

St John Fisher Catholic High School



Newsletter 16 8 June 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

We are now less than 4 weeks away from our Diamond Jubilee celebrations, with the students and staff celebrating the event with a Mass at the Royal Hall on 28th June, followed by a unique 'Sports' Day.' You are all very warmly invited to join us for our celebration concert, where our students will perform with students from our feeder primary schools at Harrogate Theatre. Tickets are selling fast and are available from the Box Office on 01423 502116 or www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk.

Improvements to Our Site

In good news, we have heard that our funding request for security gates, to make our site safer, and our request for funding to improve some of our girls' toilet facilities have been granted. Additionally, a bid we put in to improve the catering facilities, and the accommodation for our students during break and lunch times has been approved and all of these improvements will be in place for the start of the new school year in September.

Section 48 Inspection

You may be aware that the school were visited by a team of inspectors this week who were looking at the Catholic Life of the School. Thank you to everyone – students, parents, staff and governors – who were involved in the process. We have to wait until the report has been written and quality assured to give you any further details, but will share the outcomes as soon as we are able.

Year 7 National Finals Details

We now have a date for the Year 7 National Football Finals at St. George's Stadium – Monday 25th June. Thanks to the incredible fundraising efforts of students and staff we have raised enough that, with a minimal donation and the support of Stray FM, we will be able to take the whole of Year 7 to support their Year group in the match against Gordano School of Somerset. Year 7 will be receiving a letter today about the event and we hope as many as possible will come with us to cheer the team on.

Bed Race

If you are at the Knaresborough Bed Race this weekend, keep your eyes open for the St. John Fisher team. Miss Beecroft, Mr Black, Mr Bulcock, Mr Hussey and Mr Owen will be pushing the St. John Fisher bed through the streets of Knaresborough, (with the school staff also marshalling the route in their hi-vis jackets) to raise money to further push up the total raised to support our Year 13 student, Jordan Teodori-Faith. If you would like to contribute to our fundraising, the link can be found on the Mydonate site – just search 'Running for Jordan.' Thank you for your support – whether financial or cheering the team on during Saturday's race.

Yours faithfully

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

GDPR Consent Forms

This is a reminder to please complete and return the GDPR consent forms to the school ASAP. These were emailed to all parents and carers last week. If you need a further copy, please email fryan@sjfchs.org.uk

Lockers Y8 to Y10

We are currently carrying out an overhaul of lockers and if your son/daughter does not want a locker, please could they return their key to the Gold Fish Bowl by 30 June and we will refund the £5 deposit.

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

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/>

Y11 Prom Tickets Now on Sale on Parent Pay

Available until 14 June, £25 a ticket at the Cedar Court Hotel on Friday 29th June, 7.00pm until 10.30pm. Once paid for, tickets should be collected from the school admin office and brought to the Prom.

Gold D of E Awarded to Y13 Student

Congratulations to Y13 student Lucy Dean on completing the Gold D of E Award. A formal presentation will be held at Buckingham Palace in due course. Mrs Joy, Head of SJF Sixth form presented Lucy with her certificate.



NATIONAL FINALS HERE WE COME!!



We are delighted to confirm that we have finally received confirmation for the Year 7 English Schools' National Cup Final that will now take place on Monday 25th June 2018 at St George's Park, Burton upon Trent.

As a result of the incredible fundraising that has taken place over the last few weeks through cake sales, car washing, ice lollies, popcorn and lemonade stands and the football shirt day, we have managed to raise a grand total of £1350. We also have ice lollies and drink sales taking place Monday to Wednesday of next week during break time in the Collins entrance.

Our aim is to try and get as many students from Year 7 to go and support the team. As a result of the successful fundraising efforts, we have been able to heavily subsidise the cost of the trip which now means that we are able to take all of Year 7. We would like to ask for a donation of £2.50, via ParentPay from Year 7 pupils by Friday 15th June in order to meet the full cost of transport. If, for any reason, this is not possible please contact the Head of Year 7, as we are keen for all students to be involved in supporting their year group.

Please be aware that students will be departing St John Fisher at 09:00am and returning at 4:45pm, therefore suitable travel arrangements need to be put in place for your child to get home safely.

Thank you for your continued support. It has been fantastic to see St John Fisher and the community to come together to support what we know will be an incredible day.

Miss Huegett

Knaresborough Bed Race – Saturday 9 June

St. John Fisher staff will again make a major contribution to the world famous Knaresborough Bed Race. Old stagers Mr Hussey, Mr Owen, and Mr Bulcock will be joined by Miss Beecroft, Mr Black, and former student Harry Ashton-Evans. Harriet Robson from Year 7, a member of the Year 7 Girls National Finalists squad will be on the bed. 30+ staff will support the team on the day as marshals and in other roles. We are raising money for Jordan Teodori-Faith who bravely had his left leg amputated to enable him to have state of the art prosthetic leg. Jordan leaves SJF this year. A lovely lad....and a brave one....this is our leaving present to him. Please donate to support the team in their effort".



