

St John Fisher Catholic High School



Newsletter 9 20 January 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

In the last letter, I said that we have a number of parental consultation meetings this term. Year 7 parents have been into school over the last two weeks and the attendance has been excellent. We had 99.6% of parents at these evenings which is testament to the excellent support parents offer. These were excellent evenings giving parents and staff a chance to discuss how students have settled into their studies.

Year 11 have responded to the extra classes we are delivering across the subject areas. We will soon be accepting applications into the 6th Form. Year on year there are many changes to GCSEs and A Levels, please keep talking to your child about the options post 16, as these are different from previous cohorts. Students are working with the careers team to help them in their choices.

Flying Futures – Year 11

Flying futures is a commercial organisation which is running a government initiative called the National Citizenship Service. This year they have changed their marketing strategy and have been making direct contact with students. Some parents have alerted us to this and the company have now reverted to the usual procedure of coming through school. If they do make direct contact, can you please let us know.

Kirkland Rowell Survey

The bi-annual survey will be sent out via each student next week, one per family, please can you complete and return to the school ASAP.

As always please keep an eye on the website, Facebook and Twitter to keep up to date on the events of the term.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R Pritchard', written over a white background.

Mr R Pritchard
Headteacher



INFORMATION

Dates for Your Diary

Please see below for forthcoming events; all other events are detailed on the school website.

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/>

Year 9/10 Ski Trip – Easter

The parents' information evening for all students going on the Year 9/10 ski trip will take place on Tuesday 24th January at 6pm in the sixth form dining room. It will last approximately 45 minutes. I look forward to seeing all parents (and students if they wish) at the meeting.

Confirmation 2017 - St Joseph's Wetherby

Confirmation will take place in St Joseph's Wetherby on June 8th 2017 at 7.00 pm. The preparation will commence shortly. If you are in year 8 or 9 and wish to be confirmed at Joseph's church you will need to complete an application form available from the parish website www.stjosephs-wetherby.com and return it to the presbytery with a copy of your Baptismal certificate by January 25th 2017.

Year 12 Parents' Evening

Year 12 Parents' Evenings will take place as follows:

Thursday 2 February, 5-7:30pm, Surnames A-K, Main Hall, St Aidan's

Tuesday 7 February, 5-7:30pm, Surnames L-Z, Main Hall, St Aidan's

Your son/daughter has been given an appointment sheet in order to make appointments with their subject teachers.

Mrs Joy

Head of Sixth Form, St John Fisher

Friday 3 February – Wear Red Day

This year's "Wear Red Day" is fast approaching and following our successful fundraising last year, we are keen to participate in this initiative again to support the Children's Heart Surgery.

Students are expected to attend school in their uniform and in exchange for £1 they are invited to accessorise with a red item, for example, red socks, red hair band, red nail varnish etc.

Annual Consent and Medical Information Forms

Please could those parents/carers who have not completed and returned this form do so ASAP or your child will not be able to go on any trip. This form must be completed every year for each child.

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Residential Consent Form 2016-2017.pdf>

Lost Property

We have an accumulation of items, especially unnamed coats. Please can you ensure all clothing is named. If you are short of a few items, don't forget **New 2 You** for additional uniform in good condition which is available for parents to purchase at a reasonable cost. Cash only to be brought on the day of purchase from the Goldfish Bowl.

Price List

Socks - £1

Skort - £5

Shorts - £5

Hoodies - £8

Rugby Shirt - £5

Shirts – £2

Polo Shirt - £5

PE Tops - £5

Kilts - £8

Blazers - £10

Trousers - £5

Ties (new) - £4



Senior Maths Challenge

The Senior Challenge is aimed at all 16-19 year olds studying mathematics. The top 60% of students nationally receive a gold, silver or bronze certificate in the ratio 1:2:3 and around 2000 of the top scorers are invited to take part in the Senior Kangaroo follow-on round.

This year our AS and A-Level mathematicians managed to achieve 3 Gold, 10 Silver and 19 Bronze certificates, with Theo Pedley (Y12), Thomas Bouchard (Y13) and Fearghal Lydon making it through to the Senior Kangaroo.

