

St John Fisher Catholic High School



Newsletter 13 20 April 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to the summer term: it seems the students and the weather have already embraced the summer uniform. We have a term of hard work ahead with the examination season almost upon us, and Year 10 making a really positive start to their mock exams. It is also a term full of celebration however, particularly for those in Year 11 and 13 whose leavers' events will celebrate their time with us, and for the school as a whole as we celebrate our 60th anniversary.

Football Success

One of our earliest opportunities to congratulate our students came on Thursday 19th, when our U13 girls' football team beat Crompton House from Oldham in the National Cup Quarter Finals. This means they can now officially claim that they are the best U13 girls' football team in the north of England, with the other 3 semi-finalists all being located in the south! The draw to see who our opponents will be takes place on 30th April as we bid to get to the national final. As ever, it is the attitude of this team, as much as the great result, which can make us proud of the way they represent St. John Fisher.

Leaving Dates

Information for parents of students in Year 11 and 13 regarding leavers' events will be shared shortly. For Year 11, it is expected that the vast majority of our students will continue to attend the pre-exam sessions which will be put on in school after their official leaving date of May 11th. Details of these sessions will be shared with you in a letter: they have proved really helpful and have had a positive impact on student outcomes in previous years for those who have attended. For Year 13, please be aware of a particularly special event which takes place on Thursday 24th May, when we hold a Leavers' Mass in our chapel for students and their parents, to complete the cycle which began with their welcome Mass in Year 7. We would love to see Year 13 parents there. A letter with further details will be coming out shortly.

Lourdes Ceilidh

A date for your diary: Our Year 10 pupils, along with our Year 12 student leaders will be going on the annual Lourdes pilgrimage in the summer term. In order to fundraise to support the cost of this, we are holding a Ceilidh in the sixth form dining room at school on Friday 11th May from 7-10pm. We would love to see as many of you there as possible. Tickets are available in school or via parent pay.

Yours sincerely

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

Absence Notification Procedure

A reminder that when your child has been absent from school with sickness, they must remain off school for a further 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.

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.

Post 18 Options Information Evening – Thursday 26 April

All parents/carers of Year 12 students are invited to a presentation on **Post 18 options on Thursday 26th April at 7.00pm** in Constance Green Hall, St Aidan's. This will be an opportunity to find out about Higher Education, UCAS, Student Finance and Apprenticeships. For more details, please see **the link below** or contact the Careers Department.

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/HE-Information-Evening-26-April-2018.pdf>

The Fisher Singers - Mass in Time of War and The Armed Man – Saturday 28 April

All are welcome to come to this concert at St Peter's Church, Harrogate, 7:30pm start. Click on the link for more details:

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/fisher-singers-mass-time-armed-man/>

Team Maths Challenge

On Thursday 19th April four of our students ventured over to The Mount School, York, to compete in the UK Mathematics Trust's Team Challenge Regional Final. Zach Ive (Y8), Malachy Stockdale (Y8), James Dempsey (Y9) and Herbie Asbury (Y9) took part in a fast-paced day of maths challenges, ranging from cross-numbers to frantic relay races, competing against 21 other schools from across the region. The team worked exceptionally well in all of the challenges, demonstrating excellent teamwork, mathematical ability and were exceptional representatives of the school. The team placed a very respectable 8th against some very strong competition. Well done!



Masterclasses – 6 June to 19 July

A reminder that SJF are offering Masterclasses from a variety of subjects across the curriculum. The classes are offered to all children in Year 5 and 6 from our feeder school and parishes. Click on the link for further details:

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Masterclasses-2018-1.pdf>



Harrogate Area Local Young Enterprise Competition – Y12 Students

Congratulations to two of our teams:

Apollo Academy won: Most innovative and Entrepreneurial team

Eliya Candles won: Best Sales, Marketing and Customer Focus

SJF Fundraising for PAFRAS

SJF raised £212.78 for Positive Action for Refugees & Asylum Seekers at our Christmas Carol Concert as detailed in the Thank You letter.

<http://sifchs.org.uk/sif-fundraising-pafra/>

Sponge Throwing Fundraiser – Wednesday 21 March

'Building on their victory in the Tin Tower Challenge of October 2017, 7C have thrown themselves in to the Lenten Fundraising campaign with gusto and organised a sponsored sponge throwing at their Form Tutor's and members of staff.

