

St John Fisher Catholic High School



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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the new term and a very happy new year to all of you. I hope that you were able to have a good Christmas with your family and friends and that, despite the darkness of the short winter days that you and your children are looking forward to the term ahead.

Despite the shortness of our two half terms, we will be as busy as ever with our Year 11 and Year 13 students preparing for exams, and parents' evenings for many of our students in the next two months, including the first opportunity for you as parents of Year 7 to find out how they are doing after their first term in secondary school. Our impression is that Year 7 have made a wonderful start.

For Year 8, this half term sees their options choices, with the process beginning formally on 21st February. Similarly our Year 11 students will receive additional information about their course and destinations choices over the coming term, whilst the work Year 9 and 10 undertake in their GCSE studies will form an important part of shaping the choices they will make when their turn comes. There are a number of parents' consultation meetings this term to support this process. All dates are on the website, and we hope to see as many of you there as possible. We are extremely fortunate as a school to have such high parental turnout at these events, and we are very grateful for your support at these events.

In addition the extra curricular life of our school continues to thrive. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook to keep up to date with this term's events.

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

My Child at School Parent Portal

Please be reminded that for information regarding your child's attendance, behaviour and homework at school, you can access My Child at School by logging onto www.mychildatschool.com and entering your login details.

The My Child at School Parent portal is a real-time web facility and can be accessed at any time by you to view your child's information.

Student Dashboard

All students have been set up on the Student Dashboard and have been emailed instructions on how to access it. These are also on the below link. If students haven't received an email, please check junk files, any problems see IT Support in S1 at lunchtime or Miss Burton.

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/students/student-office-365/>

School Uniform

Please ensure that all items of uniform are named. We have several sports bags containing full unnamed PE kits in our lost property, if your child is missing their sports bag/PE kit, check at Reception. All unclaimed bags will be sorted out at February half term and items sent to a charity shop where possible.

Christmas Jumpers Fund Raising

Thank you to all who took part in this event and donated, a fantastic £875.63 was raised to be split between Save the Children Fund and Jordan Teodori-Faith's fund raising campaign.

Grade 8 Piano Exam

Congratulations to Y11 student, Patrick Crossley who achieved a merit in his Grade 8 piano exam.

Shakespeare for Schools Festival



In November, Year 10 and 11 students took a fantastic production of A Midsummer Night's Dream to the Leeds Carriageworks Theatre as part of the national Shakespeare for Schools Festival. They have received a superb professional appraisal and should be incredibly proud of the hard work they put in to this. Well done!

Click on the link below for the appraisal:

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Performance-Appraisal-Shakespeare-Schools-Festival.pdf>



Swim Wales National Squad Talent Camp – Thomas Plant 9H

Tom attended the Swim Wales National Squad talent camp and had an enjoyable time. He made full use of his opportunity to work with the Swim National Coaches and Swim Wales Olympic athletes. He attended two pool sessions focusing on front crawl technical drills and race day skills, and multiple seminars on nutrition and high performance athlete lifestyles.



Year 11 Retreat to Thicket Priory



The last Monday of term saw a group of year 11s make the journey to Thicket Priory outside York for a Retreat. The nuns were very welcoming and hospitable from the arrival and began with a Question and Answer Session where pupils were able to gain insights into the daily life of a Religious Sister and the Nuns spoke about their Vocation stories. Everyone came together to celebrate Mass and the pupils were able then to spend some quiet time in the grounds before participating in Workshop Sessions on

vocation and meditation. To cap the day off the pupils joined the community for afternoon prayers before saying their goodbyes. A great day was had by all!

Library News

Crème Egg Chicks

Production of this year's Crème egg knitted chicks is underway and as usual will be a fund raiser for a deserving cause. Help us to improve on last year's total when just under £503 was raised for Macmillan. Ways to help include:

Donating balls of yellow double knitting wool, any shade. Leftover fancy wool such as tinsel, snowflake or teddy bear also make great chicks.

Have you any spare needles at home you could send into school? Size 4mm or 8 in 'old money'!

Can you knit? Easy to follow pattern available that takes half an hour to knit, just email npollard@sifchs.org.uk to request a copy.

Buy a chick or two or three. Various colours available, £2 per standard yellow chick, £2.50 for sparkly, £3 for tinsel. Chicks will be on sale after February half term from the Library and School Reception.

Donations of crème eggs very welcome!

Harry Potter Week will be celebrated in the Library week commencing Monday 29 January to coincide with Bloomsbury's Harry Potter Night on 1st February. As usual there will be lots of themed lunchtime activities for students to take part in. If you have any Harry Potter memorabilia you could lend the Library for display purposes please email the Librarian at npollard@sifchs.org.uk. Thank you!

Author Visit

We are looking forward to welcoming author David Solomons to school on Tuesday 6th February. David's book *My Brother is a Superhero* was a gift on Intake Day to each student coming into Year 7 in September. David will do a presentation to all Year 7 students and will be available at break time for book selling and signing. Books should cost £6.99 each if you would like to send some money in with your child that day.

Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-john-fisher-rc-hg2> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 25p** in Scholastic Rewards.

Free books from <http://www.facebook.com/ScholasticUK>

St John Fisher School has raised £51.45 to spend on free children's books and teaching resources from Scholastic UK in the last year. Help us earn even more free books by shopping at <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-john-fisher-rc-hg2>. Please place your **order online by February 20th, 2018**.



Sports Results

Cross Country Success

In mid-December, Year 10 student Ethan Hussey competed for the North of England in Vento de Baños, Spain.