Year 13	Year 12
Gold	
Fearghal Lydon* Thomas Bouchard* Myles Kirk Ella Bridgett-Tomkinson	Theo Pedley*^
Silver	
David Soutar Joseph Whyms Tara Appleyard Niall Harrison Lauren Greenan	Mckenzie Collins Lucienne Hill-Smith Rebekah Seelig Sophie Hawkes Katie Thornton
Bronze	
Andreas Wong Joanna Stephenson Lucy Prenton Matthew Patko Tejiri Mekako Alice Wright Patrick Tunstall Alice Green Peter Castellucci William Jones	Katy Poulter Ben Whittaker Dan Macleod Frances Grindrod Ben Messenger Ghazal Ramzan-Ali Sophie English Robert Maxwell Lily Sheehy

*Best in Year, ^Best in School

Senior Team Maths Challenge



Eight students from our associated sixth form took part in the team competition on the 22nd of November. They were split into 2 teams of 4 and had to tackle challenging algebraic or geometric problems across three rounds. They all showed great team spirit but were also capable of working on their own when required. Our teams were up against 22 other schools and so should be congratulated on coming 9th and 11th.

The students were:

Kirk Kirk	Richard Anslow
Josh Rowe	Daisy Sutcliffe
McKenzie Collins	Lucienne Hill - Smith
Thomas Bouchard	Tara Appleyard



North and North East England Technology Challenge - Jan 10 2017

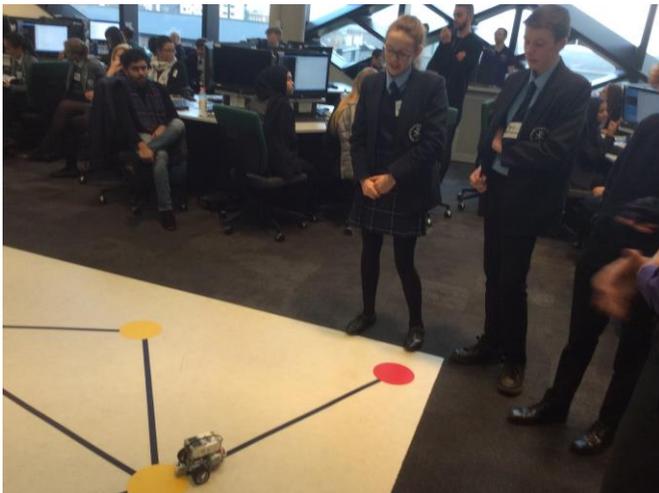
St John Fisher Students achieve success at Sheffield University

The Fishers team of Sophia Lubieki and Cameron Mackinnon of Y9 teamed up with two students from Archbishop Holgate's School, York

The challenge was to write program code to operate a Lego robotic vehicle to navigate around a track of lines on the floor of the computing hall.

They were briefed about the task after an introductory talk about the joys and rewards of engineering as a career and the marvellous facilities at Sheffield University.

They quickly established a purposeful working relationship and set about the task. They were ready to ask for help from the student helpers and made methodical progress throughout the time allowed. At the end of the day the robots were tested to see how well they followed the tortuous track.



Cameron writes:

'The task was to programme a Lego robot connected to a computer via Bluetooth so that it would move from a red dot to a green dot by moving along black lines connected by yellow dots.

Not many people there actually knew how to programme so it was a whole new learning experience. At the end, the host told us that even though we didn't reach the green dot, we achieved the same amount of work as some PhD students struggle to do in a few days and we only had a few hours so we did amazingly well.'

The very pleasing result was that the York team were awarded 2nd prize ahead of at least 12 other teams!

Trophies and certificates were a fitting tribute to the talent and perseverance of the team. Well done!

Mr J Ibison

Shakespeare Schools Festival

Many congratulations to the cast and crew of St John Fisher Catholic High School on their fantastic production! This group really stood out and wowed the audience and made this Shakespeare Schools Festival night an evening to remember.

Click on the link to read more from Paul Jenkins, Stage Director:

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/shakespeare-schools-festival-2/>



Y3/4 "Change 4 Life" Festival – Tuesday 10 January

St John Fisher hosted the annual Year 3/4 'Change for Life' festival. A number of local primary schools spent the afternoon taking part in a range of sport related activities aimed at encouraging participation in sport and physical activity. A number of St John Fisher students helped to lead the activities and were a real credit to themselves and the school.



Library Update

Scholastic Book Club

The latest Teen Book Club leaflet is available to your child from the Library or form tutor. This month's leaflet is just a taster of the wider range available in the online version Order your books here cheaply and help us earn free books for the School Library. Orders can be placed online or manually via the back page of the leaflet. **View the full selection and place your order online at <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-john-fisher-rc-hg2> by Friday 17 February** following these instructions:

1. Visit www.clubs-school.scholastic.co.uk/st-john-fisher-rc-hg2 & register.
2. Select the books that you'd like to order and add them to your basket.
3. Checkout and choose the 'school delivery' option for FREE DELIVERY.

