenacious and resilient performance and proved that size doesn't matter, epitomising the school values!

The game was out of sight for Castleford when Harriet Robson got her rewards in the closing stages of the match. After receiving a nasty tackle as she was through on goal, Robson picked herself up to take the freekick. Harriet who had worked tirelessly all game got the goal she deserved when she unleashed a sublime free-kick into the top corner.

Full time: SJF 5 V 0 Castleford Academy

An impressive start to life at St John Fisher! St John Fisher will now face St Aidan's in Round 2 of the U13 National Cup, which will be played the week commencing 9th October 2017.

Player of the match: Ruby Watts (Year 7)



Y9 Boys Football

ESFA Cup

St John Fisher 9 Thirsk 0

Scorers - Carole 2, Hodgson 2, Shepherd 2, Santoro, Bracewell, Travers.

Y7A & B Boys Football

The Year 7 boys football teams competed in their first football competition at Rossett School. The A team finished the competition as the winning side and the B team were joint winners.

A Team

SJF 0 - 0 Rossett

SJF 2 - 2 Boroughbridge (Scorers - Max Jordan and Archie Gray)

SJF 1 - 0 St Aidan's (Scorer - Quique Diaz-Sanchez)

B Team

SJF 1 - 0 St Aidan's (Scorer - Lewis Sibson)

SJF 0 - 0 Rossett

St John Fisher and St Aidan's Associated 6th Form Rugby Team

Playing in only their 2nd game the 6th form rugby team were beaten in the 1st round of the NAT WEST plate by a well organised Ashville College team. The score finishing 26-5 with Eoin Harrison scoring the only try for the team. Well done boys on a spirited effort!

Well done boys on your efforts.

Sports Fixtures

Monday 2 October

Mr Pass – Y7A Boys Football v Minsthorpe @ SJF, 16:00-17:30

Mr Knowles – U13B Boys Football v Snaith @ Snaith, 15:30

Mr Stansfield – U15 Boys Football v Queen Ethelburga's @ SJF, 16:00

Tuesday 3 October

Miss Huegett – U15 Girls 7-a-side Football Competition @ SJF 3G Pitch, 16:00-17:30

Wednesday 4 October

Miss Thomas – U14 A & B Netball v Ripon Grammar @ SJF, 15:30-17:30

Mr Pass - U18 boys Rugby v Wath @ Wath, 12:30-17:30

Thursday 5 October

Mrs Nightingale – U16A National School Area Netball Competition @ Ashville, 15:00-17:30

Mr Pritchard – Y9 Boys Rugby Tournament @ Ripon GS, 16:00-17:30

Monday 2 October

Mr Pass/Mr Howgate - Y7 & Y8 Boys Rugby v Tadcaster @ Tadcaster, 16:00-17:30

Tuesday 10 October

Mr Knowles – Y7B Boys Football v Boroughbridge @ Boroughbridge, 15:00-18:00

Miss Huegett – U15 Girls 7-a-side Football Competition @ SJF 3G Pitch, 16:00-17:30

