

St John Fisher Catholic High School



Newsletter 11 2 March 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your understanding regarding the necessary closures the snow has caused this week. I know it will have been inconvenient for many of you, and we always aim to open when it is safe to do so but for all of us, I know the welfare of the children is paramount.

We have a process amongst the Harrogate Headteachers, and also with the bus companies, which enables us to make an informed decision on days like these. On Wednesday of this week, the information we received through this process was that buses were running and school sites were safe for students and therefore the schools were remaining open. Due to a worsening of weather conditions we reversed this decision at a later point than usual. We apologise if this caused you additional complications and hope that future decisions will be simpler (as was the case on Thursday) but I am sure you will appreciate that if it becomes unsafe for our students, the decision to close will be taken, even if it is a late one. We do our best to remain open at all times. Please do continue to watch the website, and listen to Stray FM for information when the weather is bad. Let's hope warmer weather is on the way.

Options Evening

The closure on Wednesday 28th February means that the Options Evening for Year 8 will be rescheduled. Please watch the website for this information.

Training Day

Please be aware that Friday 9th March is a training day for staff and the school is closed to students. With St. Aidan's, we are hosting 5 other North Yorkshire Schools in a collaborative professional development conference. Dame Tanni-Grey Thompson is our key note speaker and staff then will spend the day working with and learning from each other to further improve the quality of provision in all of our schools. Last year's event was extremely successful and had a clear impact in the learning our staff brought back into their classrooms to enhance the learning of our young people.

Yours sincerely

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

Mrs J Langstaff
Acting Headteacher



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

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.

Georgina Brayshaw Visit – Friday 23 February

Georgina is a former student and is currently part of the GB rowing squad and is hopefully on course to compete at the Tokyo Olympics in 2020. Her story is quite remarkable as whilst studying at St John Fisher, she was involved in a horse riding accident which almost left her paralysed. As part of her UK Sport funding she has to inspire the next generation and was really keen to come back to St John Fisher to share her story.



Georgina spent the morning talking to all year groups about how she started rowing and trained relentlessly to gain the fitness required to be selected for the GB rowing squad. She then explained her current training regime and took a Q and A session from the students.

Georgina was truly inspiring and as one student explained “I will now always wear my body protector when I am horse riding as I will always remember Georgina’s story”.

Mental Health Awareness Week

A total of £574.13 was raised on Hello Yellow Day, Friday 9 February. Thank you to all who donated and took part raising money for mental health charities.

PTA Quiz Night – Friday 16 March

The quiz will be held in the Sixth Form Dining Room, 7pm start. Teams of 8 max per table, if you don’t have a team, please come along and PTA will find you one. Please book by Monday 12th March via Eventbrite website.

Further information contact:

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<http://sjfchs.org.uk/wp-admin/post-new.php>



Sports Results

Boys Football

Y9A Area Cup

Congratulations and well done to the boys on a thumping 10-0 win against Harrogate Grammar School.

Goal Scorers:

J Shepherd (3), D Santoro (2), K Carole, W Hugill, P Charlesworth, C Hodgson, O Mercer all 1 goal each.

Player of the Match - P Charlesworth

Table Tennis

Y7 Tournament

With an entry of 16, the standard of play was pleasing and the sportsmanship was excellent. The seeding was reasonably successful with top seed Michael Walker and 2nd and 3rd seeds Sam Pratt and Holly Shepherd also reaching the semi-finals. Ursula Holland was 4th seed.

The surprise was unseeded Ben Fazackerly who reached the final beating both Ursula and Holly.

Results

Group A

1st Michael Walker 2nd Henry Brogatzki 3rd Cormack Keating 4th Ed Svenson

Group B

1st Ben Fazackerly 2nd Ursula Holland 3rd Myles Denton 4th Paddy Harrington

Group C

1st Holly Shepherd 2nd Tom Tindall 3rd Jacob Turton 4th Theo Tipling

Group D

1st Sam Pratt 2nd Jake Convery 3rd Eleanor Cooper 4th Ben Hargreaves

Finals

Michael Walker beat Ben Fazackerly 1/2

Holly Shepherd beat Sam Pratt 3/4

Ursula Holland beat Henry Brogatzki 5/6

Eleanor Cooper beat Jake Convery 7/8

Jacob Turton beat Myles Denton 9/10

Theo Tipling beat Paddy Harrington 11/12

Tom Tindall beat Ed Svenson 13/14

Cormack Keating beat Ben Hargreaves 15/16

Charity Cup Quarter Final

The team of Ben Collins, Tom Barlow and Gabriel Mead excelled themselves by beating the highly fancied Ripon D side by 372 points to 268 to make it through to the semi final.