Held on a cold spring lunchtime, students lined up to launch soaking (warm) sponges at Mr Mooney, Miss Sanderson, Mr Howgate and Mr Hussey in front of hundreds of students. The form raised a grand total of £30.05 which will help the work of CAFOD and The Good Shepherd Appeal.

Numerous headshots were taken and all teachers took it in good spirit. When asked how it went, Miss Sanderson said, 'bbbbrrrrrr'. Form Tutors of 7C, Miss Sanderson and Mr Howgate are proud of how the form have undertaken various activities to raise money for those less fortunate than themselves, showing compassion, humility and respect. It is impressive to see the commitment the form has taken to playing an active part in the Catholic Life of the School showing their Faith in Action during Lent.'



Y9 Lentern Project

Well done to 9H raising £58.18 for shaving half of their Form Tutor's (Mr Kilby) beard. The style was chosen by voting for the most popular "look" out of 4 different designs.



Library News

Charity Project Success

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Lentern Charity project whether by direct donation, knitting chicks, donating crème eggs, or buying the finished chicks and bunnies. The total raised for the Young Minds charity is £385.00. Chicks were knitted by parents, staff, grandmas and ladies from RNIB Tate House. Look out for our next knitting project! Donations of wool and needles are always welcome.

Craft Club: Would you have any half finished craft kits at home that you could donate to the Library?

Is your child a keen reader? We are currently following three book awards: the Children's Book Award from Federation of Children's Book Groups via the Harrogate Group, the Carnegie Book Award and the Harrogate Book



Award. Although we have several readers it would be good to have some more so do encourage your own bookworm to come up to the Library and sign up.

Scholastic Book Club: The latest selection is online with a virtual leaflet you can browse and order from, you can order from other online leaflets for different age ranges too. Each £1 you spend on a book gives 25p to the School Library and prices are competitive. Books ordered are delivered free to school if you click on this shortlink: <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-john-fisher-rc-hg2> . You will need to set up an account if not already registered. The deadline for ordering from the current selection is Friday 25 May but you can order through the year as you need.

Ceilidh - Friday 11 May, 7-10pm Sixth Form Dining Room

'Dust off your dancing shoes and help the pupils at St John Fisher raise funds for the annual Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes! Tickets available to buy in school or on Parent Pay - your ticket also entitles you to pie and peas!

Put it in your diary and pick your best dance partner, as it is set to be a great night a St John Fisher! Miss M McHugh and the Lourdes team'

Click on the link for full details:

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/ceilidh-friday-11-may-7-10pm-sixth-form-dining-room/>

Y8 Sports Tour to Spain

We are delighted to say that our recent Sports Tour to Spain was a huge success and a fantastic experience for everyone involved. An action packed week of football and netball saw all 63 of our students thrive in the fantastic setting of España.

The students enjoyed their football and netball coaching sessions in the Spanish sun, followed by fixtures against English and Spanish opposition. The competition brought out the best in everyone, with every player raising their game and enjoying a lot of success.

The Netball team stunned their competitors with their teamwork, movement, desire and talent. They approached each game with a smile on their face and thoroughly enjoyed the competition. They were sensational and were crowned as runners up of the SportsFest International netball tournament. They played 8 matches and won 7 of them, only missing out on the trophy by one goal. Despite this, the feedback from officials and other schools about our students and the way they played and conducted themselves was extremely pleasing and fully deserved.

The students also enjoyed a trip to the home of Barcelona Football Club where they visited the museum, enjoyed a tour of the stadium and some shopping in the club shop. This was then followed by an afternoon at the beautiful Callela beach where they showcased their talents with our very own 'Fishers got talent' competition and beach games in the beautiful sunshine.

We are extremely proud of all 63 students and the way they conducted themselves throughout the whole trip. We received an overwhelming number of positive comments from the public, tour company, hotel staff and other schools about the student's respect, behaviour and enthusiasm.



On behalf of all of the staff, we would like to express how proud we are of the students for creating such a positive, rewarding and successful trip. Thank you to the parents for their support.



Sports Results

Y7 Girls Football

The Year 7 girls football team went head to head with Crompton House School from Oldham in the Quarter-Final of the English Schools National Cup at St John Fisher on Thursday 19th April.

