

Newsletter 12 16 March 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

More Snow

Thank you for your understanding regarding our decision to remain open and run an amended timetable last Thursday with the arrival of yet more snow. In the light of these experiences, and your feedback, we have to develop our lines of communication on days such as these when school closure is a possibility. As before, you should listen to Stray FM, Radio York or Radio Leeds – but please be aware that these stations update their website instantly, but can wait up until half an hour until they broadcast this information, therefore their websites are the best place to visit. Equally, our school website and Facebook page will continue to display any messages regarding our school status. Additionally, we will now also employ a text messaging service if we make the decision to close. To that end, please ensure that we have your correct mobile phone number: I wish I could say that we won't need it, however I gather that the snow may not be finished with us just yet.

Easter Revision for Year 11

If you have a child in Year 11 you should have received information about our Easter School which is taking place on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th April from 8.45am until 1.30pm. All Year 11 students are encouraged to attend. In previous years this has been a really positive and beneficial experience and the fantastic commitment and engagement we are seeing currently from our Year 11 suggests that 2018 will be no exception. We look forward to seeing them there.

Free School Meals Entitlement

As part of this newsletter you will find a letter explaining how the changes to Universal Credit will affect thresholds for Free School Meals. If you think this may apply to you, please be aware that it is in your interest to apply before 1st April, when the threshold changes.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Langstaff
Acting Headteacher



FAO Parent/Carer

Your ref: FSM Universal Credit
Our ref: LH/KB
Contact: School Welfare

March 2018

Dear Parent,

Did you know that Universal Credit is currently a qualifying benefit for Free School Meals?

If you receive Universal Credit then your children are entitled to a free meal in school. Claiming free school meals could save you almost £400 per child per year, and could enable the school to gain over £2,000 per year extra funding for every child as well. So even if your child doesn't take the free meal, or your child gets a free meal because they are currently in reception or Key stage 1, you should apply now if you haven't already.

From **1 April 2018**, the government are introducing a net Universal Credit earning threshold of £7,400 per year for free school meal eligibility which means that some families who are eligible now would not be if they apply after 1 April.

It is important that you apply now as all **children assessed as eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) by 1 April 2018 will continue to be eligible until at least 2022**, while Universal Credit is rolled out across the country. There would also be no need for any further FSM eligibility checks as well.

To make sure that you don't miss out **please apply now and before the 1st April**.

Forms are available from the school office, on line at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals> or by contacting the Admissions, Transport and Welfare Team on the details above.

Yours sincerely

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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

Y10 Mocks

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

Please can all parents and students read the following guidance before the start of the Y10 Mocks on 16 April.

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Notice-to-Year-10-Students-re-Mock-Exams-1.pdf>

GCSE Exams

Please click on the below link for the up to date summer exam timetable:

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

We have accumulated a significant amount of coats over the last half term. Please could you ensure your child has their coat or check at the school reception. Any coats not collected will be bagged up for charity on the last day of term before the Easter Holidays.

PTA Quiz Night – Tonight, 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.

Further information contact:

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Y11 Easter School – Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th April

Time: 8:50am -1.30pm. All are encouraged to attend, non-uniform.

St John Fisher High School's student's success at achieving a place at the Royal School of Ballet, London



Amos Child, a Year 7 student at St John Fisher Catholic High School in Harrogate, has been going to gymnastics since he was 4 years of age, but over the last couple of years he has gravitated towards dance.

The first solo dance Amos ever performed in front of an audience was at the St John Fisher KS3 Arts Festival in October this year, when he had only been at high school a few weeks and not been dancing much longer than that.

His natural talent was evident however, and Miss Emily, of Cornell Dance School, suggested he audition for the Royal Ballet School. From over 850 applicants at the first auditions, he received a call back to a final audition in February with a place being offered two days later with immediate effect. He will be greatly missed by the students and staff of the school, but we wish him every success with his new, exciting opportunity in London.



Intermediate Maths Challenge

The UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) is a registered charity whose aim is to advance the education of children and young people in mathematics. The UKMT organises national mathematics competitions and other mathematical enrichment activities for 11-18 year old UK school students. Students have 60 minutes to answer 25 varied multiple-choice mathematical problems. Over 200,000 students from around the UK entered the Challenge with the top 6% receiving a gold award, the next 13% receiving silver, and the next 21% bronze.

This term some of our Year 9, 10 and 11 students took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge and they performed extremely well. Our students managed to achieve 6 gold awards, 19 silver awards and 40 bronze awards.

