

St John Fisher Catholic High School



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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for all the support you have given to the school and our various events over the past fortnight. The Feast Day Mass, sports' day and Jubilee Concert were a huge success and it was wonderful to see the past, present and the future of St. John Fisher represented in our audience – a sure sign of the quality of our first 60 years and of great promise for the next 60 and beyond. Coupled with our Year 7 girls winning the first ever national football title for any Harrogate school (and receiving a personal video message from Alan Shearer in Moscow) this was a fantastic week of celebration for our school, and we are incredibly proud of all our students. The number of positive emails we have received about the way in which all of our students walked through Harrogate to the Royal Hall for Mass is just one example of the respect and positive attitude with which all students demonstrated in celebrating our school last week and we are very proud of them.

This week has seen the summer production of Mary Poppins, with our KS3 students giving an outstanding performance of this wonderful musical. Many thanks to all the students, staff and parents involved in putting this together. Equally, we are sure our Junior Boys' Athletics team will represent us, and the whole of the North East and Yorkshire, impressively at the National Athletics Finals at Gateshead International Stadium.

End of Term

Please be aware that our term will finish at 2.30pm on Friday 20th July, with buses arriving at that time to collect our students.

Screenagers

For those of you who are looking for support and advice on how to help your children navigate screen time, the impact of social media, and technology in the digital world, there is a showing of the award-winning 'Screenagers' documentary in Boston Spa Village Hall, on Thursday 19th July at 6pm organised by one of our parents. Suitable for 10+, tickets are £8.50 in advance, with all proceeds going to Young Mind. Please text 'Screenagers' to 07974753525 for the tickets link.

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

New 2 You

We currently have a shortage of girls' blazers; if you have some good quality uniform you would like to donate to New 2 You, please bring it along to school. We thank you for your continued support.

Lost Property

We have accumulated numerous unnamed PE kits in bags. As we have limited storage, if these aren't claimed we will be sending what we can to charity shops or disposing of them at the end of the summer term. Please can we remind you to label all property clearly and to collect any lost items from reception ASAP.

Year 7 Lockers

A reminder that all current Y7 students should have cleared their lockers and handed in their key in order to receive their £5 deposit back as the lockers need to be allocated to the new Y7 September intake.

GCSE Results Day – 23rd August

Please be advised that GCSE results can be collected from the Main Hall between 9.30am and 11.00am on Thursday 23rd August. If you would like your results sending by post, please provide an A4 stamped addressed envelope to Mrs Haley by the end of term. If you would like someone to collect your results on your behalf, please send a letter to Mrs Haley with your authorisation and the name of the person collecting your results.

Due to the GDPR Regulations we will require consent from each student to publish their results which will be requested on the day.

Once you have received your results, should you require a clerical check or review of marking, please complete the attached form and email it to exams@sjfchs.org.uk

A copy of this form will be included in your results envelopes. Requests will not be processed unless the relevant fees have been paid by Parent Pay.

Any requests received during the school holidays will be dealt with on 4th September.

<http://sjfchs.org.uk/curriculum/examination-arrangements/>

Year 7 Girls' Football Squad - National Champions for 2018

On Monday 25 June 2018, 350 supporters from St John Fisher travelled to St George's Park to witness a truly historic day. The Year 7 Girls' Football team were crowned National Champions after a beating Gordano School 1-0 in a nail biting grand finale.

St John Fisher's road to the final had seen them play teams across the length and breadth of the Country as they annihilated Whitcliffe Mount, Rossett, Nunthorpe Academy, Laurence Jackson, Ponteland, Crompton House, defending champions Thomas Telford, scoring at least three goals in each game totalling 27 goals scored on the way and only conceding two! The final was perfectly poised between St John Fisher and Gordano.



School who had recently won the under 13, 5-a-side National Finals. With an outstanding disciplined and courageous team performance the girls held on to their 1-0 lead and were crowned the best team in the country, a truly astonishing achievement.