Harry Potter Week

This year's event runs from Monday 30th January to Friday 3rd February and will feature themed activities during lunchtimes and library lessons. We are always looking for more additions for our display should you have any Harry Potter themed items at home.

World Book Day

Literacy Week, 28th February to 3rd March, will incorporate World Book Day and the popular Scholastic Book Fair. Students in Years 7 and 8 should each receive a £1 World Book Day voucher with a limited number of spares being held in the Library for keen readers from Year 9 up. The Book Fair will be open at lunchtimes and during library lessons so please send some money in with your child that week. As with the Teen Book Club the Library earns free books on the number of books sold.

Easter Chicks for Charity

Once again the Library is raising money for charity by knitting Easter chicks to contain a crème egg. These will be sold to staff and students before the Easter break for £2 each, £2.50 for limited edition special colours! Could you help us with the knitting, donating yellow wool (any shade) or provide some crème eggs? Easy to follow patterns are available from the Library and each chick takes about half an hour to knit. This year we are supporting Marie Curie nurses. Thank you for your help!

Sports Results



Boys Cross Country

Ethan Hussey gained a superb second place in the Yorkshire Championships held at Lightwater Valley in early January. This was in the U15 age group where he was giving away the best part of two years to his competitors.

On 14 January he is back in his own age group for the NYSAA Championships to be held at Ripon Grammar.



Table Tennis

Last weekend saw the North East Finals of the Schools Table Tennis Competition held at Northfield School, Billingham.

On the Saturday, 5 teams played each other trying to qualify for The National semi-finals, with the 4 winners from there going through to the All England Finals.

St John Fisher team of Theo Kelly, Luke Furlong, Tom Barlow, Gabriel Mead and Brook Sutton, representing North Yorkshire, finished in 3rd position. They were beaten by St Mary's School Hull 8-0 and Longfield School, Cleveland 7-1, who both go through.

The team defeated the Cumbrian Champions, St Bernard's Barrow 7-1 and the Tyne and Wear winners, Thomas More also 7-1. With Theo, Tom, Gabriel and Brook all able to play next year, the team should be strong. Tom, Gabriel and Brook made amazing progress as they had hardly played before coming to Fishers.



The Under 16 team of Sammy Kelly, Matthew Lynch, George Asbury and Tom Hudson went one better and have qualified for North semi-final 2 in Grantham in early March. They defeated Thomas More 6-2, before going down to St Bernard's 3-5, both these in the morning session.

In the afternoon session—the opening match against St Mary's Hull was a nail biting affair.

1-1, then 2-2 Fishers led 4-2, the 4-3, and Tom needing to win the final match for the victory, with a final 5th game to decide the result, Tom held his nerve for a 5-3 win. A comfortable 7-1 win over Longfield completed the runners up spot.

So into the last 16 schools in England, something we have only done once before.

Left to Right – Max Mills, Tom Barlow, Brook Sutton, Luke Furlong, Theo Kelly, Gabriel Mead.

The boys were brilliant - great attitude, behaviour and sportsmanship plus talent and teamwork.

The two remaining School teams in the prestigious Charity Cup Knock-out competition both had convincing wins in Round 3 to qualify for the Quarter Final round.

Fishers B - Tom Hudson, George Asbury and Matthew Lynch defeated Wetherby Methodists D by an amazing 376-252 victory.

Wetherby had a 52point start but this was caught up in 3 matches.

With Handicaps - George ended on +69, Tom +38 and Matthew +17

Fishers A had a much harder match—against Division 4 leaders Sharow A. Sharow had a 152 start, and despite “a bit of a wobble” in games 5 and 6, a 375-349 final result saw Fishers A through.

Dale Gibson finished on -5, George Gibson +3 and Sammy Kelly +28

Draw for next round - to be played at the end of January

Sharow B v Wetherby Methodists A

Burnbridge C (Div 5 team) v Fishers B (Div 4 team)

Harrogate Racquets E v Harrogate Racquets A

St John Fisher A (Div 2) v Harrogate Racquets F (Div3) or Boston Spa Methodists (Div 5)

Boys Football

Year 7 boys 'B' team reached the last 8 in the country in the ESFA 'B' team competition.