With the temperatures soaring to 26 degrees it was no mean feat competing in a game of such magnitude. Both sides were determined to get through to the National Cup semi-final and started brightly with the first ten minutes being end to end football with no team managing to get a stranglehold on the game.

St John Fisher regained their composure and started to relax on the ball, having some joy down the flanks with Millie Fieldhouse and Rebecca Hugill. Hugill terrorised the defenders but couldn't find the opener. Ruby Watts began to dictate play with her drag backs and tenacity in the midfield. It was her sublime pile driver that opened the scoring after the ball flew into the top corner from twenty yards out.

After some good combination play from Natasha Cree, Harriet Robson and Frankie Moss, Ruby tried her luck again from a similar distance and got lucky after the goalkeeper couldn't hold her ferocious strike and SJF saw the ball ricochet off the cross bar into the back of the net.

2-0 up at the start of the second half saw St John Fisher pick up where they left off. Harriet Robson came close with her shot being cleared off the line. However, against the run of play Crompton pulled a goal back after a mix up at the back which presented the ball to the Crompton midfielder who clinically dispatched the ball low and hard into the back of the net.

Ursula Holland and Olivia Longley looked assured at the back and continued to stop attacks. Fishers continued to pressurise the opposition but couldn't find the back of the net with Harriet Robson going closest with her shot agonisingly skimming the top of the bar.

Claudia Sandford then pulled off the save of the century after an exceptional one handed save to deny the powerful Oldham midfielder. Re-enforcements of Mya Shields and Katie Scobbie sured up the midfield and their composure and combination play released Harriet Robson who coolly slotted under the keeper to seal the 3-1 victory and a place in the semi-final of the National Cup, as one of the last four schools in the Country!

A passionate, resilient, disciplined and tenacious performance saw a fantastic group of girls celebrate with a bumper crowd of parents, staff and students, bringing the St John Fisher community together.

We are extremely proud of every member of the Year 7 girls football team, they never give up and we couldn't be happier for them. Like all of the other girls' football teams, they encompass our school values and wear their school badge with pride, they never moan and they stick together as a little family, so they deserve all the recognition and every success.



They may be small in stature but not in heart and ability.
Well done girls, bring on the semi's!



U13 Girls Football

Well done to the U13 girls' football team who enjoyed an emphatic 13-0 win against Easingwold on Thursday 22 March. They now join the SJF U16 girls in the semi-final of the North Yorkshire Cup and will face St Aidan's after the holidays.

Players of the Match: Robyn McKendrick and Therese Tolan

Y7 Boys Football

On Tuesday 27 March, the Y7 boys won the Harrogate and Craven 6-a-side competition at King James school. The results from the games were as follows:

St John Fisher 5-0 Nidderdale (scorers - Archie Gray, Max Jordan 3, Finn Thurston)

St John Fisher 6-1 King James (scorers - Max Jordan 2, Fraser Day, Edward Barlow, Sam Pratt, Finn Thurston)

St John Fisher 1-0 St Aidan's (scorer - Archie Gray)

This was backed up on the Wednesday with a superb 3-0 win in the Area Cup semi-final against Rossett. After making a slow start to the game, St John Fisher upped the tempo and scored three fantastic team goals that were all dispatched by Max Jordan. The final of this competition will be played at Harrogate Town at the beginning of May.

Swimming – Welsh Nationals

Congratulations and well done to Y9 student, Tom Plant on competing in the Welsh Nationals. Unfortunately, his long course season has been disrupted through illness and injury at the beginning of 2018 and Tom was unable to train in the week prior to the meet due to flu. However, he insisted on swimming and competed in 9 events over the four day meet. He competed in all four strokes and individual medley and qualified for 5 finals. In total he managed 6 top ten finishes including two 6th places.

U19 Netball

The U19's played against Ashville in a friendly game to end the season at the end of last term. The girls were excellent playing outside through hail, rain and wind. This didn't affect their efforts and they continued to smile and laugh throughout the game, playing in their stylish and competitive way resulting in a 29-8 win. We'll done to all.

