

St John Fisher Catholic High School



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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to what promises to be an action packed and exciting half term.

You may be interested to know that recent data published by the Department for Education compares the achievement of St. John Fisher students in public examinations extremely favourably with other teenagers across the country. At GCSE, the figures show that our students make outstanding progress well above the national average, and at A Level the results achieved in our A Level examinations compare significantly positively with the progress made by other students nationally. We were already extremely pleased with the progress our young people demonstrated in the summer exams, and the publication of these national figures only strengthens the pride we feel in the outcomes they achieved last year.

Mocks: Year 11 and Year 13

Our Year 11 students are rising to the challenge of the mocks and are approaching their exams with an excellent attitude. Thank you for your support over the half term in encouraging them to prepare. The mocks run until 9th November. On the following day, our Year 11 students will be given the opportunity on the 10th November to have some enrichment time to focus on key issues that go beyond the examined curriculum, embarking on a morning designed to develop skills for life including financial management, and mindfulness. In terms of results, the students will receive these later in the term in a 'results day' experience, which they will then be able to share with you – but you will also receive their mock results in their reports at the end of the Christmas term.

For parents of Year 13, please be aware their mock examinations begin on 4th December and run until 19th December and will all take place at St. Aidan's in Constance Green Hall, which is where the summer examinations are being held. This will give our students an opportunity to experience both the exam content and what is for many of them a new venue.

Grease

The rehearsals for Grease are going exceptionally well, with staff and students working incredibly hard to make this another outstanding school production. Tickets are available, and selling fast, with the production running from 28th November-1st December. If you would like to come, and haven't purchased tickets please do so through at www.harrogateinternationalfestivals.com or on 01423 562303.

Additionally, please we can we ask for your help with the event in supporting the wonderful St. John Fisher Association, who every year provide refreshments and sell programmes and run the raffle. They could really do with volunteers to help them staff these stalls either before the performance, or at the interval. If you are coming and would be willing to help out by volunteering your time before the performance or at the interval we would be really grateful. If you are able to help in this way please email Carolyn Booth, Head of Drama, who is co-ordinating this with the SJFA.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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

PTA Meeting – Wednesday 8 November

The next PTA meeting is next Wednesday, 7pm in the Conference Room, all new members are welcome.

School Photographs – Thursday 9 November

Students in Y7, Y9 and Y11 will be having their school photograph taken in the Main Hall. Please ensure students are in full uniform.

Y10 Parents' Evening – Thursday 16 November

There is a Y10 parents' evening in the Main Hall, 4:30pm start.

Diocesan Mass and Pilgrimage - Ripon Cathedral, Wednesday 18 October

A total of 70 students went on the Diocese of Leeds pilgrimage to sing mass in honour of Our Lady, St Wilfred and the Saints of the Diocese of Leeds at Ripon Cathedral.

Our fantastic junior choir were invited to sing the world premiere of a new mass setting composed by John Duggan.

We are all working hard to support the catholic life of our school and the wider community of the Diocese of Leeds.



The choir are now busy working for our Christmas Liturgy on 20 December and numerous concerts in local residential care homes and at St Roberts Church.

Harvest Tin Collection



A huge thank you to all of the students and staff who brought in 1,531 tins for the St Pio's Friary in Bradford exceeding last year's total. Y7C won the competition gifting a wonderful 288 cans to the appeal, followed closely behind by 7W.

School Production – 28 Nov to 1 Dec – Tickets are selling fast so hurry up!

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 Results

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

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/extra-curricular/sports-ec/girls-sports-results/>

ESAA Cross Country

St John Fisher Catholic High School participated in the ESAA Area Cross Country Cup on Thursday 12th October 2017, at Giggleswick School.

All students showed true resilience and determination working their way through a tough course. The teams placed and both the Junior Boys and the Inter Boys qualified last week for the County Cross Country finals at Middlesborough on Saturday 11th November. The Junior Girls were placed 6th and Inter Girls 8th.