Mr Heaton – 6th Form Boys Football v Lady Lumleys @ SJF, fixture details TBC

Wednesday 11 October

Miss Thomas – U13a Netball v St Aidan's @ SJF, 15:30-17:30

Thursday 12 October

Miss Thomas – ESSA North Yorkshire Cross Country @ Giggleswick, 11:00-16:00

Miss Thomas – U14 National Schools Netball Competition @ Ashville, 15:00-17:30

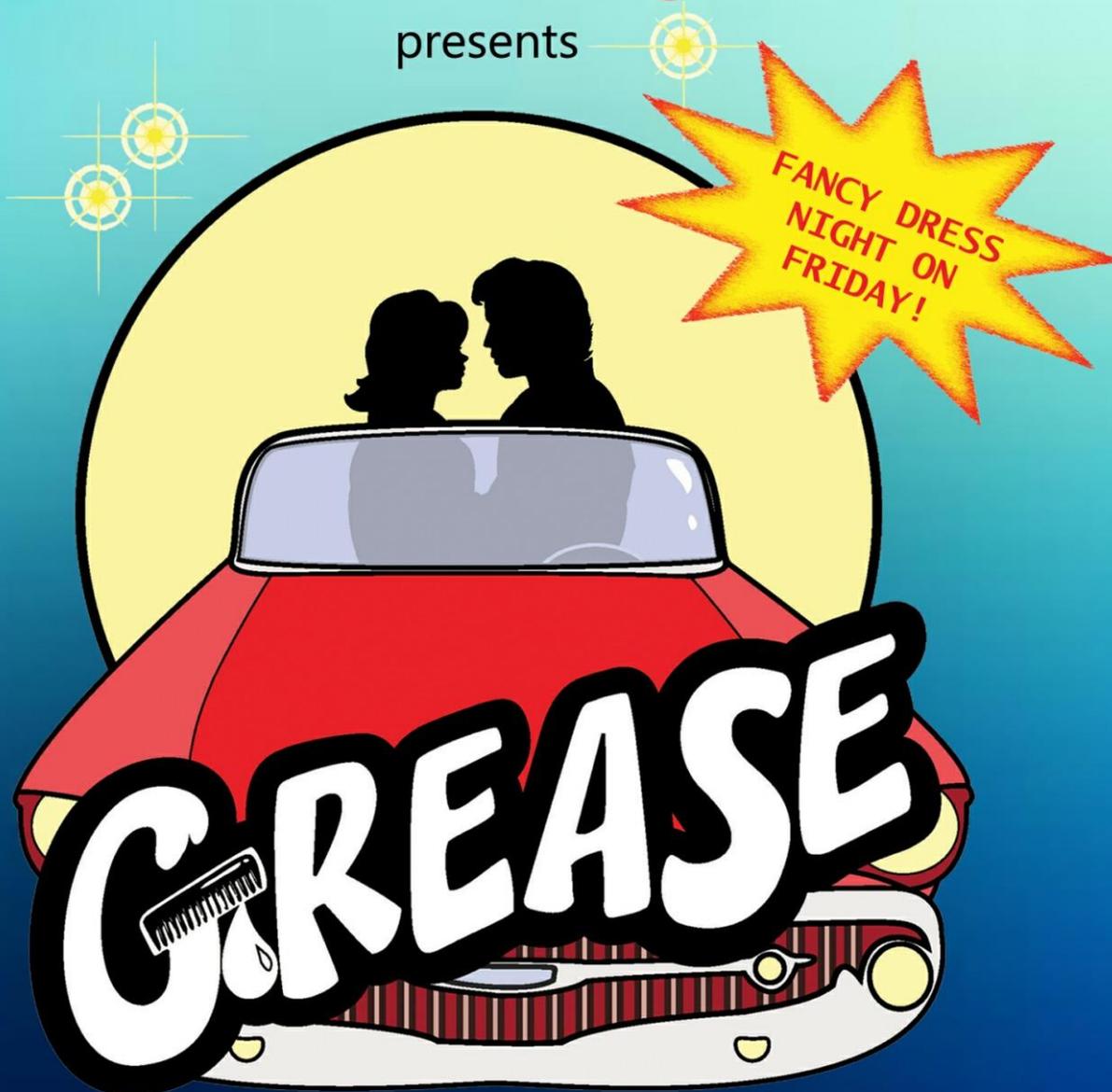
PE Extra Curricular Timetable

Please see below for new PE Extra Curricular Timetable.



St. John Fisher Catholic High School, Harrogate

presents



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 or 01423 562303



News from the Science Desk – September 2017

Year 7

We hope that all of Y7 are beginning to settle down in to their Science lessons at St John Fisher. Pupils will now have met their teacher(s) and have been introduced to safety and the early principles in your first topic. Topics that they 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. We will be launching Y7 Science club after half term to hopefully enthuse and inspire the budding Scientists of tomorrow.

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.

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 27th Sept or 4th 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.



Mock examination dates are 31st October Biology, 3rd November Physics and 6th November Chemistry Combined Science exams (Higher or Foundation) 1hr in each subject.
Separate Science exams 90mins in each subject

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

To log on to Kerboodle (please note the change to the centre code).

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: vsg7 (VSG7 –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



Staffing

We welcome two new members of staff from September in to the Science Department, Mr M Johnson Head of Physics and Mr Cartledge teacher of Chemistry. Recruitment is increasingly an issue in some schools, and I am very pleased to welcome these two 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

Mr Tanner-Smith
Head of Science
Specialist Leader in Education



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

DAY	LUNCHTIME – TILL 1.15PM			AFTER SCHOOL – TILL 5PM		
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