In a handicap match the scores should be close, and with Fishers B having a slender 6 point start, the opening 2 matches were tense, all 3 boys slightly nervous. Understandably, as the team had been beaten by Ripon D in a league match the previous week.

Amazingly all 3 won 122 points over the match, Ben losing 93, Tom 88 and Gabriel 87.

With the handicaps - Ben 14, Tom 32 and Gabriel 36, their overall totals were Ben +7, Tom +44 and Gabriel +53.

ESTTA North Yorkshire Schools Table Tennis Individual Finals

St John Fisher were the outstanding school in the recent championships held at Rossett High School on Wednesday 21st February and the results are as follows:

Boys Events

Tom Hudson - runner up U19

Sammy Kelly - runner up U16

Luke Furlong - losing semi-finalist

Matthew Lynch, Ben Collins and Aman Joshua - beaten at group stage

Theo Kelly - runner up U13

Tom Barlow - losing semi-finalist

Gabriel Mead and Brook Sutton – beaten at group stage



Girls Events

Vicky Hudson – runner up U16

Holly Shepherd and Ursula Holland were 3rd and 4th in U13

In addition, 3 pupils from St Roberts School were in the U11 events.

Toby Sharkey and Alex Lambert in the boys and Bea Price in the girls.

Max Mills

KS3 & KS4 Badminton National Schools Badminton Tournament

St John Fisher had 3 teams representing the school at the North Yorkshire round of the National Schools Badminton Tournament. This was the first experience for the KS3 and KS4 girls teams, who played extremely well against experienced opposition. Their efforts and sportsmanship were a credit to themselves and the school.

For the boys KS3 team, this was their second venture, having a few weeks earlier won the Harrogate and District round of the tournament. All the boys played well, making it through to the final on the day, only losing out to Ermysteds Grammar School. As with the girls, the boys were a credit to themselves and the school and all the teams will be setting their sights on getting into the next round in 2019.'



Pupils in the teams are Boys KS3 – Daniel Bulcock, Joshua Collins, Joshua Mackinnon, Maciej Cwiklinski.

Girls KS3 – Emma Coote, Lucy Green, Jillian Wood, Beth Windle

Girls KS4 – Cassidy Lane, Jess Flynn, Niamh Barker, Carys McDonnell, Katie Barlow

Sports Fixtures

Monday 5 March

Mrs Crichton – Y7A Netball Competition @ Ashville, 14:30-17:30

Tuesday 6 March

Mr Rowlands/ Miss Telfour – Y7Netball Harrogate Schools Partnership @ King James, 14:00-17:30

Wednesday 7 March

Mr Pass/Mr Howgate – Y7 7 Y8 Boys Rugby v Outwood Ripon @ Ripon, 14:30-18;00

Thursday 8 March

Mr Black – Y7 A & B Boys Football v King James @ SJF, 16:00-17:30

Mr Fox – Y10 Rugby Festival @ Leodiensians, Leeds, 15:00-18:00

Monday 12 March

Mrs Crichton – Y7B Netball Competition @ Ashville, 14:30-17:30

Tuesday 13 March

Mrs Nightingale – U15 A & B Harrogate & Craven Netball Tournament @ Ashville, 16:00-17:30

Thursday 15 March

Miss Thomas – U13 A & B Harrogate & Craven Netball Tournament @ Ashville, 16:00-17:30

Friday 16 March

Mr Pass – North & East Yorkshire Golf Competition @ Malton & Norton Golf Club, all day

PE Extra Curricular Timetable

Please see below for PE Extra Curricular Timetable.



News from the Science Desk – March 2018

"Above all, don't fear difficult moments. The best comes from them."

Rita Levi-Montalcini (Nobel Prize-winning neurobiologist who co-discovered nerve growth factor)

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 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.

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 6th 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 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.

We had hoped to offer additional support to Separate Science pupils on the afternoon of the training day 9th March, but at the time of writing the low numbers of returns may yet preclude this. We hope that there will be a higher uptake for the revision sessions that we hope to offer on the two days of Easter School.

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 advice 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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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 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
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