Table Tennis Results

A Team were beaten 4-6 at Ripon A

Sammy, Ben and Andy faced only 2 players, but they very good ones

Sammy beat David Jackson to get the 1 point (+ 3 for forfeited matches)

Sammy and Ben lost the doubles. But a creditable 6th position in League 1A

In the Division 2 Finals night, all 3 Fishers players (Theo, George and Matthew) were beaten in their opening matches, so could not progress further.

The C team of Ben, Tom and Gabriel had a great practice for the Charity Cup Final. Thanks to Tom Hudson, George and Theo for giving time up to help.

Charity Cup Final - SJF C v Burnbridge E - Monday 30th April at Ripley, 19:15 Start

Please come and support the team if you can

A tough match for Ben, Tom and Gabriel against the Champions of Div. 4.

Junior Tournament - Sunday 22nd April 09:00 – 12:00 at SJF

Come and see "Fishers of the future"

Holly Shepherd, Ursula Holland and Eleanor Cooper

Brook Sutton, Myles Denton, Charlie Lockett, Michael Walker and Maciej Cwiklinski



Sports Fixtures

Sunday 22 April

Mr Mills – Junior Table Tennis Tournament @ SJF, 09:00-12:00

Monday 23 April

Mr Knowles/Mr Pass – Y7 Boys Athletics Trials, all day

Miss Huegett – Y&Y8 girls Football NY Semi-Final v St Aidan's @ SJF, 15:00-17:00

Tuesday 24 April

Miss Thomas/Mr Pass – Y8 Girls Athletics Trials, all day

Wednesday 25 April

Mr Knowles/Mr Pass – Y8 Boys Athletics Trials, all day

Mr Fox – Y10 Boys Rugby 7's @ Ilkley Grammar School, 09:30-16:00

Mr Knowles/Mr Pass/ Miss Thomas – Harrogate 7 Craven Athletics Trials @ Cleckheaton, 10:30-17:00

Miss Huegett – U16 Girls Football v Selby @ SJF, 16:00-18:00

Thursday 26 April

Mr Stansfield – Y10 Boys Football County Cup Final v Bedale @ Whitby Town, 15:00-21:30

Mr Heaton – U18 Boys Football v Ermysteds @ Sandybeds, Skipton, 12:30-17:00

Friday 27 April

Mr Pass – Y9/10 Boys Athletics Trials, 09:00-12:30

Mr Hussey – Y9 Boys Football v Rossett @ SJF, 14:30-16:30

Monday 30 April

Miss Thomas/Mr Pass – Y8 Girls Athletics Trials, all day

Mr Mills – Table Tennis Charity cup final @ Ripley, 19:15 start

Tuesday 1 May

Miss Thomas/Mr Pass – Y9/10 Girls Athletics Trials, 09:00-12:30

Wednesday 2 May

Miss Huegett – KS3 Dodgeball Festival @ Harrogate High, 15:30-17:00

Mr Tanner-Smith/Mr Barton – Y10 Boys Cricket v Harrogate Grammar

Thursday 3 May

Miss Huegett – Partnership Finals Y1/Y2 Mixed Football @ SJF, 15:00-17:00

PE Extra Curricular Timetable

Please see below for the new summer term PE Extra Curricular Timetable, starting 23 April.



News from the Science Desk – April 2018

“There will be obstacles. There will be doubters. There will be mistakes. But with hard work, there are no limits.” —Michael Phelps

Year 7

In the first week after half term, w/c 4th June, all Y7 pupils will be assessed in all subjects for an end of year assessment. Please take this as an early heads up that Y7 will be tested in Science on Monday 4th in Science lessons. The content of this assessment will be from all of the material that they have encountered over the year. We will produce a revision list that pupils can use in conjunction with other revision materials to aid them in their studies. We will use the results of this to set pupils in to mixed ability groups in Y8, and to provide a picture of progress across the year.

Year 8

In the first week after half term, w/c 4th June, all Y8 pupils will be assessed in all subjects for an end of year assessment. Please take this as an early heads up that Y8 will be tested in Science on Friday 8th in Science lessons. The content of this assessment will be from all of the material that they have encountered over the year. We will produce a revision list that pupils can use in conjunction with other revision materials to aid them in their studies. We will use the results of this to stream pupils in Y9, and to provide a picture of progress across the year.

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

In the first week after half term, w/c 4th June, all Y9 pupils will be assessed in all subjects for an end of year assessment. Please take this as an early heads up that Y8 will be tested in Science within Science lessons.

