

# St John Fisher Catholic High School



## Newsletter 10 9 February 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Our school said its formal farewells to Mr Pritchard this week as he leaves us to join Ormiston Academies Trust as Regional Director. We are extremely grateful for all he has done, and the legacy he has left us at St. John Fisher (not least in the form of our 3G pitch) and we wish him well for the future.

Some of you may already be aware that congratulations are also in order for Miss Lambden, one of our pastoral deputies, who has been appointed Headteacher of Thirsk School and will take up her post after Easter; a thoroughly deserved promotion. We will be able to keep working with her and benefitting from her expertise, as Thirsk School are fellow members of the Yorkshire Teaching School Alliance.

It has been a half term of change, but also a half term of many successes, many of which have been detailed in these newsletters and on our Facebook page. Just a reminder that there are two key events after half term: Our Sixth Form Information Evening for current Year 11 is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, and our Year 8 Options Evening will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. More details will follow after the half term break.

We wish you a restful half term – thank you, as ever, for all your support for our school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Langstaff'.

**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)

## 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](mailto:exams@sjfchs.org.uk).

## Prelove Partywear Event – Tonight, Friday 9 February

Tonight, 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.

## Year 11 Revision

Revision at home will have now started in earnest for our year 11's in readiness for the forthcoming GCSE's. Over the last two weeks in school, each Year 11 has been given a blank A3 size 'Master Plan' revision timetable along with advice and support about how to break down each subject into manageable chunks and how to spread these out over the coming weeks to pace revision which ensures there will be time to recap and review when the exams get close. Revision techniques and tips will also have been shared in form time. Click on the link below for black revision timetables and on the school website under exam information.

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/curriculum/examination-arrangements/>

## Alcohol Awareness Drama Workshop – Wednesday 31 January

The whole of Year 7 took part an alcohol workshop which raised awareness of issues around alcohol and how to keep safe. This subject is being supported in their PSHCE lessons this term which are focusing on different aspects of their Health & Wellbeing.



## Layton Williams Visit – Wednesday 31 January



Ex Billy Elliot star Layton Williams (of *Bad Education*, Matthew Bourne's *Lord of the Flies*, *Rent* and *Hairspray* UK tour) visited our school to work with our dancers from Yr8 -Y13 on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. It was a very exciting and energetic day. Layton is a captivating performer and an inspiring teacher who also praised our students on their talent and energy. He said "Thanks again for such an amazing time! Love teaching at St John Fisher". Layton promises to return next year.

## A Review of David Solomons Visit – Tuesday 6 February by Amelia Beesting (7A)

David Solomons [author of *My Brother is a Superhero*] came into see the Year 7s. He started off by doing a quick quiz on superheroes and he told us all about the good and bad points of a superhero.

After that, he got 2 brave volunteers to design a superhero and they were made to wear a cape and mask to fit in with the superhero theme. The superhero that Year 7 designed was called 'Roblox Kid'. It was great fun because everybody contributed and that was probably my favourite part. I loved to see how David Solomons worked whilst writing so we can use it in our own pieces of work. Even though I am not a great fan of superheroes, I still love the way he writes so I am glad that he came.



At the end, he took any questions and one student stated, "It was great - I learnt so much and learnt lots of different writing styles. I also enjoyed the workshop with him during period 3." A few lucky people from each form got to take part in a workshop with David which taught them about how to become a better writer.

All in all, everybody enjoyed seeing David Solomon in school and getting their books personally signed by him.

For another review of David Solomons visit by Sophie Hance, please click on the link below:

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/david-solomons-visit/>

## Year 12 Business Enterprise Team - 'Vitae'

The team visited local Harrogate business Vocalink for a masterclass in project management methodology. Thanks to Vocalink for their expertise and hospitality. They met with experts from the company's solution delivery team in preparation for the first round of the Enterprise competition which kicks off on Monday 26th March 2018 at the Crown Hotel, Harrogate.



Vitae Team members are (left to right):

Louis Connell  
Darragh Kennedy  
James Greene  
Michael Ruane  
Tristan Brennan  
Joe Laverty  
Dom Coverley



## Sports Results

### Y7 Girls Football National Cup

Well done to the Y7 Girls Football team who are through to the next round of the National Cup after a 4-0 win against a strong Nunthorpe Academy side on Tuesday 5 February. It was a little snowy to say the least but that didn't stop them! Well done everyone for a resilient, clinical and superb team performance.

**Players of the match:** Millie Fieldhouse & Rebecca Hugill  
**Goalscorers:** Harriet Robson x 2 and Captain Ruby Watts x2



### Squad

Millie Fieldhouse, Ursula Holland, Ruby Watts, Claudia Sandford, Emily Wox, Billie Takyi Olivia Longley, Frankie Moss, Harriet Robson, Mya Shields, Katie Scobbie, Rebecca Hugill.

### Y7 Girls Football Regional 5-a-side Finals

A fantastic effort for the girls and the school are extremely proud of them as they finished runners up in the Regional Finals and missed out on competing in the National Finals by ONE GOAL! at Soccarena, Durham on Wednesday 6 February.

Players of the tournament: Ruby Watts & Rebecca Hugill

Next fixture, Friday 9th Feb - U16 North Yorkshire Cup v Ryedale

### Boys Football

#### Y7B Boys Football v Ripon Outwood

This match ended in 2-2 with a fantastic first half performance with many chances to score and the team were unlucky in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half not to make it a victory.

#### Y7 Boys Rugby v Ripon Outwood

A convincing and disciplined display which led to a fantastic 60-15 victory to the SJF team.