Practices have been going extremely well and the team are looking to beat last year's 11th place.

Please support this worthy cause:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/sjfchsbedrace2018/466102>

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



Removal of the Papal Plaque

On Monday 21 May, we visited the old school building at Ainsty Road to remove the Papal Plaque that was laid in 1957 when the original school was built. The building has been in use since SJF school moved to its present site in 1971, as North Yorkshire's local education offices as well as an extension for Harrogate High School. It is due for demolition sometime this summer and we are taking suggestions as to where it can be re-located at SJF.



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The Y12 Physicists who will be attending are Oliver Hall, Ciara Stevens, Miriam Davies and Jacob Turner, demonstrating strength and engagement of the Science departments in the associated sixth form, with pupils having joined these groups from St John Fisher, St Aidan's and Cardinal Heenan.

Regional Book Award Judge Visits School

Alison Cassels, regional judge for the prestigious Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medal book awards visited the Table Talk book group just after half term. Besides being a book group Table Talk are a Shadowing group for the Carnegie Medal and their contributions can be seen in the group page online:

<http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/grouphomepages/index.php?GroupID=614>

Alison talked to the group about the choosing of books for the long list (121 books to read in 4 months!) and short list and explained the judging process. Books that are gritty, modern and realistic grab her attention. The group members were then encouraged to talk about the 8 books on the shortlist before putting the titles through a pseudo judging process. Although Alison knows which book will ultimately win the Carnegie Medal on 18 June she would not give any clues! However, a clear winner for St John Fisher readers from their own judging process is Will Hill's *After the Fire*. Alison encouraged the group to 'keep reading' and commented how good it was to see an active Shadowing group.



Children's Book Award 2018 Portfolio



Students from art classes in Years 7 and 8 have submitted work for one of the Federation of Children's Book Groups' Children's Book Award portfolios. Each year the short listed authors are presented with a portfolio of reviews, letters and artwork inspired by their books. The contributions come from children's book groups all over the country and St. John Fisher is a member of the Harrogate and York group.

The students' work was for Canadian author Susin Nielsen's book *Optimists Die First* and included alternative book covers and character portraits. The finished portfolio which features various contributions from school will be presented to Susin at the Award ceremony in London.

Sports Results

Area Cup Finals

Well done to both Y7 and Y10 boys' football teams who were victorious in their cup final matches played on Monday 21 May at Harrogate Football Club.

Y7 SJF 2 v 0 St Aidan's

Y10 SJF 2 v 1 Queen Ethelburgas – Joe Gosling (2)

Road to Wimbledon Tennis Competition

Winner - Tom Barlow after a tie break

Runner Up - Gabriel Mead

Losing Semi-Finalists - Pierce Charlesworth (3rd) and Oliver Brackenbury (4th)

Losing Quarter-Finalists

Charlie Lockett 5th

James Dempsey 6th

Callum Hodgson 7th

Maciej Cwiklinski 8th

Losing 1st Round players

Henry Brogatski 9th (Yr 7)

Michael Walker 10th (Yr 7)

Jude Sheridan Hawley 11th

Will Huggett 12th

Dylan Winspeare 13th

Brook Sutton 14th

James Charlesworth 15th

Ethan Knights 16th



Tom and perhaps Gabriel will play in Leeds in the next round—14th/15th July

Year 7/8 A Team 1st League Match Result at King James

Tom Barlow	v	No 1	6-0
Gabriel Mead	v	No 2	6-0
Henry Brogatski	v	No 3	6-1
Charlie Lockett	v	No 4	6-0
Tom and Gabriel	v	No's 1 & 2	6-0
Henry and Charlie	v	No's 3 & 4	6-0

Match Score	Fishers 12	King James 0
Games Score	Fishers 36	King James 1



The team have 2 more league games to play at Harrogate Grammar School and at St Aidan's.

Athletics

A huge congratulations to all 4 of our athletics teams who represented the school in the first round of the English Schools competition on the 15th May at York University. The Junior Girls (Y7/8), Junior Boys (Y7/8) and Inter Boys (Y9/10) all finished first in their group stages and are now competing in the Regional A Final on the 18th June in Middlesbrough. The Inter girls finished 3rd. All students performed superbly well and we are extremely proud of their efforts.