Follow-on Rounds

Every year several thousand students sitting the Intermediate Maths Challenge are invited to sit the Intermediate Kangaroo Papers. This year Philip Battersby (Y11), George Sanderson (Y11), Hannah Maxwell (Y10), James Keelan-Edwards (Y10), Sammy Kelly (Y10), Gabriel Oldroyd (Y9) and Sophie Widdows (Y9) have all made it through to the follow-on round.

Congratulations to everyone who achieved an award and those who qualified for the follow-up paper.

Intermediate Challenge Results 2018

Year 11
Philip Battersby ^{^*}
George Sanderson
Findlay Akers
Matthew Ball
Matthew O'Connor
Ellie Crichton
Luke Luxford
Louis Parker
Madeline Walsh
Evan Ward
Charlotte Holmes
Alana Kitchen
Max Gould
Poppy Dunn
Kathy Kinuthia
Daniel Reid
Sarah Flannery

Year 10
Hannah Maxwell *
James Keelan-Edwards *
Sammy Kelly
Beth Lawton
Emily Peel
Jessica Flynn
Joseph Widdows
Callum Tatterton
Harrison Cree
Pablo Disley-Gonzalez
Katie Barlow
Noel Thomas
Joshua Mellor
Faye Cairns
Oscair Brady
Cameron Mackinnon
Jacob Millar
Hannah Hauson-Fleming
Niamh O'Neill
Ben Coupe
Patrick Tolan
Niamh Barker
Aman Joshua
Jack Browne
Isobel Oldroyd
Sophia Lubiecki
Ethan Ive
Jonathan White
Lin-ay Varnes
Victoria Hudson
Christopher Hostert

Year 9
Gabriel Oldroyd *
Sophie Widdows
James Dempsey
Thomas Ellis
Herbie Asbury
Toby Lynn
Isobel Davies
Emma Coote
Oliver Brackenbury
Christian Sowden
Freddie Brown
Emma Hatcher
William Hugill
Jillian Wood
Thomas Plant
Pierce Charlesworth
Erin Whitaker

[^] Best in Year

* Best in School



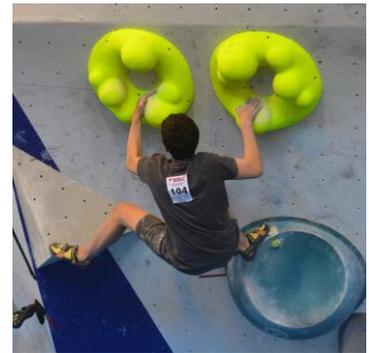
Y12 Maths Inspiration Event



Mathematics can, by some, be perceived to be boring and students often ask “When am I ever going to use this?” Admittedly, for some the answer may be “Never”, but we wanted to show our students just how mathematics can be used. We took our Y12 Further Mathematics students to the City Varieties Theatre for a “Maths Inspiration” event. This consisted of three speakers who each spoke to the audience about how they use mathematics in their jobs; from the infinite world of fractals, to constructing some of the world’s most iconic buildings, to the digital technology that we use in our lives every day. The students had a fantastic afternoon and it was great to see them engaged, enthused and discussing the talks on the journey home.

British Youth Open Climbing Competition

Sam Botherway in Year 9 had a superb weekend at British Youth Open Climbing Championships. In a competition against the best in Great Britain, Sam finished 8th in the lead climbing competition and 6th in the bouldering competition. This is a superb achievement which Sam should be very proud of.



CAFOD Shoe Shine – 14 March 2018

On Wednesday 14th March, the school held their Annual Shoe Shine to raise funds for our Lenten Appeal helping both **CAFOD** and **The Good Shepherd**.

As well as furthering our Lenten promise of almsgiving, this was a great opportunity to reflect on a key value of our school community: that of humility. On Holy Thursday, Jesus washed the feet of His disciples – He did this to show that He was no greater than those around Him. As well as reflecting His example of service, we also aimed to show an act of solidarity with those around the world to whom cleaning shoes is a way of making a living.

There was a steady stream of pupils in the main hall and staff were more than happy to take up brushes and polish in order to clean the shoes of pupils. A total of £227.78 was raised on the day for these very worthwhile causes!



Rescheduled Careers Talks

Interested in a career in Healthcare, Primary Education or thinking of taking a Gap Year, click on the links below for more details:

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Allied-Health-Care-21.03.18-2.pdf>

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Primary-Ed-York-St-John.pdf>

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Gap-Year-Talks-2018.pdf>

Sixth Form Guest Speaker



We were delighted to welcome Saleem Sedat to speak to Year 12 in one of their weekly EEP sessions. Saleem, a College Chaplain and a Lecturer in Islamic Studies in Blackburn, is a regular visitor to St John Fisher and brings with him a wealth of knowledge and wisdom about Islam. He is at pains to dispel common misunderstandings about the religion and, by drawing on the knowledge the students already possess, is able to gently add to or correct information represented by the group.

