

St John Fisher Catholic High School



Newsletter 3 13 October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Open Day

Many thanks to all of our students who contributed to making our Open Day on Saturday a success. It's always a great opportunity to show our school in its very best light and our students are undoubtedly our biggest asset in achieving that. The number of positive emails that we have received since complementing our tour guides and parking attendants only reinforces what excellent ambassadors they are for our community – thank you to everyone for their support. A reminder for those of you who have Year 6 children who are applying to join us in September that applications need to be completed, and the School Preference Form returned to us by 31st October.

3G Pitch Launch

PE Teachers Mike Knowles and Max Mills MBE opened our 3G pitch on Saturday alongside our local MP Andrew Jones. The event was extremely well supported by parents and staff and the centrepiece of our celebrations – an alumni match against our current staff and students – contrary to expectations, saw the staff team emerge as victors. Thank you to all who supported, but particular thanks must go to the SJFA who, yet again, worked incredibly hard to put on a fantastic event.



Training Day

We reach the end of a successful half term, with Year 7 and Year 12 having settled really well into school routines. Just a reminder that the final day of next week, Friday 20th October, is a training day for staff, and therefore students should not be in school.

Year 11 Mocks

Just a reminder to parents of our Year 11 students that their mock exams begin immediately after half term. These exams are really important in introducing the students to the reality of the GCSE experience, but are also very helpful for us in identifying where each student needs our help and support to ensure they achieve their goals in the summer. This is only the case if the students take the mock examinations seriously and are prepared,



so that we can see what they are really capable of. We would really appreciate your support in encouraging your Year 11 students to revise over the half term holiday.

Transport from Nidderdale

Those of you who travel in from the Nidderdale area will be aware of the collapse of the Stephenson's 8H route only a couple of days before the school year began. Since then, Transdev have been providing a service, but both we and they recognise it is not ideal for your children. Along with St. Aidan's, we had a parents' meeting with Transdev to discuss a better route to run from January. I know not all parents who it affects were able to attend, and that you may know of other parents who will have Year 6 children joining us next year who this will also affect. If you were not at the meeting but would like further details of what the proposed service will involve please email Rebecca Reeve-Burnett at Vamooz (hello@govamooz.co.uk). The company need indications of numbers by 20th October to determine if the service is viable so if this does affect you, please get in touch with them by this deadline.

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

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>

Health Matters

Y7 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.

Macmillan Cake Sale – Part 2

The 6th Form Congress raised £252 on 29 September followed by £340 for the SJF staff cake stall on Friday 29 September for Macmillan Cancer, making a grand total of £592. A great effort by all who baked and bought the lovely cakes.



CAFOD Soup and Roll Morning

This raised a huge £680 last Friday. Thank you to all who supported this annual event.



Harvest Tin Collection - Begins Monday 9th October.



Following on from the very successful CAFOD Harvest Soup and Roll Day, please bring in tins and/or non perishable food which will be donated to St Pio's Friary, Bradford. Pupils can leave their tins at the bottom of the staircase in the Collins Entrance. Sixth Form students should take their contribution to the Sixth Form Café. Alternatively, these will be collected in form time and a tally will be kept of the total number of tins donated per form.

7C has made a great start with one student donating a whole tray of tins – well done.

St Marys Catholic Primary School – Knaresborough Open Sessions

Do you know anyone in the Knaresborough area looking for a primary school place for their child at an 'Outstanding Catholic School' in 2018? They are welcome to attend our Open Sessions on Tuesday 17th October 9.30-11.30am, Thursday 19th October 2.15-3.15pm or Thursday 3th November 3.30-6.00pm.

Half Term Multi Sports Camp at SJF Tennis Courts – Mon 23 to 25 October – 09:30-15:30

Tennis, cricket, rounders, dodgeball and lots more.

Wear warm clothes + waterproof

Bring packed lunch + snacks + water

All ages welcome - £25/day

Contact Vanessa on 07779 614564 to book

HM Tennis Academy



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 on sale available 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.

Sports News

Tom Plant Y9 – Congratulations for Achieving Selection for Swim Wales National Squad

Tom attended the Swim Wales National Squad training camp at the end of September at the National pool in Swansea.