Junior Boys Team and Positions:

Archie Gray - 2nd

Dominic Jones - 14th

Alex Rennocks - 18th

Seb Hodgson - 29th

Ben O'Connor - 31st

Ethan Ferrie - 44th

Team Total (4 to count) 63 points 4th place (Top 4 schools qualified)

Inter Boys Teams and Positions:

Ethan Hussie - 1st

Will Hugill - 4th

James Keelan Edwards - 11th

Callum Hodgson - 18th

Tom Plant - 32nd

Pierce Charlesworth - 43rd

Team Total 34 points 2nd place

Girls Football

U13

The U13 Girls Football team are through to Round 4 of the National Cup after a 6-2 victory against Cardinal Heenan.

St John Fisher took the lead through in-form striker Ruby Watts who unleashed an unstoppable shot into the bottom left hand corner of the net. After some dominant play and great work from McKendrick and Tolan in the midfield, Robson crossed the ball into the path of the oncoming Hugill who volleyed the ball into the roof of the net.

Moss made it 3-0 after coming off the bench to capitalise on some terrific combination play, driving the ball low and hard past the fast approaching goalkeeper. Immediately after the half time break, Cardinal Heenan pulled a goal back with a heavily deflected shot that wrong footed Streatfield in goal.

Fisher's responded imminently with the goal of the game, after some intricate football from back to front, Tolan, Hugill and Watts terrorised the Cardinal Heenan defence and Hugill coolly slotted the ball home to make it 4-1.



Watts and Robson cancelled out a solo effort from Cardinal Heenan who fired the ball in off the post, with two close finishes, sealing a 6-2 victory for St John Fisher.

Player of the match: Robyn McKendrick (c)

Boys Football

Y9A

Congratulations to the Y9A team who had a thumping 13-0 victory against Sherburn in the second round of the County Cup on Monday 16 October.

Scorers

Davide Santoro (4)

Keenan Carole (2)

Jonathan Shepherd (2)

Will Hugill (2)

Callum Hodgson (1)

Pierce Charlesworth (1)

Kian Travers (1)

ESFA Cup - Tuesday 17th October

Y7 Boys Football v Garforth

The early stages of the match saw Fishers dominate possession and control the pace of the game. However, the Garforth goalkeeper produced a string of terrific saves to deny long range efforts from both Gray and Day. Persistence would pay off when Gray made the breakthrough with a clinical finish to put Fishers ahead. The next 10 minutes were static with Fishers often overplaying the ball, particularly in their own third and could have been caught out. Fortunately, the Fishers' midfield pushed on and began to link up well down the channels; Thurston got in behind the defence and with a composed finish doubled Fishers' lead. Minutes later Thurston would add his second and put Fishers 3-0 up by half-time. Garforth came out stronger in the second half but Svensson and Barlow played well at the back ensuring Wilson was rarely called upon. Diaz-Sanchez's drive down the left was a constant threat and he started a counter-attack which would end with substitute Jordan scoring with one of his first touches. The four remaining substitutes came on and showed a high level of energy to help break through a tiring Garforth defence. This intensity resulted in two goals for Captain Gray in two minutes which secured his hat-trick and capped off a man of the match performance.

Fishers advance to the next round after a convincing display.

Patrick Wilson(7)Max Jordan (8)

Michael Walker(7)Joel Burns (7)

Quique Diaz-Sanchez (8)Sonny Foster (7)

Edward Barlow(7)Ben Hargreaves (7)

Edward Svensson (7)James Charlesworth (7)

Sam Pratt (7)

Fraser Day (8)

Archie Gray (9) **Man of the Match*

Finn Thurston (8)



Goals:

Gray (3)Thurston (2)Jordan

ESFA Cup – Wednesday 1 November

Y7B Boys Football v Macmillan Academy

The Year 7B Boys Football team won a thrilling ESFA cup game on Wednesday afternoon. Despite trailing 4-1 they made a dramatic comeback to win 7-6 after extra time.



Scorers: Sinfield 3, Ferris 2, Maguire, Sibson
Man of the match: Fergus Wyrill

U18 Boys Football v Thirsk School

The 6th Form Boys Football team won 4-0 in the second round of the ESFA cup with Rob White, Sam Murphy, Mason Sheridan-Hawley and George Widdows all scoring.