In a very interactive session, students came away much better informed about the core Muslim beliefs, attitudes to women, dress code, teachings regarding food along with how Islam regards war/terrorism.

It was a very informative session and we look forward to welcoming Saleem again next year.

Y8 Spelling Bee Competition – Tuesday 13 March



The St John Fisher chapel was host to the second annual year 8 Spelling Bee. Year 8 proved themselves to be an incredibly encouraging and supportive year group as they cheered on teams and individual finalists who were battling it out for literacy glory! Emma Willcoxson took home the shield whilst Mirette Sorial claimed a very close second place. 8W's team of spellers romped to glory by negotiating the difficult task of spelling one letter each of the words given, in the right order. Congratulations to all of the spellers for their courage and skill and to the rest of the year group for their excellent behaviour and support.

Engineering Education Scheme – Tuesday 20 March

The following year 12 students will away on Tuesday taking part in the final part of the Engineering Education Scheme in Sheffield: Miriam Davies, Maddy Hobden, Jacob Tuner, Oliver Jordan, William Prudhoe and Gwyn Owen.

During the 6 month Engineering Scheme the students have worked with engineers from Network Rail to design and build a prototype automated range-finding device that could be used to improve how Network Rail build signalling systems. On Tuesday the students will be delivering a presentation to assessors at in Sheffield on the skills they have gained, the design process, their prototype device and the challenges they have faced.

Sports Results

Girls Football

Congratulations to the U13 and U16 girls football teams on their recent cup victories.

U13 - SJF 3 v 0 Laurence Jackson - Last 32 of the National Cup. Goalscorers: Katie Scobbie, Harriet Robson x2
U16 - SJF 2 v 0 Ryedale – Quarter Final of the North Yorkshire Cup - Goalscorers: Eimear Wyrill & Molly Bridson

Table Tennis

Charity Cup

Congratulations and well done to Fishers C Team of Ben Collins, Tom Barlow and Gabriel Mead on reaching the Charity Cup Final with a convincing 391-310 win against Boston Spa B.



Fishers started with an 80 point handicap and would have won without any handicap. This is now 3 years in a row for different school teams to reach the final of this important competition. Two years ago Sammy and Theo Kelly and Matthew Lynch won, and last year we had both finalists Tom Hudson, George Asbury and Matthew Lynch beating Sammy and George and Dale Gibson.

The Final will be against either Harrogate Grammar School C or Burnbridge E - 2 other youthful teams for Division 4. Venue is Ripley Town Hall, all welcome to come and watch.

Harrogate Tournament

Lots of Fishers players entered in many events which took place on 4 March.

Highlights

Sammy Kelly - U18 Champion

Theo Kelly and Luke Furlong losing semi-finalists

George Asbury and Aman Joshua also played.

Theo Kelly - U13 Champion beating Tom Barlow in an all Fishers final.

Tom also reached the semi-final of the Handicap Singles, losing to the winner and did well in the Handicap Doubles with Theo.

Excellent results for Jonathan and George Asbury, Brook Sutton, Nick Kelly and myself.

Max Mills

Sports Fixtures

Monday 19 March

Mr Owen – Y11 Boys Football v St Aidan's @ SJF, 16:00-17:30

Tuesday 20 March

Mr Pass – Y7 Boys 6-a-side Football Competition @ King James, 15:00-18:00

Wednesday 21 March

Y10 Boys Football County Cup Final v Bedale @ Whitby Town FC, 6pm KO, all parents are welcome to come along and support the school team.

Thursday 22 March

Miss Thomas – U14B Harrogate & Craven Area Netball Tournament @ Ashville, 15:00-17:30

Friday 23 March

Mr Stansfield – Y10 Boys Football v Settle @ SJF, 14:00-15:30

Mr Pass – N & E Yorkshire Golf Competition @ Malton & Norton Golf Club, 08:00-17:00

Monday 26 March

Mrs Nightingale – U16B Harrogate & Craven Area Netball Tournament @ Ashville, 15:00-17:30

Tuesday 27 March

Mr Howgate/Mr Fox/Miss Huegett – Festival of Rugby @ West Park Rugby Club, 12:00-19:00

Thursday 29 March

Mrs Nightingale – U19B Harrogate & Craven Area Netball Tournament @ Ashville, 15:00-17:30

PE Extra Curricular Timetable

Please see below for PE Extra Curricular Timetable.



News from the Science Desk – March 2018

“Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious. And however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. It matters that you don’t just give up.”

Professor Stephen Hawking (8 January 1942 – 14 March 2018)

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.

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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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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 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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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