He put in a fantastic performance to win the International Under 16 race by well over a minute from his nearest rival. Ethan continues to go from strength to strength and adds this title to a growing list of achievements.

Well done Ethan.



Table Tennis

Charity Cup 2nd Round

After a very shaky opening 4 games, when Ben Collins, Aman Joshua (twice) and Tom Barlow all dropped games against 3 fairly poor players, and the team were a few points down on the needed score.

With Tom winning his match against the No 1, 21-8, 21-9 in the 5th match, the tide turned and a 363-301 win was emphatic.

A concern was the poor start made and the number of games where the boys were 2-8 or 1-9 down before doing well to come back to win.

Ben ended the night with a points score of 124-94. But was – 28 on Handicap, so an overall score of +2, Aman scored 119-95, Handicap -14.

Overall score +10, Tom 120-75 Handicap +4.

Overall score +49

These add up to 61 and should have been 62.

Charity Cup 3rd Round

Fishers C were far too strong for Fishers B in the 3rd Round of the Charity Cup played in the gym on 20 December.

The match was over after match 5 of the 9 match event.

Result Fishers B 371 Fishers C 512

With a 234 start it was always going to be a tough ask for the B team, needing to win 21-8 in all games to win.

George Asbury v Ben Collins 21-11, 17-21

Tom Hudson v Tom Barlow 21-11, 21-14

Theo Kelly v Aman Joshua 21-16, 21-18

George Asbury v Tom Barlow 21-9, 20-21

Theo Kelly v Ben Collins 21-13, 21-12

Tom Hudson v Aman Joshua 21-6, 21-17

Theo Kelly v Tom Barlow 21-17, 21-18

George Asbury v Aman Joshua 21-18, 21-19

Tom Hudson v Ben Collins 21-16, 19-21

Tom H 124 — 85 points = +39 Handicap – 74 Total -35

George 121 — 99 points = +22 Handicap – 74 Total -52

Theo 126 — 94 points = +32 Handicap – 86 + Total -54

Ben 94 — 120 points = -26 Handicap – + 76 Total +50

Aman 94 — 126 points = -32 Handicap – +76 Total +44

Tom B 90 — 125 points = -35 Handicap – +82 Total +47



Well done to Ben, Aman and Tom B—an outstanding result against last year’s winners

Fisher C will be one of the favourites for this year - now in last 8 teams.
Keep working hard to improve as Gabriel and Brook will be looking to get in for the next round.

B Team never gave up but the handicap was too great.
Max Mills

Sports Fixtures

Monday 15 January

Mr Hussey – Y9B Boys Football v St Aidan’s, @ SJF, 16:00-17:30

Mr Bulcock – KS3 Boys Badminton Competition, Ripon Grammar School, 14:30 – 18:00

Tuesday 16 January

Mr Pass and Miss Huegett – Y7 Boys and Girls 5-a-side Football Finals @ Boroughbridge, 15:50-17:30

Thursday 18 January

Mr Owen – U16 Boys Football v Thirsk @ SJF, 16:30-18:00

Monday 22 January

Mrs Crichton - Y7 A & B Netball v Rossett @ SJF, 15:30-17:30

Miss Thomas – Y8 A & B Netball v Rossett @ Rossett, 15:30-17:00

Miss Huegett – KS4 Girls Badminton Competition @ Harrogate Grammar School, 16:00-17:30

Thursday 25 January

Miss Huegett - KS4 Boys Badminton Competition, time and venue TBC

PE Extra Curricular Timetable

Please see below for PE Extra Curricular Timetable.



News from the Science Desk – January 2018

Science is organized knowledge. Wisdom is organized life.

Immanuel Kant

Year 7

We look forward to meeting parents of Y7 pupils on Thursday 11th January and Thursday 18th January. Whilst it is relatively early in the year, Science teachers will be able to give you an idea as to your son/daughter's engagement with the topics in lessons and performance in end of unit tests

Year 8

Parents will be receiving a long report from Science and the other subjects, which will inform you how pupils are doing so far, and we look forward to meeting you all at parents evening later in the term. By this time we will have even more information as to engagement with the subject and performances in tests and with homework

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 be undertaking their first 'driving test' in Science on Friday 12th January; this will help us identify any potential issues with setting and the appropriate attitudes to learning. We will focus especially when considering those pupils on the cusp of Separates versus Combined Science, and those on Combined at the cusp of Higher or Foundation tier.

Pupils have been issued revision lists, and all have access to Kerboodle as well as the revision guides and workbooks if they have taken the opportunity to obtain these.

Year 10 will have further mock examinations later in the year which will give them a further opportunity to measure their progression in Science, and will present us with another opportunity to review setting.



Year 11



We will be offering lunchtime intervention (Mondays, Thursday and Fridays) each week for pupils who feel or are in need of support, from Monday January 15. 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.

Pupils can ascertain what day they can access Biology, Chemistry and Physics at Separates or Combined level and the room where it is occurring from notices around the Science department. We have identified pupils we feel will benefit from these, but we will not be able to chase pupils up once they have been 'invited', and should they choose not to attend we will open sessions up to ALL pupils accordingly.

We will also be offering additional after school sessions, run by our 6th form pupils science specialists (Monday to and including Friday) to commence Monday 15th January, which will be available to ALL pupils.

Y11 pupils have been informed if they are invitees for lunch time sessions and have been informed of the after school sessions.

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.

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

Good luck to all our pupils, parents, carers for the challenges that 2018 may be offer, and please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any assistance.

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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
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