The whole of Year 7 came to support and were truly magnificent on the day. Not only have they worked tirelessly with their fundraising efforts to enable them to get here, but they generated an incredible atmosphere and showed how proud they are to be 'Fishers' with their St John Fisher chants and acts of support, a spine tingling moment for everyone involved. This atmosphere and knowing the players had the backing of over 350 St John Fisher students, staff and parents gave the players the belief, determination and extra energy to hold on to their lead.

The stadium erupted and the celebrations began with a very fitting and emotional trophy presentation which saw the players be presented with their awards in front of their 350 St John Fisher fans.

Thank you to all of the students, parents, staff, PTA and sponsors who made this happen, not only are we crowned Champions of England but the school and everyone that witnessed the final, have memories that will last a lifetime.

St John Fisher are now officially the first school in the History of Harrogate and North Yorkshire to be crowned National Football Champions in any of the boys or girls competitions. This is a truly astonishing achievement for the school and it is down to everyone at St John Fisher for their passion, unity and dedication. We are delighted that we can enable the legendary Mr Knowles and Mrs Langstaff to end their chapter at St John Fisher on a high as National Champions, as their dedication to St John Fisher and their support for the Girls' Football teams have been incredible. They will be sincerely missed.

This accolade and the whole school effort to get to the final typifies what a fantastic school community we have and that we are simply 'Proud to be Fishers'.

National Champions 2018!

60th Anniversary Jubilee Celebration – 28 June 2018

Thank you to all involved in the 60th Anniversary Jubilee Celebration on Thursday 28 June at Harrogate Theatre, which was a huge success. The evening saw stunning performances from students in Year 7-13, plus Primary School choirs, and SJF Alumni Emily Alderson, who is studying at drama school, and Dan Conway and Katy Hewison who are now professional performers. Many thanks to all the Performing Arts staff who organised the event, plus so many other staff who made the evening possible - through front of house support, making the programme, playing in the bands, and even singing (Mr Mooney from the Maths department did a fantastic turn singing Mack the Knife, dueting with Year 12 student Frankie Bounds.)

The evening was hosted by BBC Radio York presenter Adam Tomlinson, who kept the audience entertained all evening (and updated on the football scores!) We were delighted to have two former Headteachers in attendance, Mr Jackson and Mr Keelan, as well as many of our Governors, staff, and the Mayor of Harrogate. With over 100 performers in total, it was a truly wonderful evening of performance, and in the words of Head Girl, Olivia Cook, really "epitomised what St John Fisher has to offer."



North Yorkshire Schools Spelling Bee – Thursday 5 July

Thursday 5th July saw the Inaugural North Yorkshire Schools Spelling Bee take place at St John Fisher Catholic High School in Harrogate. Of the eight schools involved in the planning, 6 submitted teams of Key Stage Three students to battle it out and separate who spells well from who spells best.

Students competed either as individuals or as teams having to spell one letter of the word each in turn and all of the spellers did themselves proud as they spelled their way through increasingly challenging words, reaching the mind-boggling heights of "dysfunctional," "ubiquitous" and "bureaucracy."

Rossett School reigned supreme; spelling their way to victory in the individual tournament - won deservedly by Zain Asif and the team tournament thanks to the teamwork of Will Hick (Captain), Dylan Heywood, Zain Punnu and Alvie O'Brien. Amy Plummer of Tadcaster Grammar School came runner up as an individual speller and St John Fisher's was the runner up team. All spellers deserve huge congratulations for their courage in taking part and for their excellent spelling abilities.



Organiser Chris Kilby said, "I want to thank all of the students and teachers for their preparations in the run up to this exciting tournament and also the parents, grandparents, friends and our PTA who came along to support the young people. In a world where so much is said by spell-checked email or - even worse - by meme, it is amazing to be able to celebrate such impressive literacy amongst North Yorkshire students."

The competing schools were Harrogate High School, King James School, Sherburn High School, Rossett High School, St John Fisher Catholic High School and Tadcaster Grammar School.

