

# St John Fisher Catholic High School



## Newsletter 7 15 December 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

As we enter the final week before Christmas, we can celebrate a really successful Autumn Term. If you would like to join us in our Advent celebrations you are warmly invited to our Carol Service at 7pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December in our chapel, and to join us for refreshments afterwards.

As you are aware, for the last year Mr Pritchard has been working out of school for our Teaching School Alliance. He has decided to carry on this work and will be overseeing a Multi Academy Trust as a Regional Director of Schools. Due to his personal circumstances he will be leaving us at the end of the February half term. As you will know, Mrs Langstaff has been Head of School for the past year, and will now assume the role of Acting Headteacher from February 2018 for the rest of the academic year. The governors are meeting in January to discuss a recruitment process for the permanent post and details of this will be shared with you in due course.

### Jogging for Jordan

Thank you to everyone who supported our 'Jogging for Jordan' event. Our total stands at £2715, which will only be added to by our Christmas Jumper day, which we have rechristened 'Jumpers for Jordan' and the proceeds from which will be added to Jordan's fund. Thank you in advance for your support of this.

### Adversity Awards Triumph

Our students scooped a number of top awards at this year's Adversity Awards, held at The Pavilions, Harrogate on 6<sup>th</sup> December. Rebecca Hugill (Year 7), Jackson Hill (Year 9) and Jordan Teodori- Faith (Year 13) all won awards for their individual achievements, with Jordan also winning the overall title. In addition, our Stoke Mandeville Sports Team, who represented us at the National Disability Games, won 'Team of the Year,' and their coach, Miss Huegett, won 'Coach of the Year.' We are delighted to have our inspirational students and staff recognised in this way – they are wonderful ambassadors for our school.

### Start of Spring Term

A reminder that school re-opens for students on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January. On behalf of all the staff of St. John Fisher, we wish you all a peaceful Christmas.

Yours sincerely

**Mr R A Pritchard**  
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](mailto:office@sjfchs.org.uk)

## Lost Property

As it is now the end of term, we will be sorting out lost property and sending what we can to charity shops. Please can we remind you to label all property clearly.

## End of Term

The school finishes at 2:30pm on Friday 22 December.

## Parking

If you are parking in the neighbourhood, please park with due care and attention and take into consideration pedestrians and parking restrictions.

## SJF A Level Certificate Presentation – Thursday 21 December

There will be a presentation of A Level Certificates to those students who sat their A Levels summer 2017 on Thursday 21st December in the Sixth Form Dining Room from 2-3:30pm. If you know any ex-students, please can you pass the message on to them.

We look forward to seeing you there.  
Mrs Joy, Head of Sixth Form, St John Fisher

## Fairtrade Christmas Crafts



To further raise the profile of Fairly Traded Products, the R.E. Department ran a Fairtrade Christmas Sale from Monday to Friday at the beginning of December during lunch times. Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, chocolate, biscuits and other Christmas gifts were on sale for staff and students. Four prefects per day ably helped in setting out the stock, selling it and putting it away. The sale raised a pleasing £260.00. Watch this space for more Fair Trade Sales throughout the year!

## Young Enterprise Teams - Harrogate and District Young Enterprise Trade Fair

Congratulations to the Young Enterprise teams, Team 'Vitae' selling exclusively packaged bath bombs and Team 'Eliya' selling, handmade, rustic candles. The teams sold their products outside Asda last Saturday and both worked incredibly hard to prepare for this event and Team 'Eliya' was awarded best product. The next stage of the Young Enterprise Competition will be the Harrogate Area event in March.



The Team Members were:

Ellen Lee, Sophie Bracewell, Alex Holmes, Kavisha Dissanayake, Darcie Vladislavich, Cameron Leeds, James Harland, Danny Clements, Nathan Brady and Lucia Lambert.



## Harrogate Annual Adversity Awards

An evening of unprecedented celebration for the staff and students of the school. These prestigious annual awards, for students who have overcome adversity to participate in sport have become an important annual feature in the Harrogate education calendar. St John Fisher came away with a total of 6 awards.

1. Three individual awards went to Rebecca Hugill, Jackson Hill and Jordan Teodori-Faith.
2. The school's Stoke Mandeville Games team won the team of the year award.
3. Jordan Teodori-Faith went on to win the overall individual award title and will act as the Adversity Award's Ambassador for 2017-2018.
4. Former student, now a member of staff, Leeds United footballer, Carey Huegett took the "Coach of the Year Award" – a hugely popular award for a teacher, whose commitment is universally admired.

### Pictured

SJF Stoke Mandeville Games Team



### "John Fisher Jogging for Jordan"

A fantastic turn out of staff, students, friends and family turned out to run the Harrogate 5k Park Run on 2 December. Raising money for Jordan Teodori-Faith, the Proteus Syndrome sufferer in Year 13, the fund has so far reached over £2,500 towards the cost of a state of the art artificial leg. Participants and supporters returned to the school after the run for a hot breakfast. Mrs Gorman, Catering Manager and her team volunteered to come in on Saturday morning and were supported by generous donations from Avenue Bakery and Bidvest.