#### Y9 Area Cup v St Aidan's

Well done to the boys team beating St Aidan's 9-1 with a good all round performance on Monday 5 February to progress to the next round of the Area Cup.

Goal Scorers – Shepherd (4)

Santoro (5)

#### Y11 Area Cup v King James

Another great performance from the boys who won 4-2 on Monday 5 February to progress to the next round of the Area Cup.

Goal Scorers

Griffin (1)

Powell (1)

Beech (1)

Falokun (1)



## Table Tennis

Congratulations to the U13 team who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the All England Table Tennis Finals at Grantham on Sunday 5 Feb. Theo Kelly, Tom Barlow, Gabriel Mead and Brook Sutton were involved in 1 of 4 semi-finals over the whole of England to decide which 4 schools would qualify for the Final at Hinckley in March.



The school had qualified, for what is the Top 16 schools in the country, having already come through the County and Zone finals to reach the Regional Final. The team played very well against virtually Club teams who all happen to attend the same school.

In their opening game against Carlton-le-Willows, who ended up winning all their 3 matches, Fishers lost 1-7. Theo winning the point, and also going to 4 games in his other match. Tom and Brook doing the same in one of their 2 matches. Lincroft were the next opponents, another tough match against very talented players. Gabriel gaining the single point in another 1-7 match. winning in the deciding game. Theo was beaten in 5 games and 4 games in his 2 matches. Lincroft were just beaten by Carlton in their final match 3-5.

The final match saw Fishers go home with a win, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the competition. Altrincham Grammar School were the opponents, and had also suffered defeats in their opening 2 matches, so a battle for 3<sup>rd</sup> place was at stake.

After Tom had lost to the No 1 player, Theo defeated the No 2 player in 3 games, to level at 1-1. Brook then lost in a really good 5 set match, playing his best during the day, only for Gabriel to comfortably defeat the No 4 in straight games, so 2-2. Theo then defeated the No 1 in 4 games and Tom beat the No 3 in 5 games, to gain his 1<sup>st</sup> win.

So 4-2 to Fishers, but 4-4 would mean defeat in games won and lost.

Gabriel comfortably beat the No 2 in straight games to ensure the win. He did very well after a nervous start to get 3 wins out of 6, the same as Theo. Brook lost in 3 close games to give a final score of 5-3 and third place.

Tom, Gabriel and Brook are fairly new to the sport, whereas many of the other teams had been playing and being coached for a few years. All of the boys improved tremendously throughout the day. Theo led the team well, always encouraging his teammates.

Max Mills

## Y7 Inter Form Netball Competition

The Y7 girls took part in their first inter-form netball competition during week commencing the 29th February. There was a fantastic turn out with most girls representing their form groups throughout the competition. Students were extremely supportive and encouraging for their own and other form groups, showing fantastic sportsmanship by helping those students unsure of their position and court boundaries, which led to an increase in performance, knowledge and understanding of the game as the competition progressed. There was a great sense of community spirit by all.



Congratulations to 7M who beat 7B in the final.



Place	Form	Points
8 <sup>th</sup>	H	10
7 <sup>th</sup>	A	20
6 <sup>th</sup>	C	30
5 <sup>th</sup>	W	40
4 <sup>th</sup>	F	50
3 <sup>rd</sup>	P	60
2 <sup>nd</sup>	B	70
1 <sup>st</sup>	M	80

## Sports Fixtures

### Wednesday 21 February

Mr Heaton – 6<sup>th</sup> Form Boys Football v South Craven @ South Craven, 12:30-16:30

Mr Rowlands – Y8 Boys Football v South Craven @ South Craven, TBC

### Thursday 22 February

Mr Black – Y7 Boys Football v Harrogate Grammar School @ SJF, 16:00-17:30

Mr Hussey - Y9 Boys Football v Harrogate Grammar School @ SJF, 14:30-16:00

### Friday 23 February

Mr Heaton – U18 Boys Football v Stokesley @ SJF, 14:00-16:00

### Monday 26 February

Mrs Crichton - Y7A & B Netball v St Aidan's @ SJF, 15:30-17:00

### Thursday 1 March

Mr Pass - Y7 Boys Football v Queen Ethelburga's @ QE, 15:00-18:00

### PE Extra Curricular Timetable

Please see below for PE Extra Curricular Timetable.



## News from the Science Desk – February 2018

In this week that saw a Tesla car launched in to space....

**I think it's very important to have a feedback loop, where you're constantly thinking about what you've done and how you could be doing it better. I think that's the single best piece of advice: constantly think about how you could be doing things better and questioning yourself.**

**Elon Musk**

### Year 7

Pupils will be over half way through the content of Year 7, with assessment at the end of each of these. At the end of the academic year there will be an end of year test which will help inform us as to how they have contended with the content over the year. We will then set in to Year 8 based on mixed ability sets.

### Year 8

Pupils will be over half way through the content of Year 8, with assessment at the end of each of these. At the end of the academic year there will be an end of year test which will help inform us as to how they have contended with the content over the year and help us stream in to Year 9.

### 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 long report at the end of this term giving a behaviour for learning statement, progress and a target as to how to achieve this grade.

### Year 10

Year 10 have undertaken their first 'driving test' in Science on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

Year 10 will have further mock examinations later in 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 6<sup>th</sup> form pupils science specialists (Monday to and including Friday), which will be available to ALL pupils.

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.

We hope to have completed all units within next half term, and then we will continue to consolidate the GCSE from Y9 to this point, give pupils plenty of examination preparation, re-cap the required practicals, and expose them to all of the specimen material, and past papers that the examination board can provide.

**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

Have an enjoyable, restful/active half term we look forward to the challenges that the next half term will provide.

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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