6th Form Boys Rugby

St Aidan's and St John Fisher Associated 6th Form 47 - 20 South Craven

Try Scorers:

Sam Barker
Conor Miller (2)
Sam Jones
Luke Marfell
Eoin Harrison
Lawrence Richmond

Conversions:

Sam Barker 6

Sports Fixtures

Monday 6 November

Mr Knowles/Miss Thomas – Harrogate & Craven Cross Country Competition @ Ripon Grammar, 12:00-17:00

Tuesday 7 November

Mr Pass – 6th Form Rugby Tournament, Otley Rugby Club, 15:00-18:00

Wednesday 8 November

Miss Thomas – U13 A & B Netball v Harrogate Grammar School @ SJF, 15:30-17:30

Miss Huegett - U18 Girls Football, National Cup v Trinity School @ SJF, 15:30-17:45

Mr Pritchard – Y9 Boys Rugby Tournament @ Otley Rugby Club, 15:00-18:00

Thursday 9 November

Mr Pass - Y7 Boys Football v Lightcliffe @ Lightcliffe, Halifax, 12:30-18:00

Mr Hussey - Y9B Boys Football v Rossett @ Rossett, 16:00-17:30

Friday 10 November

Miss Huegett - U16 Girls Football National Cup v Mirfield @ Mirfield, 12:00-17:00

Saturday 11 November

Mr Pass - U14/U16/U19 Netball National Schools County Round @ Q. Ethelburga's, time TBC