Fastest student performance came from Rob White and Dan Owen from the DT Department was quickest member of staff. "A brilliant morning", according to the Headteacher, Mr R Pritchard who ran with his dog, Winston, "A real team effort".



You can still donate through the BT Mydonate link below:

<http://mydonate.bt.com/events/joggingforjordan/452007>



## Grease Production – Volunteer Helpers

The St John Fishers PTA committee would like to thank 6th formers and Congress for assisting in setting up for the refreshments for the Grease Production. The parents, pupils and staff who also volunteered to serve refreshments before the show, during the interval and clear up were a great help.

We would also like to thank the kitchen staff for washing up each evening and parent El Sharkley from Harrogate Water for their kind donation of all the bottled water. And finally, a huge thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes.

Over the 4 nights a fantastic sum of £2,315.69 was raised. Everyone's help was much appreciated.  
Emor Miller, PTA

## Grease Production Review



Congratulations to all who were involved in the latest production which was an absolute triumph. Click on the link for the full review and photos:

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/grease-review/>

## St Wilfrid's Christmas Tree Festival

This event was well attended with a full congregation on Sunday 10 December. Thanks to all who supported this festive afternoon.



## Sports Results

### Girls Football

U13 Girls Football Team are through to round 5 of the National Cup after a 2-1 victory against Roundhay School. We will now face St Mary's College of Hull before Christmas. Well done to all of the players in extreme weather conditions. Player of the match, captain, Robyn McKendrick.

## Sports Fixtures

### Tuesday – 19 December

Mr Pass/ Mr Stansfield – Y8 & Y10 Boys Football v South Craven @ Keighley, 11:00-16:00

### Wednesday 20 December

Miss Huegett – U13 Girls Football V King James @ SJD, 14:00

Miss Huegett – U16 Girls Football V King James @ SJD, 16:00

### Thursday – 21 December

Mr Heaton – 6<sup>th</sup> Form Boys Football v Ermysteads @ SJF, 14:30-16:00

### Wednesday 10 January

Miss Thomas – U13 A & B Netball v King James @ SJF, 15:30-17:30

### Thursday 11 January

Mr Fox/Mr Pass – Y10 Boys Rugby v Kings @ Pontefract, 12:30-16:30

## PE Extra Curricular Timetable

Please see below for PE Extra Curricular Timetable.





## News from the Science Desk – End of First Term

**Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.**

### Marie Curie

#### Year 7

I hope that those that have been attending Science club have been telling you how much they are enjoying it and the various activities that they are experiencing. 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. At the end of this term, you will receive a report giving a Behaviour for learning statement.

#### 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. You will receive a long report next term incorporating an end of key stage target, forecast and a behaviour for learning statement.

#### 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.

We are testing Y9 at the end of each of their GCSE topics and in a longer format of the year, which will allow us to begin to set groups for the beginning of Y10.

You will receive a short report at the end of this term giving a Behaviour for learning statement.

#### Year 10

Year 10 will still be finding their feet as they contend with more complex GCSE topics. We appreciate that they will continue to grow in confidence and maturity, which may be reflected in their end of term report grade.

There are 3 groups of separates, of around 25 students per class, which will allow additional setting/movement up/down after the first mock examinations in Science, at the beginning of next term, where there is evidence to suggest that this is advisable. This will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January during the Science lesson in period 1.

All pupils have been issued a list of the material to revise, which is broadly the first topic in each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

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



We will be offering lunchtime intervention (Mondays, Thursday and Fridays) each week for pupils who feel or are in need of support, where their own efforts have not seen them there yet after Christmas. It cannot be looked at as alternative to working in lessons, or as replacement for their own efforts but as additional support for those who want/require it. I am hoping that I will have 6<sup>th</sup> Form volunteers for additional after school sessions, again to commence after Christmas.

If not tried already for the mock examinations, do take the time to look at [Getrevising.co.uk](http://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 advice accordingly.**

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 this term, and as ever should you have any questions or queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

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**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 <sup>TH</sup> 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
TUES	YEAR 9 GIRLS NETBALL YEAR 10 BOYS FOOTBALL ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	SPORTS HALL ASTROTURF FITNESS SUITE	MISS THOMAS MR STANSFIELD MR ROMANEC	YEAR 8 BOYS FOOTBALL YEAR 8 GIRLS NETBALL YEAR 10 GIRLS NETBALL ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	ASTROTURF SPORTS HALL SPORTS HALL FITNESS SUITE	MR KNOWLES MISS THOMAS MRS NIGHTINGALE MR SCOTT
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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

