

St John Fisher Catholic High School



Newsletter 8 6 January 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome back to the new term, and a happy new year to you all.

I hope that you were able to take a break and spend some time with family and friends over the last two weeks. Now we have got over the shock of getting up earlier, we are looking forward to the new term ahead.

Max Mills (MBE)

We were delighted that Mr Mills has been awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours list for his service to education. He has many decades of service to St John Fisher and his excellent work has been recognised. He is looking forward to his visit to London to collect the award.

We will be as busy as ever with Year 11 and Year 13 making their final push towards their examinations. Year 8 will be making their option choices and Year 9 and 10 making progress in their GCSEs. Year 7 had a wonderful term last year and are now an integral part of the school and our community.

There are a number of parental consultation meetings this term. All dates are on the website and we hope to see as many parents as possible. Face to face interaction is an important part of us all working together.

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 read 'R Pritchard'.

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://sifchs.org.uk/>

MBE Awarded to Max Mills

The whole St John Fisher School community congratulates Max Mills, teacher and school volunteer, on being awarded MBE in the New Year's Honours List.

Max Mills joined St John Fisher School in 1964 and has given over 50 year's service to the school. He is still in school on a regular basis as a volunteer running Table Tennis and helping out with other teams.

Peter Davies (Chair of Governors) and Rob Pritchard (Head Teacher) congratulated Max on his achievement. "Max has played a key part in the school's history – especially in sport. He is a genuine St John Fisher "legend" – generations of students are in his debt. This award is richly deserved!"

Celebrating Student Success in A-Level Chemistry

Two former students from St Aidans and St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form, taught at St John Fisher, were invited to receive awards for their achievements in their A-Level Chemistry (Salters) in the 2016 summer exams by the Salters Institute.

Rhiannon Lyon was one of only three students in the country to receive an award for her Individual Investigation and Nathan Parker was one of only six students in the country to receive an award for his overall result of 598/600 marks, achieving full marks on all examined units.

This prestigious annual event held at Salters' Hall celebrates high levels of excellence within the science education sector. Dr Annette Doherty, Senior Vice President Product Development and Supply at GlaxoSmithKline delivered a keynote address and presented the Awards at the Ceremony.

The Ceremony took place on Friday 9th December 2016. Over 180 guests attended the Prize Giving Ceremony and lunch reception. Both students, their parents and the staff who taught them enjoyed a fantastic day celebrating their success and the performance of the Chemistry Department at St John Fisher.



Travel and Tourism Guest Speaker

Our Year 12 Travel and Tourism students were given an insight into the world of a successful travel and tourism business. Michael Langford offered invaluable advice for setting up and delivering a successful business. Drawing on his vast experience of running a thriving travel and tourism company, Michael Langford left students feeling empowered and passionate about setting up their own business. The students were enthralled to hear the innovative ways Michael Langford gains competitive advantage and attract new customers as he competes in a busy market. We would like to thank Michael Langford for his entertaining approach to guest speaking and to the year 12's he will always be known as 'The man with the car'.

Y9 Leeds Fieldtrip

Year 9 Geographers have been busy exploring their first GCSE Geography field trip last term. Students have braved the freezing November weather to study an 'Urban Transect' through the city of Leeds. The trip involved all Year 9 Geography students exploring how the land use changes in the approach from Harrogate all the way to the city centre. Students had the opportunity to collect data and present their views on the land use whilst building knowledge of the historical importance of key areas such as Moortown, Leeds Dock, The Greenhouse Development and Trinity Leeds. Students were able to gain an understanding of the importance of the regeneration to the city and how various opportunities can be created to build a sustainable future for Leeds. The trip allowed students to apply their knowledge of Leeds as a major case study in their future studies for the GCSE course. Having worked extremely hard during the trip students even found time to explore the German Christmas market in Millennium Square. An enjoyable trip was had by all.

Carol Concert

Many thanks to those who attended this lovely evening, everyone was in fine voice and a retiring collection of **£332.45** was raised for PAPRAS (Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers Leeds) and Young Minds. Thank you for your support.

PTA Meeting – Wednesday 11 January

The next PTA meeting will be held in the Conference Room at 7pm. New members are welcome.

Sixth Form Ski Trip - February Half Term

Can all sixth form students going on the ski trip see Miss Burton by Wednesday 11th January to let her know what size hoodie they would like ordering.

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.