Mr Knowles - ESAA Regional Cross Country Finals @ Middlesborough, 08:30-15:00

Monday 13 November

Miss Huegett - Y7 Girls 5-a-side Football Competition @ Rossett, 13:30-17:30

Wednesday 15 November

Miss Huegett – Y7 & Y8 Girls Football v Richmond @ Richmond, 13:30-18:30

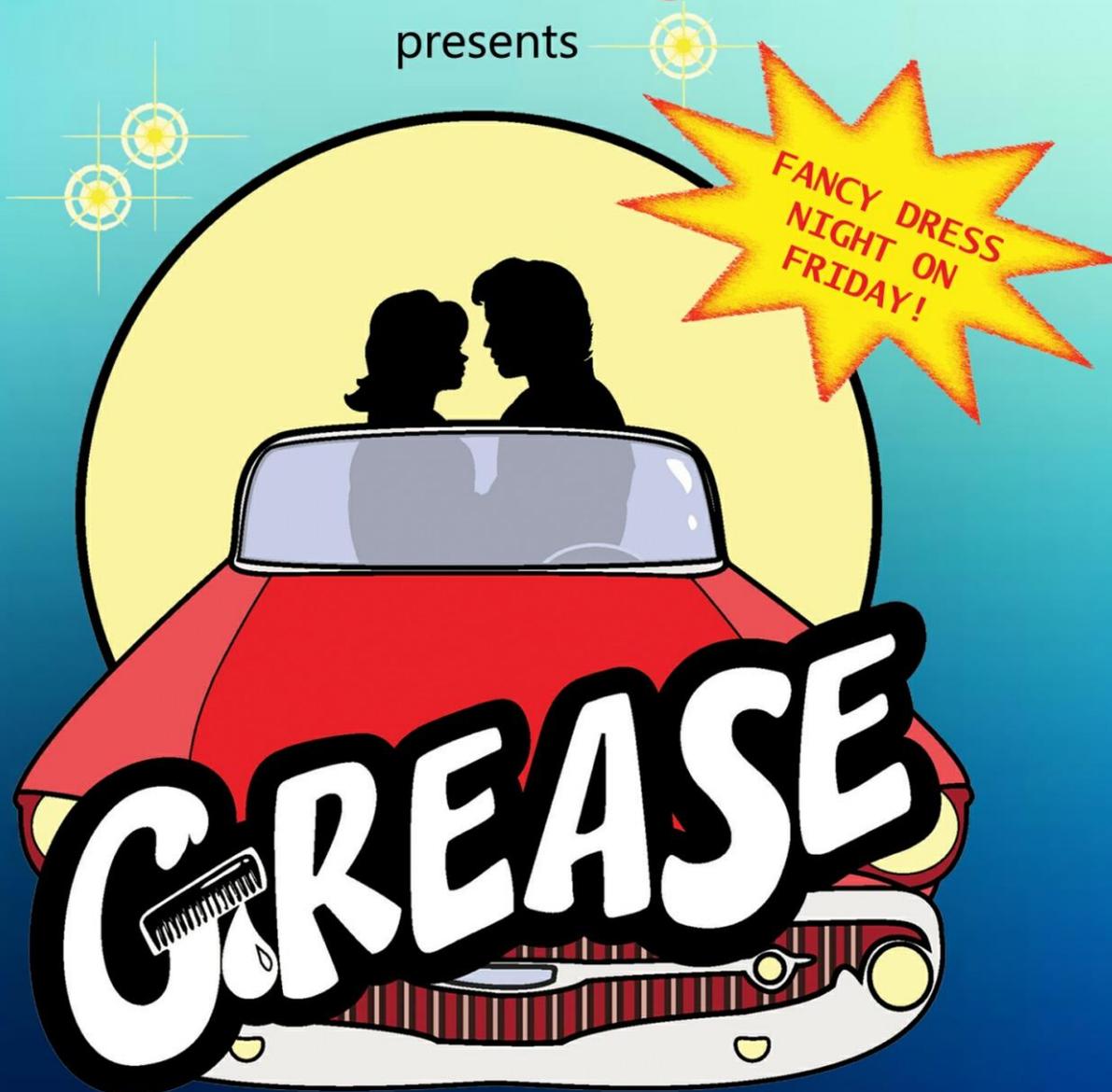
PE Extra Curricular Timetable

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 – November 2017

“The secret of getting ahead is getting started. The secret of getting started is breaking your complex overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks, and then starting on the first one.”

Mark Twain

I hope that all pupils and parents had an enjoyable and restorative half term, and are ready to face the challenges that the new half term will bring.

Year 7

We will be launching Y7 Science club next week, when we will be announcing it in Y7 assemblies. This is aimed to enthuse and inspire the budding Scientists of tomorrow or those who enjoy the practical elements of the Sciences. In class topics which pupils will have encountered this year are: B7.1 Cells and Reproduction, C7.1 Safety and Particles, P7.1 Forces and Motion, and will go on to encounter; B7.2 Classification and Variation, C7.2 Acids and Rocks, P7.2 Heating and Energy. They 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.

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

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.

We hope that pupils are contending with the rigour of their new GCSE topics, and in addition to Kerboodle and the relevant workbooks and revisions guides, teachers are preparing suitable, appropriate and differentiated resources to help their pupils.

Year 10

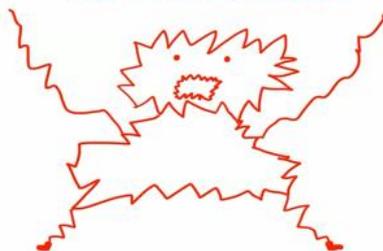
There are 3 groups of separates, of around 25 students per class, which will allow additional setting after the first mock examinations in Science, at the end of this term, where there is evidence to suggest that this is advisable.

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.



Don't wait for
The Panic Monster



We will be reporting Y11 mock grades within the next 2/3 weeks. Once these have been reported to you, we will be looking to use pupils' experiences and outcomes through these mock examinations as a learning process. This should help pupils identify topics they need to focus on, revision approach and methods, and in turn allow us to identify those pupils who have come up short despite effort.

If not tried already for the mock examinations, do take the time to look at Getrevising.co.uk to see if it may be of use for Y11 (and other GCSE years) in preparing for the remainder of their tests and examinations across the year.

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)

Y9 G&T Stem Visit to NRM Engineering Extravaganza - 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.

Bolton Lecture Dates and tickets TBC

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)

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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FRI	ALL YEARS BOYS AND GIRLS RUNNING CLUB ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	OFF SITE FITNESS SUITE	MR KNOWLES & MISS THOMAS	ALL YEARS BADMINTON CLUB	SPORTS HALL	EXTERNAL COACH