Tom started formal training at 6 years old with Harrogate & District Swimming Club and began competing at 9. As Tom has developed he has won several individual and relay medals at Yorkshire county level and regional medals at the NERs (North Eastern Region). The North Eastern Region is currently acknowledged as the strongest region in England. Tom has also managed to win two medals at a national level at the Swim Wales National events. Although much of last season was blighted by illness and injury Tom managed to win two silver medals in breaststroke and medley events at the Yorkshire championships and qualified for multiple finals at regional level.



At the start of this season Tom received news that his performances had earned him national selection and membership of the Swim Wales Academy Squad. Tom regards this as his biggest achievement to date and, although it involves a 700 miles round trip for each training camp and competitive meet, is looking forward to the opportunities national selection will give him.



National Junior Games – Stoke Mandeville

At the beginning of October, 10 pupils from St John Fisher represented their school in the National Junior Games which took place at the Stoke Mandeville stadium in Buckinghamshire.

Over 250 young people aged between 11 and 18 took part in the competition from across the country, swapping the classroom for practical sports in an inspiring environment.

Each student had an opportunity to try out a range of new wheelchair sports which were delivered by WheelPower; a national charity for wheelchair sport.

Our St John Fisher pupils relished the opportunity to get involved in over 20 different inclusive sports, with wheelchair basketball, wheelchair fencing and archery being their particular favourites. With four action packed days of sport, the students had the opportunity to develop their skills and compete against other pupils from up and down the country.

Callum Moxon made it to the final of both the Table Tennis and Snooker competitions, eventually finishing runner up in Table Tennis but secured the winner's trophy in the Snooker.

Sebastian DiClemente, Christopher Newport, Leo Mazza, Jackson Hill and Callum Moxon all competed in the Swimming competition in the infamous Stoke Mandeville Pool from the 2012 Olympics, and continued their success with all students finishing either 1st or 2nd in their respective races.

Jacob Evans and David Maltby thrived in the wheelchair basketball where they spent most of their time, they have even requested a modified wheelchair for Christmas!



Tigre Coultas smashed the Tennis competition and went on to have success in the cue sports, rifle shooting and table tennis.

Josh Holden, Jackson Hill and Conor Saggi all became professionals in the rifle shooting with Jackson finishing in 2nd place in the whole competition, followed by the cool, calm and collected Conor who picked up a bronze medal in third place.

St John Fisher also enjoyed success on the Athletics track, with Seb and Jackson finishing 1st and 2nd in the 100m race. This typified St John Fisher's mentality and team spirit when all of the boys were at the finish line cheering the SJF competitors on. These students encompassed the school values of compassion, humility, respect, integrity, service and tolerance and were a credit to St John Fisher.

Overall, the pupils thoroughly enjoyed a life transforming experience and created memories that will last them a lifetime. The week wasn't just about competing, it enabled students to develop their confidence, social and inter-personal skills and learn new skills that they can use in their daily lives. It was incredible to see St John Fisher competing on the national stage and long may the success continue.



Sports Results

Girls Football

A fantastic 4/4 victories for the girls' football teams:

National Cup

U13 v St Aidans – won 13-0

U16 v Roundhay School – won 6-2 (Report below)

U18 v St Aidan's – won 4-2

U15 6-a-side Area Champions

For further football results and fixtures click on the link below or visit our website:

<http://sifchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Girls-Football-Results-2017.18.pdf>

U16 Girls Football team are through to the next round of the National Cup after a hard fought victory against Roundhay High school.

Roundhay took the lead within 5 minutes after a sublime long range free-kick, which was driven into the top corner, leaving Goalkeeper Liv Hague with no chance of stopping it.



On the 10th minute Molly Bridson equalised with some intricate football with Jess Flynn, which saw Molly round the keeper and place the ball calmly in the back of the net. Moments later star striker and captain Molly Bridson suffered a suspected broken toe and had to leave the field of play, resulting in the SJF team having to play the remaining 50 minutes with 10 players.

Despite losing their influential captain and being reduced to 10 players, the Fisher's team rallied together and raised their game.