They defeated Newminster School, Northumberland 6-0.

Tom Barlow scored a hat-trick and other goals came from, Joe Culshaw, Malachi Stockdale and Gavin Njoyo.

The team was:

Majiek Cwiklinski, Ethan Della Rovere, Alex Hall, Alex Anderson Codman, Malachi Stockdale, Tom Barlow, Sam Anderson Codman, Joe Culshaw, Sam Luke, Cameron Inglis, Dan Kaye, Gavin Njoyo, Zac Walker, Rory Reid and Tom Jayne

The A team have drawn another team from Northumberland in the last 16 and will play Ponteland on Monday 30 January at home.



Sports Fixtures

Monday 23 January

Y7 Netball v Harrogate Ladies College @ SJF, 16:40-18:00

Y9 Netball v Nidderdale @ Nidderdale, 14:30-17:30

Y9 Boys Football v Boroughbridge @ Boroughbridge, 13:30-16:40

Tuesday 24 January

Y11 & 6th Form Netball v Rossett @ SJF, 15:30-17:30

Wednesday 25 January

U18 Boys Football v Ripon Grammar School @ RGS, 12:30-16:30

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Monday 30 January

Y9 Boys Football v Richmond @ Richmond, 12:30-16:30

Y7/8 Boys Rugby v Bingley @ Bingley, 12:30-16:30

Y8 Boys Football v Rossett @ Rossett, 15:30-17:00

Y7A Boys Football v Ponteland @ SJF, 14:30 KO

Tuesday 1 February

U18 Boys Football v King James @ King James, 13:00-16:30

PE Extra Curricular Timetable

Please see below for PE Extra Curricular Timetable.



Year 7

Science club is up and running again on Thursday lunchtimes, offering pupils in Year 7 further aspects of Science, and enjoyable and informative practicals. P. We will be introducing the new KS3 performance level terms over the course of the beginning of this year, to allow parents to see how pupils are performing through the key stage. Parents will now have met their Science teachers, please feel free to use the planner to communicate with them, or contact the school should you have any questions. A short reminder that the revision resources below are still available to Y7.

Year 8

A short reminder that the revision resources below are still open to Y7 and Y8. Y8 will find these increasingly useful as they experience the more complicated topics that they encounter. Both years will find these particularly useful when they come to prepare for end of unit and end of year tests.

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. We have now put these on parent pay also, should you choose this option, please print out the relevant screen and send in with your son/daughter to collect the books.

The VLE does NOT require a log in, please follow the links that are open to all members of the public from the school website.

Year 9

Revision Guides and Workbook together for Combined Science (£10), and Revision Guide and Workbook for each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics (£4 each) are now available. If you are unsure as to which is the most suitable then the class teacher will be able to advise accordingly.

We will continue to assess Y9 over the year, but there will be no wholesale changes of set, until pupils sit an end of year test in the summer, which will give us an indication of those who should pursue separate science and those for whom combined science is more appropriate.

I am pleased to announce that the two of our year nines invited to the North East Challenge Final, having been part of the team that won the York Gifted and Talented Science and Technology Challenge Day came second overall, within a wide field from Birmingham to the North East.

Year 10

We look forward to meeting you and discussing this and the course in general at the Y10 parents evening on 26th January.

We would like all pupils to reach their full potential and to achieve the highest grade of which they are capable, and thus make every attempt to ensure that pupils are on the most appropriate course for them. The new specification is of increased rigour, requires deeper levels of knowledge (including some A-level standard concepts), and requires the ability to remember and rearrange a number of equations.

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.



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

The next batch of ISAs are now being covered in class, with Separates undertaking their Biology ISA over before half term. Dual Science pupils should now have completed ISAs for their Core Science and Additional and will be given the opportunity of doing at least one more in each, the higher mark in each being the one put forward to the examination board.

Science revision sessions are now open to all interested pupils, and other pupils by 'invitation'. We hope that pupils will take advantage of the staff giving up their time at lunch (Monday, Thursday and Friday. Sessions are also taking place after school each day of the week (Monday –Thursday inclusive), and we will be run by some of our sixth form students to small groups, the pace and content will be dictated by the individual requirements of those attending.

The resources and support that we are able to offer provide pupils with an excellent opportunity to gain the grades that their own hard work and efforts warrant. Pupils will retain their access to Kerboodle, and can utilise the VLE to consolidate and stretch their learning, as well as access to past papers and mark schemes.