Sports Fixtures

Monday 11 June

Mr Pass – Y7 Cricket v Richmond @ Richmond, 11:00-17:00

Tuesday 12 June

Mr Mills – Y7 Tennis – Ashville Cup @ Ashville, 16:00-18:00

Wednesday 13 June

Miss Thomas/Mr Pass – Area Athletics Competition (Y7-Y10 Boys & Girls)

Thursday 14 June

Mr Mills – Y9 Boys & Girls Tennis – Ashville Cup @ Ashville, 16:00-18:00

Mr Stanfield – Y9 Cricket v Ermysteds @ SJF, 13:00-16:00

Mr Pass – Y7 Cricket v St Aidan's @ Harrogate CC, Time TBC

Monday 18 June

Mrs Nightingale – ESAA Regional Athletics Finals @ Middlesbrough

Thursday 21 June

Mr Mills – Y10B Boys & Girls Tennis @ Ashville

PE Extra Curricular Timetable

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





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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Girls' Football National Finals Supporters Trip

I am delighted to inform you that we are providing the opportunity for Year 7 and the members of the St John Fisher Girls' football teams to attend the English Schools National Football Finals on Monday 25 June 2018. The final will be held at St George's Park in Burton upon Trent, the English Football Association's National football centre, where they will face Gordano School from Somerset. The day is set to be a memorable and prestigious occasion and therefore we feel it is necessary that we recognise this fantastic achievement by giving students the opportunity to show their support for our Year 7 Girls Football team in their quest for glory.

As a result of the successful fundraising efforts that have taken place over the last few weeks to support this event, we have been able to heavily subsidise the cost of the trip which now means that we are able to take all of Year 7. We would like to ask for a donation of £2.50, via ParentPay from Year 7 pupils in order to meet the full costs of transport. If, for any reason, this is not possible please contact the Head of Year 7, as we are keen for all students to be involved in supporting their year group.

On Monday 25th June students attending the trip will be required to meet on the chapel playground at 08:50am in their full school uniform. Students will be required to bring a packed lunch and enough fluids to keep them hydrated throughout the whole day as there may not be an opportunity to purchase refreshments or snacks at the venue. It is strongly advised that students bring a coat and sun cream or a sunhat to ensure that they are prepared for all eventualities.

As the National Finals are sponsored by PlayStation, there should be an opportunity before the game for students to engage in an interactive session with PlayStation Ambassadors before they take their seats for the National Final which kicks off at 12pm. Following the match and trophy presentation, we aim to depart St George's Park no later than 2:15pm and return to St John Fisher by 4:45pm at the latest. Please ensure that appropriate travel arrangements are in place to collect your child at 4:45pm from St John Fisher.

The Year 7 students created an incredible atmosphere and spurred the St John Fisher players to victory in the Semi-Final and we are hoping to generate the same support and experience for what we know will be an incredible day.

Thank you for your continued support; we wish the players all the best for the final.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Langstaff
Acting Head Teacher



News from the Science Desk – June 2018

Our thoughts and support continue to go to all those pupils who are now sitting, or about to sit, their GCSE and A-level examinations.

“I have noticed even people who claim everything is predestined, and that we can do nothing to change it, look before they cross the road.”

Professor Stephen Hawking CH CBE FRS FRSA

Year 7

All Y7 pupils have been assessed in all subjects for an end of year assessment this week. 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. We will now complete teaching the Y7 topics across this half term. We will use the result of these to inform as to progress for the long reports due out at the end of this half term.

Year 8

All Y8 pupils have been assessed in all subjects for an end of year assessment this week. We will use the results of this to stream pupils in Y9, and to provide a picture of progress across the year. We will now complete teaching the Y8 topics across this half term. We will use the result of these to inform as to progress for the short reports due out at the end of this half term.

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

Y9 have also been assessed in Biology, Chemistry and Physics this week which will allow us to begin to set groups for the beginning of Y10 based upon performance, primarily in these assessments of the GCSE material that they have encountered this year.

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.

Year 10

We will be reviewing the setting of some pupils on the back of the mock examinations, 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. We will include these mock results as part of the long report that you will receive at the end of this half term.

Year 11

Good luck to all pupils as they are the first cohort to experience the new GCSE, early feedback confirms the amount of mathematics as expected and the context based around practicals.



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 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

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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)





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 BOYS TENNIS (C)	MR MILLS
TUES	YEAR 9 BOYS & GIRLS CRICKET (SH/A) ALL YEARS GIRLS TENNIS (C)	MR STANSFIELD MISS TELFER & MISS HUEGETT	ALL YEARS GIRLS ROUNDERS (A)	MISS HUEGETT & MISS TELFER
WEDS	YEAR 8 BOYS & GIRLS CRICKET (SH/A) ALL YEARS BOYS TENNIS (C) ALL YEARS GIRLS ROUNDERS (A)	MR ROWLANDS MR MILLS MISS HUEGETT	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				

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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