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



Sports Results

Boys Football Y7 English Schools National Cup

The Year 7 B team qualified for the last 16 in the National Cup. To be one of the last 16 teams in the country is a tremendous achievement by the boys who had to overcome a talented team from Manchester Grammar school on Wednesday.

Fishers had to withstand a fair amount of pressure at the end of the first half and at the start of the second half but ran out convincing winners 5-1 at full time.

Sam Luke scored 2 goals in the first half, sandwiched either side of a goal from Manchester Grammar and despite the pressure exerted on them they were able to hold out to lead 2-1 at half time.

Fishers then had to withstand a relentless amount of pressure at the start of the second half but they kept their shape and composure until the Grammar school burnt themselves out and then completely controlled the game for the last 20 minutes. Sam Luke completed his hat-trick and further goals were added by Tom Barlow and Malachi Stockdale.

Team: Majiek Cwiklinski, Ethan Della Rovere, Alex Hall, Alex Anderson Codman, Cameron Inglis, Dan Kaye, Joe Culshaw, Sam Luke, Malachi Stockdale, Tom Barlow, Gavin Njoyo, Julius Oosterveen

Sports Fixtures

Tuesday 10 January

Y10 A & B Netball v Harrogate Grammar School @ HGS, 16:00-17:30

Y7 Boys Football ESFA Cup v Clitheroe Royal Grammar School @ SJF, KO 2pm

Wednesday 11 January

Y8 Netball v King James @ SJF, 16:00-18:30

Thursday 12 January

Y11 & 6th Form Netball v Rossett @ SJF, 15:45-17:30

Monday 16 January

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

Wednesday 18 January

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

Y10 A & B Netball v St Aidan's @ St Aidan's, 16:00-19:30

Thursday 19 January

Y11 & 6th Form Netball v St Aidan's @ St Aidan's, 15:30-17:30

Monday 23 January

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

Wednesday 25 January

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

PE Extra Curricular Timetable

Please see below for PE Extra Curricular Timetable.



News from the Science Desk – January 2017

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. Pupils will have completed two summative and two formative assessments last term which allowed us to formulate a progress indicator and behaviour for learning indicator. 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. We look forward to meeting parents over the next two weeks at parents evenings on 12th and 19th January.

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

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. 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 two of our year nines have been 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. This event will take place in January 2017 at the University of Sheffield.

Year 10

All pupils in Y10 sat a combined paper on Friday 6th January. This will allow us to assess how pupils are coping and progressing with the GCSE material. Once these have been assessed we will look at individual performance, together with the results from shorter, end of topics tests, and attitude to learning to review setting, where there is clear evidence that this is warranted. 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.



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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 Chemistry ISA over the next two weeks. 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.

Subsequent to the mock examinations, we have reviewed the lunchtime intervention sessions that we are offering, pupils who we feel are in the most need, and most likely to gain from these, have been invited. Those who failed to attend, and all those others who would like the opportunity of further support and consolidation have been requested to apply by signing up on the sheet outside the Science prep room. These additional sessions will take place after school each day of the week, 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.

Finally

May I take this opportunity of wishing all pupils, their families and friends a happy and successful 2017. Particular good fortune to all those pupils facing public examinations at GCSE and A-level this year, please do come and see us if you have any questions, queries or feel the need of further support, you will find your individual teachers and the Science department as a whole, very willing to help you through the times ahead.

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Mr Tanner-Smith
Head of Science



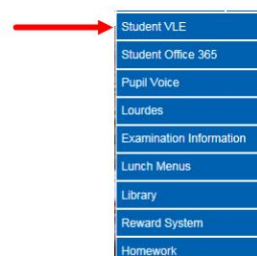
VLE

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.



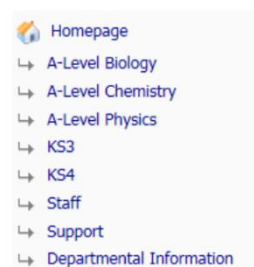
2. Scroll down and click on Student VLE:



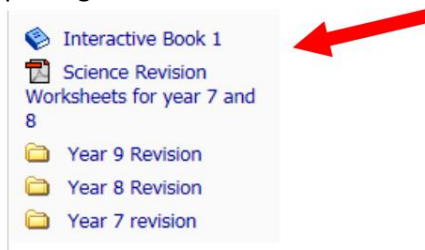
3. Scroll down to Science



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