Students are able to purchase the appropriate revision guides from the Science prep room at £2.50 per book, and can ask their classroom teacher as to which would be the most appropriate to obtain.

Should pupils wish hard copies of the existing specification text books we have a limited supply of these that we can supply for £10 for all three books, on a first come first served basis.

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Mr Tanner-Smith
Head of Science

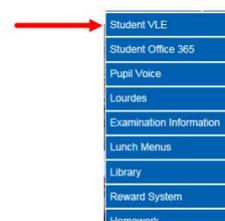
VLE

On the KS3 area of the VLE are support materials, the first of the support materials is an interactive booklet and requires students to log on using their school log on, and a password of 'password' until changed, the second of which provides summary/revision sheets for the appropriate topics.



1. Click on either of these two tabs on the school website.

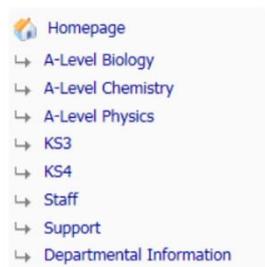
2. Scroll down and click on Student VLE:



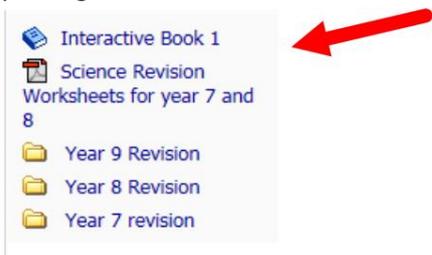
3.Scroll down to Science



4.Click on the subject area that you would like to explore.



5.The KS3 area has two large resources supporting the whole of Y7 and Y8.



The interactive book requires a log in which is the same as students' email address (Year of start at SJF, first 5 surname letters, initial – e.g. 09TanneR), with password set as password until changed. There have been some technical issues with some PC software issues for this resource, so if there are any problems do use the 2nd resource.

The Science revision sheets **do not** require a login, and can be printed out, with the answers at the end of the resource.

6.The GCSE area is now divided in to:

- Dual Science
- GCSE Physics
- GCSE Biology
- GCSE Chemistry
- GCSE Astronomy
- ISA



7.From here you can access the material relevant to the area of study, as well as the link to Kerboodle (for Y9, Y10 and Y11)

To log on:

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: qjq1 (QJQ1 –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

Make an exam revision timetable

Install exam dates

Exam board, unit and topics

How many hours wanting to be dedicated

Links to exam board specific revision materials such as flash cards and mind maps.

We have had very positive responses from those pupils and parents who have utilised this resource thus far.



PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE 2016 -2017 (SEPT - EASTER)

Day	LUNCH TIME – 12:30 – 1.15PM		AFTER SCHOOL – 3.45- 5PM	
	SPORT	TEACHER	SPORT	TEACHER
MON	YEAR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL GCSE PE PRACTICAL VOLLEYBALL YEAR 11 & 6 TH FORM BOYS RUGBY ALL YEARS GIRLS RUGBY	MR KNOWLES MR PASS MR FOX MISS HUEGETT	YEAR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL YEAR 7 NETBALL YEAR 8 BOYS RUGBY YEAR 9 NETBALL	MR KNOWLES MISS THOMAS MR PRITCHARD MRS CRICHTON
TUES	YEAR 7 NETBALL	MRS PALMA & MISS THOMAS	YEAR 11 & 6 TH FORM NETBALL	EXTERNAL COACH
WEDS	6 TH FORM BOYS FOOTBALL	MR PASS	ALL YEARS GIRLS FOOTBALL YEAR 8 NETBALL YEAR 10 BOYS FOOTBALL ALL YEARS GIRLS & BOYS TABLE TENNIS	MISS HUEGETT MISS THOMAS MR OWEN MR MILLS
THURS	YEAR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL ALL YEARS GIRLS FOOTBALL	MR KNOWLES MISS HUEGETT	YEAR 10 NETBALL YEAR 9 BOYS FOOTBALL YEAR 7, 9 & 10 BOYS RUGBY	MRS NIGHTINGALE MR PASS MR FOX & MR CRAIG
FRI	ALL YEARS BOYS & GIRLS X COUNTRY YEAR 8 BOYS FOOTBALL	MR KNOWLES & MISS THOMAS MR HUSSEY	BADMINTON CLUB	EXTERNAL COACH

PLEASE NOTE: THE FITNESS SUITE IS AVAILABLE FOR USE EVERY LUNCH TIME AND AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 5PM

