

St John Fisher Catholic High School



Newsletter 9 26 January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Year 7 and 11 parent consultation evenings. As ever, attendance has been above 95% for all these events and we are really grateful for your continued support for the school. Before half term we also have our Year 12 parents' evening on 8th February, and for current Year 11 students please be aware of the sixth form information evening on 22nd February.

Mental Health Awareness Week

The school will be marking Mental Health Awareness Week in the last week of the half term, with work in PHSC and form time developing understanding of the issues surrounding Mental Health and promoting awareness of strategies for creating good mental health. Our week will culminate in a 'Wear Yellow' Day on Friday 9th February at which students will be invited to add something yellow to their uniform, and make a small donation to mental health charities. A letter giving more information will follow.

Stephenson's of Easingwold

Parents of students whose children travel on the 7H will be aware that Stephenson's of Easingwold have ceased operating and that an alternative provider is currently transporting students to and from school. If this affects you, you should have received both email and phone contact from us regarding the steps you can take concerning any loss monies. If you haven't been contacted, please get in touch with our Facilities Manager, Carl Kenworthy, at school. Please also be reassured that we are working exceptionally hard, in conjunction with St. Aidan's, to provide secure and sustainable transport for all our routes, and information about this will follow.

Safeguarding

If your son or daughter is in the sixth form they will move between the St. Aidan's and St. John Fisher sites as part of their daily routine. We have shared with them the important information that any friends with them who are not members of the Associated Sixth Form must sign in as a visitor at either site. Please could you reinforce this message with them. We appreciate your support.

Dates for your Diary

SJFA Quiz night: Friday 16th March in the school with quizmaster Dave Wood.

60th Anniversary Celebrations: Thursday 28th June at Harrogate Theatre

More details on both events will follow in future newsletters and on our social media pages – please look out for them.

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

Y9 Immunisations

Parents/Carers of students in Y9 have been emailed a letter informing you that your child will be offered the Meningitis, Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccinations. Please complete the application form and return to school ASAP.

School Trips

When your child is on a school trip, please ensure that all medication is named and put in a clear bag.

Y7 Sports Leaders

St John Fisher are extremely proud of the sixteen Year 7 boys who successfully delivered the Year 3 and 4 Primary School Sports Hall Athletics competition on 16 January. They have made a tremendous start to life at St John Fisher showing fantastic leadership qualities in their first term and continued to demonstrate what an asset they are to our school community by passing on their knowledge and skills to the primary school students.



We are delighted that once again St John Fisher received fantastic feedback from the students, parents and teachers at the event and our Year 7 students represented the school in a positive light and were positive role models to the young people.

Well done boys!

GCSE Exams

Please click on the below links for the up to date exam timetables:

Y10 Mock Timetable

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Y10-MOCK-GCSE-EXAM-TIMETABLE-2018-For-Students.pdf>

Y11 Summer Exam Timetable

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/GCSE-Exam-Timetable-Summer-2018-For-Website.pdf>

If you have any queries about the above timetables, please contact exams@sjfchs.org.uk.

Lost Property

A polite reminder that It is the responsibility of all students to look after their personal property throughout the school day.



Prelove Partywear Event – Friday 9 February

St Aidan's are holding a Pre-Loved Re-Loved Prom and Partywear Event in Constance Green Hall, 7pm start where students from the local area are invited to come and get their Prom outfit very affordably, or even for free in some cases.

In addition to Prom wear, we will also be selling special occasion wear, outfits for a night out, evening wear and formal wear (including suits) to the wider community. No item will be priced at more than £25 as we try to encourage people to think about the money they spend on an outfit they are likely to only wear once.

Debating Success

Well done to the Associated 6th Form's Debating Team for their success in reaching the North East Regional Finals of the Mace debating competition, the first time any of our debaters have reached this stage of the competition. Having won their first round contest in November, the team consisting of Patrick Toulson (St Aidan's) and Frankie Ryan-Casey (St John Fisher) faced Ripon Grammar School in the second round. They debated the motion: 'This House would prohibit the media from using software to cosmetically improve an individual's appearance.' It was a closely-contested debate of such high quality that the judges decided both teams should go through to the next round. They are looking forward to representing the Association in the Finals later this term.

Sports Results

Girls Football

The Year 7 Girls Football team are through to the last 64 schools in the Country in the 9-a-side National Cup after a thrilling match versus Rossett High School.



St John Fisher took the lead in the first half after a determined Harriet Robson battled her way through the Rossett back line and fired the ball past the exceptional Rossett goalkeeper. Both sides had opportunities on goal but the score remained 1-0 at half time as a result of some brilliant goalkeeping and defending, especially from player of the match, Olivia Longley.

