

St John Fisher Catholic High School



Newsletter 14 4 May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

We're aware that some parents have received correspondence from some of our bus companies regarding transport to school next year. It is the case that the school are looking into developing our transport links, as the removal of transport to faith schools by the local authority has meant some of you have experienced difficulties with this during the year, and we want to improve the service available for our families. As soon as we have any more details we will, of course, send these out to you.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students are entering the final weeks of their courses of study. We are looking forward to the leavers' masses for both groups: in a correction to the previous newsletter, the Year 13 leaver's mass will be on Wednesday 23rd May at 7pm in the school chapel, and parents of Year 13 students are warmly invited to celebrate with us before the hard work of the exam season begins for our students. Please also be aware that Year 7, 8 and 9 have a week of internal assessments in the first week back after May Half Term and therefore should be undertaking some revision over the coming weeks. Their subject teachers will give them guidance about what topics they should cover in this revision.

We wish you a sunny and relaxing Bank Holiday Weekend!

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

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.

Y11 Photographs

If you would like to order the whole Year 11 group photo, please ensure to send in your cheque/credit card/cash to school by Tuesday 8 May.

GCSE Exams

Please click on the below links for the up to date summer exam timetable and Candidate Exam Handbook:

Y11 Summer Exam Timetable

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

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Candidate-Exam-Handbook-2017-2018.pdf>

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

Y13 Leavers' Mass – Wednesday 23 May

For Year 13, please be aware of a particularly special event which takes place on Wednesday 23 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.

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. Closing date for applications is Monday 14 May. Click on the link for further details:

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

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 at 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/>

Y13 Associated Sixth Form Student's American Golf Scholarship

Congratulations to Adriana Garcia who has accepted a place to study for a degree at Western Illinois University whilst undertaking a golf scholarship.



Collective Worship



Form 7F gave an inspirational and uplifting assembly in the Chapel on Friday 27 April on the weekly theme of the 'The Good Shepherd'.

Y8/9 Confirmation Celebration at St Roberts, Harrogate

Several of our Y8/9 students were confirmed on Sunday 29 April.



Senior Concert - Friday 25th May

The music department will be holding its annual Senior Concert on Friday 25th May at 7pm in the school hall to celebrate the hard work of all musicians this year. The concert will feature all the school senior ensembles and a guest appearance from the junior choir, along with a selection of solo performances from the Year 13 students who will be leaving us this year.

The concert is always a highlight of the year and will be the final performance for many of our young people in a St. John Fisher group. The PTA will be providing refreshments with tickets available on the door or by emailing music@sjfchs.org.uk. Tickets are priced £5 for adults and £3 for children. We hope to see as many parents and supporters there as possible.

Mr Ratcliffe
Head of Music

SJF Diamond Jubilee Celebration – Thursday 28 June

Come and join us for an evening of music, dance and drama to celebrate 60 years of SJF School at Harrogate Theatre. For full details, click on the link below.

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/sjf-diamond-jubilee-celebration/>

Breck Foundation Presentations on the Dangers of Online Grooming – Tuesday May 8th 2018

As part of the PSHCE curriculum we have a speaker from the Breck Foundation in school to talk to students about how to recognise grooming and keeping safe online. Please take a look at the flyer attached for the key message of the Foundation.

The Foundation was set up by a Mum, Lorin LaFave, whose son Breck was murdered in 2014 after being groomed online. The speaker will deliver the hour long presentation/discussion in the Main Hall to most of the year groups throughout the day.

There will also be a presentation for parents of students at St. John Fisher in the Main Hall starting at 6.30pm that evening. There will be an online safety presentation covering some of the ways we can support our young people as parents, with an opportunity for a question and answer session. For more information, click on the link below:

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/breck-foundation-presentations/>

Mrs L Wooldridge
PSHCE Co-ordinator



Sports Award Evening

If any parents/businesses would like to place an advert in the programme to support our Sports Awards Evening on 17 October which celebrates all of our students who have contributed to sport and extra-curricular PE at SJF. Please email office@sjfchs.org.uk.

A5 Programme

Half page - £75

Full Page - £125

Two Pages - £200

Sports Results

Table Tennis

Tournament - Sunday 22 April Held at SJF

U13 Girls

Holly Shepherd - Winner

Ursula Holland - Runner Up

Eleanor Cooper - 4th

U13 Boys

Brook Sutton - Winner

Charlie Lockett - Runner Up

Michael Walker - 4th

Charity Cup Final Result

St John Fisher C 312 Burnbridge E 365

Burnbridge E added the Charity Cup Trophy to the Division 4 League title.