9 Left will have Biology on Tuesday 5th June, Chemistry on Wednesday 6th June and Physics on Thursday 7th June. 9 Right will have Biology on Tuesday 5th June, Chemistry on Thursday 7th June and Physics on Friday 8th June.

The content of this assessment will be from all of the GCSE material that they have encountered over the year in each subject. We will produce a revision list that pupils can use in conjunction with other revision materials to aid them in their studies. This longer format will begin to guide pupils as to the need for organisation, preparation and the demands at GCSE and also will allow us to begin to set groups for the beginning of Y10.

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 look forward to seeing parents at the parents evening on Thursday 3rd May.

Year 10

As I write Year 10 are in the middle of their mock examinations, which will give them a further opportunity to measure their progression in Science, and will present us with another opportunity to review setting.



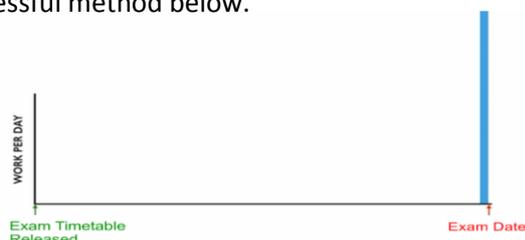
Each subject is being tested separately and has consisted of material covered at GCSE in both Y9 and Y10. We have issued each pupil with a list of the relevant topics to review.

By reviewing Y9 work at this stage, should make the task more straight forward next year for GCSE.

We will review these examinations with pupils once they have received their results for all subjects on Friday 11th May. The review will allow pupils to begin to work on those areas they have found more challenging and should be taken as the opportunity to make additional progress straight away.

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 STILL offering lunchtime intervention (Mondays, Thursday and Fridays) each week for ALL pupils who feel or are in need of support. 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 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 by Easter 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.

Easter school was well attended, though not by all, and I hope that those who did attend found their Science sessions useful and gave them a good boost to their own revision.

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)

If you have any questions or queries regards any of the impending assessments or any other issues in Science, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

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PE SUMMER EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE 2017 - 2018 (23 APRIL - JULY)



Day	LUNCH TIME – 12:30 – 1:15PM		AFTER SCHOOL – 3:45 – 5PM	
	SPORT	TEACHER	SPORT	TEACHER
MON	YEAR 7 BOYS & GIRLS CRICKET (SH/A) ALL YEARS BOYS TENNIS (C)	MR PASS MR MILLS	ALL YEARS GIRLS ROUNDERS (A) ALL YEARS BOYS TENNIS (C)	MISS HUEGETT & MISS TELFER MR MILLS
TUES	YEAR 9 BOYS & GIRLS CRICKET (SH/A) ALL YEARS GIRLS TENNIS (C)	MR STANSFIELD MISS TELFER & MISS HUEGETT		
WEDS	YEAR 8 BOYS & GIRLS CRICKET (SH/A) ALL YEARS BOYS TENNIS (C)	MR ROWLANDS MR MILLS	YEAR 7 – 10 BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETICS (A/F)	MR PASS MR KNOWLES MR ROWLANDS MISS THOMAS MRS NIGHTINGALE
THURS	YEAR 10 BOYS & GIRLS CRICKET (SH/A) YEAR 7 & 8 BOYS RUGBY LEAGUE (A) YEAR 7 GIRLS NETBALL (C)	MR TANNER-SMITH & MR BARTON MR HOWGATE MISS TELFER	YR 7 NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS COURSE AND Y8-10 LEVEL 1 SPORTS LEADERS QUALIFICATION (SH/A) YEAR 9 & 10 BOYS RUGBY LEAGUE (F)	MISS HUEGETT MR HOWGATE
FRI	ALL YEARS GIRLS ROUNDERS (A)	MISS HUEGETT & MISS TELFER		

THE FITNESS SUITE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE ON A LUNCH TIME AND AFTER-SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS, THIS WILL BE OPEN WHEN APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION IS CONFIRMED.

SH = SPORTS HALL F = FIELD A = ASTROTURF (NO METAL STUDS / BLADES TO BE WORN) C = MULTI USE COURTS (TENNIS / NETBALL)

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