SJF went into the half time break with a 2-1 lead after tremendous work from Cass Lane and Niamh Barker, which enabled Niamh to surge through the Roundhay defence and hammer the ball into the roof of the net.

A second half performance of true Fisher's desire, endeavour and togetherness saw SJF run away with a well deserved 6-2 victory.

As always Carys McDonnell and Hollie Higgins linked up well on the right hand side and were a constant threat, likewise with Katie Barlow and Lydia Lawson on the left flank.

A match winning performance from every St John Fisher player kept a very talented Roundhay side at bay.

Notable 'never say die' attitudes from Niamh Barker and Jess Flynn dominated the midfield, linking up with Cass Lane who lead the line brilliantly in Molly's absence and was a constant threat backed up by stalwarts Mary Windle and Eimear Wyrill in defence which epitomised the school's values. The work ethic, team spirit and resilience was powerful to watch from a team that has battled for each other since Year 7.

Further goals from Cass Lane, Niamh Barker and Mary Windle sealed the victory and sets up a next round versus Rossett /Mirfield Free Grammar after the holidays.

Boys Football

Y7 B and C teams played against St Aidan's this week. The B team lost 2-0 and the C team lost 3-2. Well done to the boys on a spirited performance.



Sports Fixtures

Monday 16 October

Mr Hussey – Y9A Boys Football v Sherburn @ SJD, 16:00-17:30

Mr Stansfield – Y10 Boys Football v Thirsk @ Thirsk, 15:00-18:00

Tuesday 17 October

Mrs Nightingale – U19A National Schools Area Netball Competition @ Ashville, 15:00-17:30