Fishers C were runners up in the League.

Ben Collins ended on -35 taking into account his Handicap Score

Tom Barlow on +7, having 2 good matches.

Gabriel Mead -25

Burnbridge E No 1 finished on +64!!

The side, with Aman, Joshua and Brook Sutton have had a really good season, improving greatly, but did not play well in the final, which disappointed their parents as well as themselves.

Girls Football

The U13 Girls Football team are through to the final of the North Yorkshire Cup after beating St Aidan's 12-0 in the semi-final.

Goalscorers: Watts (x3), Hugill (x3), Robson (x3), McKendrick (x2), Green (x1)

The final will be played w/c 7th May.



Athletics



Congratulations and well done to Y10 student Ethan Hussey on becoming the London Mini Marathon and British Road Champion. What a fantastic achievement.



Y9 Boys Rugby



The Y9 boys participated in The White Rose Schools Rugby Tournament at West Park Rugby Ground (Leeds) on Thursday 19 April. The boys had not played or trained together, but they rose to the challenge, being placed against some strong Yorkshire teams and they won all their matches. The team were particularly impressive against Ermysted's Grammar school (Skipton) and Ilkley Grammar School.

Well done boys for winning a much deserved trophy,

Harrogate and District Dodgeball Champions

Well done to the Year 7 and 8 girls pictured who embraced the inaugural Harrogate and District Dodgeball competition at Harrogate High School on Wednesday afternoon.

St John Fisher thrived in the fun and competitive environment and relished the opportunity to represent their school in a new sport. We are delighted to say that St John Fisher will now represent Harrogate and District in the North Yorkshire School Games Finals after winning all of their games! The finals will be played on Sunday 8 July at St Margaret's School, Escrick, York from 8am until 5pm.



Well done to everyone involved!

Sports Fixtures

Tuesday 8 May

Miss Huegett – Y7 Girls Football National Cup Semi-Final v Thomas Telford @ SJF, 12:30 KO. All parents are welcome to come and watch the game.

Mr Stansfield – Y9 Cricket v Thirsk @ SJF, 14:00-16:30

Mr Tanner-Smith/Mr Barton – Y10 Cricket v Harrogate Grammar School, 13:00-16:40

Thursday 10 May

Miss Huegett – U16 Girls NY Final v Malton @ Harrogate Town FC, 13:30-16:30

Mr Mills – Y8B Boys 7 Girls Tennis @ Ashville, 16:00-18:00

Friday 11 May

Miss Huegett – U13 Girls NY Final v Selby @ Harrogate Town FC, 11:30-15:30

Tuesday 15 May

Mr Knowles/Mr Pass/Miss Thomas/Mrs Nightingale – ESAA Athletics Competition @ York University, 09:00-16:30

Thursday 17 May

Mr Mill/Miss Telfer/Miss Thomas – Y10B Boys and Girls Tennis @ Ashville, 16:00-18:00

PE Extra Curricular Timetable

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



News from the Science Desk – May 2018

Good luck to all pupils who are about to enter the examination period.

‘Luck is a matter of preparation meeting opportunity’ Lucius Annaeus Seneca

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 hope that you had the opportunity of discussing the transition from Y9 to Y10 with the teachers at the parents evening on Thursday 3rd May.



Year 10

Y10 will shortly receive their mock examination results across all subjects.

In Science we have attempted to keep the grade boundaries as realistic as possible to give pupils the sense of the grade that their efforts for these mocks, would produce next year.

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.

We will be reviewing the setting of some pupils on the back of these mocks, some for whom Separates appears over challenging, others who would appear up to the challenge, and others for whom the Foundation tier would be more appropriate.

Year 11

Sadly lunchtime sessions and afternoon sessions have been somewhat under attended, thank you and good luck to all of those who have embraced these opportunities.

We will be offering revision boosters in advance of each examination, either the day, or morning before the respective examination. In the past we have found that those that attend these, tend to pick up marks due to the freshness of these last sessions. All pupils are cordially invited.



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 have been working through all of the relevant specimen papers with all of our classes, as well as practical questions and we will place all of these on the Student Dashboard, so that pupils can utilise these and the mark schemes to build their confidence and examination technique.

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)

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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Mr Tanner-Smith
Head of Science
Specialist Leader in Education





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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