After the break, St John Fisher created numerous chances but couldn't capitalise. With ten minutes remaining Rossett took advantage of a poor goal kick and equalised, ensuring a nervous final ten minutes of the game.

When the pressure was on, the quality of the St John Fisher players showed as they came to the fore, with Ruby Watts releasing Harriet Robson down the right wing, who squared the ball across the face of the goal for Rebecca Hugill to convert from close range.

Harriet Robson made it 3-1 after Ursula Holland, Frankie Moss and Imogen Regan combined to set up Harriet Robson for her second of the game and put the game to bed.

St John Fisher will now progress into the next round which will be played before the 2nd Feb.

Squad: Ruby Watts (c), Ursula Holland, Claudia Sandford, Darcy McFadden, Lucy Featherstone, Imogen Regan, Katie Scobbie, Olivia Longley, Harriet Robson, Frankie Moss, Rebecca Hugill, Mya Shields.

Goalscorers: Robson X2 & Hugill x1

Player of the match: Olivia Longley



Y7 Girls 5-a-side Football

North Yorkshire 5-a-side Champions!!!

The Year 7 Girls Football team have made a fantastic start to 2018 after being crowned North Yorkshire 5-a-side Champions.

After being crowned as Harrogate and District champions at the end of 2017, the St John Fisher Girls Football team went through to the North Yorkshire Finals to represent Harrogate and District and play for an opportunity to qualify for the Regional Finals.

It is with great pride that we can inform you that the Year 7 Girls won all of their games without conceding, and were crowned North Yorkshire Champions.

A dominant squad performance showcasing their teamwork, talent, unity and passion saw them storm through the competition, scoring a minimum of three goals in every game, and still retaining a clean sheet throughout the whole tournament.

They will now represent North Yorkshire in the Regional Finals on Wednesday 7th February at Durham Soccer Arena.

Squad: Harriet Robson, Claudia Sandford, Olivia Longley, Ruby Watts, Natasha Cree, Frankie Moss and Rebecca Hugill.

Well done to both teams.

Boys Football

Congratulations to the 6th Form Boys Football Team who had a convincing 5-2 win against Lady Lumley's on 24 January in the second round of the County Cup. A confident performance all round.

Goal scorers:

Steele (3)

Moodie (2)

Table Tennis

Zone 1 - Finals of the English Schools Table Tennis Championships, Kirkby Stephen School 13 to 14 Jan

St John Fisher School were North Yorkshire Champions in 4 age groups and met opposition from the Champions of Cleveland, Cumbria, Tyne and Wear, Humberside, Northumberland and Durham.

Girls Competition

In the U13 Girls, the Fishers team of Holly Shepherd, Ursula Holland, Eleanor Cooper and Mollie Brown finished in 3rd position. This was the first girls team the school has been able to put out. They are all Year 7, so can play next year as well.



The standard was very high in all age groups, with an England No 3 in 1 competition, and many others in the top 50 in their age groups. In their opening match Fishers met the Cleveland champions, Northfield from Billingham, and went down 2-6, Holly and Ursula getting 1 win each. They then met the overall winners, St Bernards from Cumbria (Barrow) and were beaten 7-1, Ursula getting the 1 win. So could go no further in the Competition.



Boys Competition

The U19 team of George Asbury, Tom Hudson and Aman Joshua (the U16 reserve) could only field 3 players after a drop out, found the opposition very tough, and finished 3rd after losing to St Mary's Hull 8-0 and Millom School from Cumbria 6-2, George and Tom getting 1 win each.

The U16 competition was one Fishers had hopes in. With Sammy Kelly, Luke Furlong, Matthew Lynch and Ben Collins, all established league players, hoping to make the final 16 schools in the whole of England, something the school has only managed twice before. In their opening match in Group A, the team went down 3-5 to St Mary's Hull. Sammy winning twice, Matthew once.

Then in a match they needed to win to get through to the semi-finals they defeated John Spence School from North Shields 5-3. Sammy winning both of his matches, Luke, Matthew and Ben 1 each.

Due to finishing in 2nd place in their Group, they met Longfield School from Darlington, losing by 5-1. If they had beaten Hull they would have avoided Longfield until the final and possibly reached the last 16. Longfield reached the All England Finals as an U13 a couple of years ago, only 4 get through and had 2 very good players, and 2 good ones. Matthew gaining the only point.

The U13 team of Theo Kelly, Tom Barlow, Gabriel Mead and Brook Sutton went 1 stage further, getting through to Sunday 4th Feb at Grantham by reaching the Final. In their Group Matches the side beat St Thomas More School North Shields 7-1 Theo, Tom and Gabriel getting 2 wins each and Brook 1 win. Then a 4-4 draw with the host school, Fishers winning 15-13 in games, saw the team top their group and avoid Hull till the final. All 4 getting 1 win each.