Mr Pass – Y7 Boys Football v Garforth @ SJF, 16:00-17:30

Miss Thomas – U14 Netball v Boroughbridge @ Boroughbridge, 15:35-18:00

6th Form Boys Rugby v Otley @ Otley Rugby Club, 16:00-17:30

Wednesday 18 October

Miss Thomas – U13B & U14B Netball v Ripon Outwood @ SJF 16:00-17:30

Mr Owen – Y11B Boys Football v Ripon Outwood @ SJF, 16:00-17:30

Mr Pass – Y7/Y8 Boys Rugby v Ripon Outwood @ SJF, 16:00-17:30

Wednesday 1 November

Miss Thomas – U14A & B Netball v St Aidan's @ SJF, 15:30-17:30

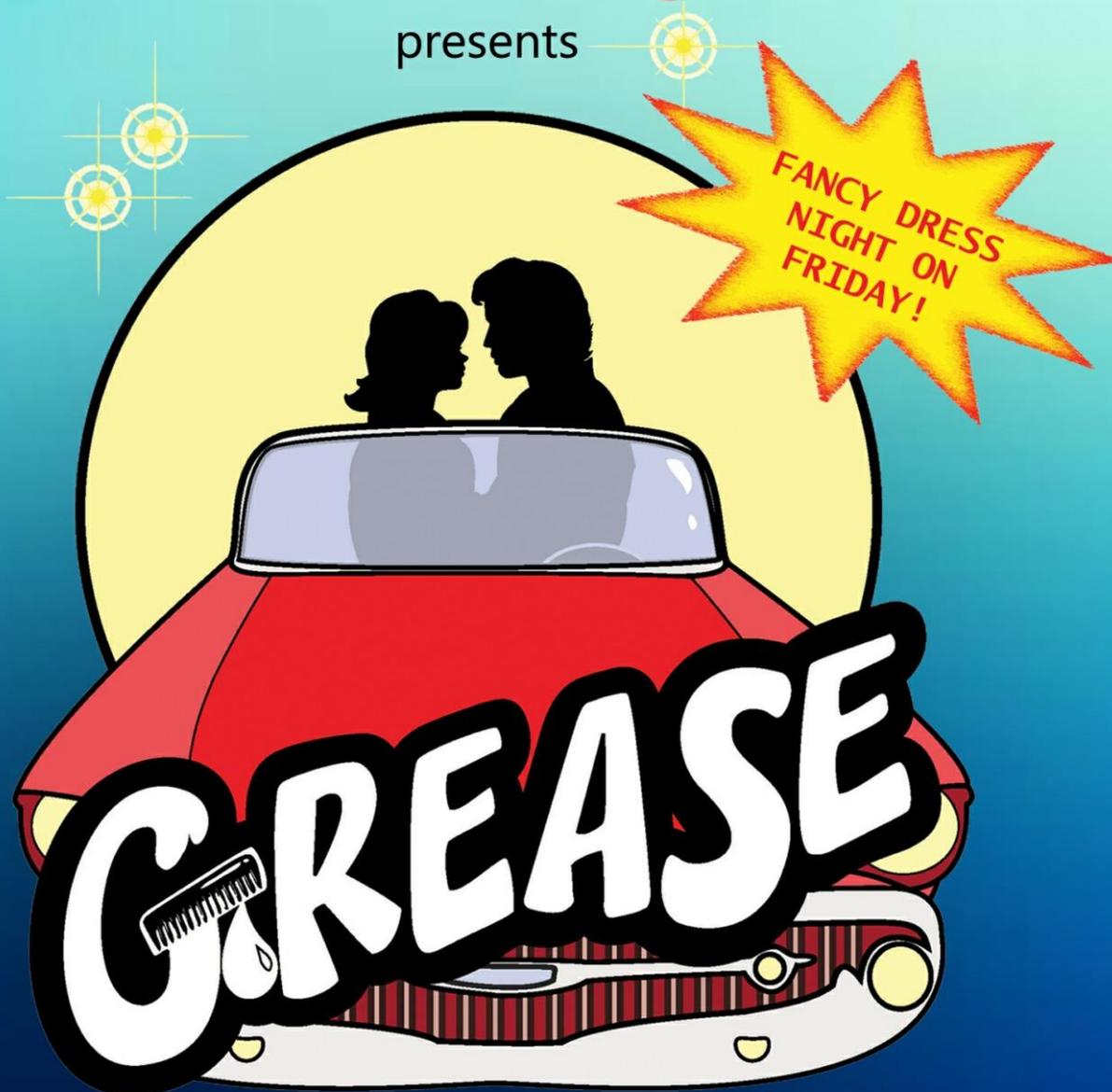
PE Extra Curricular Timetable

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 – October 2017

Perseverance/pəːsɪˈvɪər(ə)nəs/noun:

Persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.

"medicine is a field which requires dedication and perseverance".

Well done to all of our pupils in coming to terms with the new material, teachers and expectations that they have encountered in this new academic year. The half term beckons which will enable them to rest, catch up and prepare for the following half term. For Year 11 it will provide additional time to prepare for their mock examinations.

Year 7

We will be launching Y7 Science club after half term to hopefully enthuse and inspire the budding Scientists of tomorrow. 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 Y8 have encountered this year are: B8.1 Digestions and Respiration, C8.1 Elements, Compounds and Mixtures, P8.1 Light and Sound, and will go on to encounter; B8.2 Causes of Disease, C8.2 Reactivity of Metals, P8.2 Magnetism and Electricity. Pupils will be tested at the end of each topic which will allow us to monitor progress and understanding, which we will report home in due course.

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.



Dates of the 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 advice accordingly.

Events and Clubs

KS3 Science Club (Y7)

Bolton Lecture Dates and tickets TBC



Engineering Education Scheme Launch

After a rigorous application process, a group of six Year 12 students were selected to take part in the Engineering Education Scheme and on Monday they attended the launch day for their project. During the project the students will be getting in-depth hands on experience tackling a real engineering problem for their project sponsors, Network Rail. The company have provided engineering mentors as well as project management training. Over six months the students will be coming up with solutions to a real engineering problem Network Rail face, testing out the different solutions at a University before presenting it later on in the year.



(The students taking part are: Jacob Turner, Maddy Hobden, Miriam Davies, Oliver Jordan, William Prudhoe and Gwyn Owen).

Endocrinology Conference

We will be taking ten Y12 Biology students to this conference on Wednesday 8th November, which should provide pupils with an insight in to this fascinating aspect of the human body.

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 half-term, 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		
	SPORT	WHERE	TEACHER	SPORT	WHERE	TEACHER
MON	YEAR 8 GIRLS NETBALL ALL YEARS TABLE TENNIS YEAR 11 BOYS FOOTBALL 6 TH 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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