Their semi-final opponents were Nunthorpe Academy, runners up to Hull in Group 2. A 5-1 win resulted (so the final 2 games did not need to be played). Theo and Gabriel 2 wins each, and Brook 1.

With 2 teams going through, the Final between Hull and Fishers would just see who would go to Blackburn and who would go to Grantham.

Hull were too strong winning 5-1 with Theo getting the only win.

So to Grantham for a tough competition with 2 Northern Winners and 1 Runner up facing Fishers.

Many of the School teams were highly coached and were the teams from Hull, Ormesby etc. So a really good effort by the School Teams to do so well.

Max Mills

Netball

Well done the Y7 Girls Netball teams who had a successful evening in their fixture versus Rossett on Monday night. The St John Fisher 'A' team won 23-0 and the 'B' team won 3-1.

Well done girls on your continued success.

Badminton

The KS3 boys badminton team won the Harrogate Area tournament on 15 January and are now through to the next round which is at County level. All 4 boys played superb, comfortably overcoming Ripon Grammar B team and King James's A team (5-0 in both matches). The final against Ripon Grammar A was a close match which we won 3-2.

The boys team was made up of Joshua Collins, Daniel Bulcock, Maciej Cwiklinski and Joshua Mackinnon.



Sports Fixtures

Tuesday 30 January

Mr Pass – Y7 Boys Football v Ripon Grammar School @ SJF 15:45 KO

Thursday 1 February

Mr Heaton – 6th Form Boys Football v Harrogate Grammar School @ SJF, 16:00-17:30

Mr Rowlands – Y8 Boys Football v Outwood Ripon @ Ripon, 15:00 KO

Mr Pass – Y7B Boys Football v King James School @ King James, 15:00 KO

Date and time TBC – Y7 Girls Football National Cup v Nunthorpe Academy @ Nunthorpe, fixture to be played before 2 February.

Saturday 3 February

Inter County Cross Country Competition @ Durham

Sunday 4 February

Mr Mills – All England Table Tennis Finals @ Grantham, all day

Wednesday 7 February

Mr Bulcock – KS3 Boys Badminton County Finals @ York R1, Time TBC

Miss Huegett – Girls NE 5-a-side Football Finals @ Durham, all day

Thursday 8 February

Mr Howgate – Y7 Boys Rugby v Outwood Ripon @ SJF, 15:30-17:30

Mr Pass – Y7B Boys Football v Outwood Ripon @ SJF, 15:30-17:30

PE Extra Curricular Timetable

Please see below for PE Extra Curricular Timetable.



News from the Science Desk – January/February 2018

The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence.

A person who stands on a hill with their mouth open, will wait a long time for a roast duck to drop in.

Confucius

Year 7

We hope that you met with your son/daughter's Science teacher at the parents' evenings of Y7 pupils on Thursday 11th January and Thursday 18th January. Whilst it is relatively early in the year, Science teachers will hopefully have given 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 have received 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 have undertaken 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.

We will review this examination with pupils in order that they can use this for preparation for their mock examinations on the 17th, 18th and 19th of April, 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

I am hoping that Year 11 have begun the run in to their examination preparation and are not going to attempt the unsuccessful method below.



We are offering lunchtime intervention (Mondays, Thursday and Fridays) each week for pupils who feel or are in need of support, from Monday January 15th. 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 are also offering additional after school sessions, run by our 6th form pupils science specialists (Monday to and including Friday), 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)

Dates and Assessment For Year 11

Combined

May

15th

Exam for GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy - **Biology** Paper 1 (new) (both tiers) (8464/B/1F and 1H) June 2018 series

Start time: pm Duration: 1h 15m **1. Cell biology 2. Organisation 3. Infection and response 4. Bioenergetics**



17th

Exam for GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy - **Chemistry** Paper 1 (new) (both tiers) (8464/C/1F and 1H) June 2018 series

Start time: am Duration: 1h 15m **8. Atomic structure and the periodic table 9. Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter 10. Quantitative chemistry 11. Chemical changes 12. Energy changes**

23th

Exam for GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy - **Physics** Paper 1 (new) (both tiers) (8464/P/1F and 1H) June 2018 series

Start time: pm Duration: 1h 15m **18. Energy 19. Electricity 20. Particle model of matter 21. Atomic structure**

June

11th

Exam for GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy - **Biology** Paper 2 (new) (both tiers) (8464/B/2F and 2H) June 2018 series

Start time: am Duration: 1h 15m **5. Homeostasis and response 6. Inheritance, variation and evolution 7. Ecology**

13th

Exam for GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy - **Chemistry** Paper 2 (new) (both tiers) (8464/C/2F and 2H) June 2018 series

Start time: am Duration: 1h 15m **13. The rate and extent of chemical change 14. Organic chemistry 15. Chemical analysis 16. Chemistry of the atmosphere 17. Using resources**

15th

Exam for GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy - **Physics** Paper 2 (new) (both tiers) (8464/P/2F and 2H) June 2018 series

Start time: am Duration: 1h 15m **22. Forces 23. Waves 24. Magnetism and electromagnetism**

Awarding grades and reporting results

The qualification will be graded on a 17-point scale: 1 – 1 to 9 – 9 – where 9 – 9 is the best grade.

A student taking Foundation Tier assessments will be awarded a grade within the range of 1 – 1 to 5 – 5.

Students who fail to reach the minimum standard for grade 1 – 1 will be recorded as U (unclassified) and will not receive a qualification certificate.

A student taking Higher Tier assessments will be awarded a grade within the range of 4 – 4 to 9 – 9.

A student sitting the Higher Tier who just fails to achieve grade 4 – 4 will be awarded an allowed grade 4 – 3.

Students who fail to reach the minimum standard for the allowed grade will be recorded as a U.

Separates

Biology

1. Cell biology
2. Organisation
3. Infection and response
4. Bioenergetics
5. Homeostasis and response
6. Inheritance, variation and evolution
7. Ecology
8. Key idea

15 May 2018 Exam for GCSE Biology Paper 1 (new) (both tiers) (8461/1F and 1H) Series: June 2018 Start time: pm Duration: 1h 45m Topics 1-4

11 June 2018 Exam for GCSE Biology Paper 2 (new) (both tiers) (8461/2F and 2H) Series: June 2018 Start time: am Duration: 1h 45m Topics 5-7



Chemistry

1. Atomic structure and the periodic table
2. Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter
3. Quantitative chemistry
4. Chemical changes
5. Energy changes
6. The rate and extent of chemical change
7. Organic chemistry
8. Chemical analysis
9. Chemistry of the atmosphere
10. Using resources

17 May 2018 Exam for GCSE Chemistry Paper 1 (new) (both tiers)
(8462/1F and 1H) Series: June 2018 Start time: am Duration: 1h 45m

Topics 1-5

13 June 2018 Exam for GCSE Chemistry Paper 2 (new) (both tiers)
(8462/2F and 2H) Series: June 2018 Start time: am Duration: 1h 45m

Topics 6-10

Physics

1. Energy
2. Electricity
3. Particle model of matter
4. Atomic structure
5. Forces
6. Waves
7. Magnetism and electromagnetism
8. Space physics (Physics only)

23 May 2018 Exam for GCSE Physics Paper 1 (new) (both tiers) 8463/1F
and 1H) Series: June 2018 Start time: pm Duration: 1h 45m

Topics 1-4

15 June 2018 Exam for GCSE Physics Paper 2 (new) (both tiers)
(8463/2F and 2H) Series: June 2018 Start time: am Duration: 1h 45m

Topics 5-8

The qualification will be graded on a nine-point scale: 1 – 9 – where 9 is the best grade.

A student taking Foundation Tier assessments will be awarded a grade within the range of 1 to 5. U below.

A student taking Higher Tier assessments will be awarded a grade within the range of 4 to 9. A student sitting the Higher Tier who just fails to achieve grade 4 will be awarded an allowed grade 3. U Below that.

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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Specialist Leader in Education



PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE 2017 -2018 (SEPT - EASTER)

| DAY | LUNCHTIME – TILL 1.15PM | | | AFTER SCHOOL – TILL 5PM | | |
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| | 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 |
| WEDS | ALL YEARS TABLE TENNIS YEAR 8 BOYS FOOTBALL ALL YEARS GIRLS RUGBY ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE YEAR 7 GIRLS NETBALL | GYM ASTROTURF FIELD SPORTS HALL | MR MILLS MR KNOWLES MISS HUEGETT & MISS SURRIDGE MISS DECHANT | ALL YEARS GIRLS FOOTBALL ALL YEARS TABLE TENNIS YEAR 9 GIRLS NETBALL ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE | ASTROTURF GYM SPORTS HALL FITNESS SUITE | MISS HUEGETT MR MILLS MISS THOMAS MR WALSH & MR OWEN |
| THUR | ALL YEARS GIRLS FOOTBALL YEAR 7 BOYS RUGBY YEAR 8 BOYS RUGBY YEAR 8 BOYS FOOTBALL ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE | ASTROTURF FIELD FIELD ASTRO / FIELD FITNESS SUITE | MISS HUEGETT MR PASS MR HOWGATE MR KNOWLES | YEAR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL YEAR 9 BOYS RUGBY Y11 & 6 TH FORM NETBALL ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE | ASTROTURF FIELD SPORTS HALL FITNESS SUITE | MR PASS MR PRITCHARD MRS NIGHTINGALE |
| 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 |