Rome Pilgrimage – February 2019

The R.E. Department are pleased to report that they are planning to run a third trip to Rome next year. Last year nineteen students and two members of staff enjoyed four days exploring the city's most important religious and historical sites. Bright sunshine and blue skies helped as we visited most of the attractions on foot to gain an authentic feel for all that Rome has to offer. Tour Guides filled us with knowledge of the Vatican Museum and St Peter's Basilica as well as the Catacombs, the Colosseum and The Roman Forum. Furthermore, our very own Mr Atkin ably led us through many an ancient street to discover the Pantheon, The Spanish Steps and The Trevi Fountain. Time was also taken for retail therapy and, of course, for sampling Gelato, pizza, pasta and any amount of Italian delicacies. The highlight of the trip, however, was, without doubt, hearing Pope Francis deliver the Angelus Blessing from his balcony in The Vatican. Much pushing and shoving to get in to St Peter's Square by thousands of tourists did not deter our group and we were truly blessed to hear The Holy Father address the crowds. There are 30 places available for next year's trip and places are beginning to fill up so sign up as soon as you can.



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



Maths Department Conference



ventured over to Manchester for a maths conference. The event, hosted at Manchester Enterprise Academy, saw hundreds of maths teachers gathered together to take part in over 32 different talks. The main highlight of the day is of course the Maths Cake competition where delegates are invited to bake and design a mathematically themed cake. It is the second time that the maths department has entered a cake in this competition and we are pleased to say that we remain undefeated! It may not be a Football National Final but it's something..."

Sports Results

Tennis Tuesday 26 June – Harrogate Grammar School

U13 A League

1 v 1 Tom Barlow - 1-6 Lost

2 v 2 Gabriel Mead - 4-6 Lost

3 v 3 Henry Brogatzk - 4-6 Lost

4 v 4 Sam Pratt - 6-1 Won

Doubles

Tom and Gabriel - 0-6 Lost

Henry and Sam - 4-3 Draw - not completed

HGS 4 Fishers 1

Some excellent tennis against 3 really strong players

Thursday 28 June at St Aidan's

1 v 1 Tom Barlow - 5-7 Lost - a superb match

2 v 2 Gabriel Mead - 7-6 Won and from 1-6 down in the Tie Break

3 v 3 Henry Brogatzki - 6-4 Won

4 v 4 Sam Pratt - 6-4 Won

Doubles

Tom and Gabriel - 5-4 Draw - not completed

Henry and Sam - 6-4 Won

St Aidan's 1 Fishers - 4

A really good afternoon of tennis and Fishers finish 2nd in League to HGS

Under 13 B Final Competition

A Pair Charlie Lockett and Maciej Cwiklinski

B Pair Brook Sutton and Michael Walker

v St Aidan's - 5-2 Won

v King James - 4-3 Won

v Rossett - 3-3 Drew

v HGS - 2-6 Lost

v Ashville - 5-1 Won

Points to be added to 1st round totals

Fishers will be 1st or 2nd

Under 15 B Final Competition

A Pair Pierce Charlesworth and Callum Hodgson

B Pair James Dempsey and Oliver Brackenbury

v Ashville - 4-6 Lost

v Rossett - 2-7 Lost



v Ripon G S - 3-7 Lost
King James - 4-3 Won

Excellent results in a Year 10 Competition
Ashville, Rossett, Ripon GS were A Team. this was Fishers B Team
Max Mills

Harrogate and Craven Area Athletics Championship

SJF had an outstanding day at Cleckheaton Athletics Stadium on Thursday, 28 June. The Y7, Y8, Y9 and Y10 boys all won the team competition for their year groups and the Y8 girls team came 3rd.

As a result, SJF won the overall school competition:

1st – SJF = 337 points

2nd – King James = 276 points

3rd – Ripon Grammar = 230 points



Some of Our Successful Athletes

A number of our athletes finished 1st to become area Champions in their event.

After a successful Area Championship and the athletics season finishing, there is no more athletics training after school on a Wednesday.

	EVENT	SCORE
YEAR 7 BOYS		
Archie Gray	Triple Jump	9m 85cm
Archie Gray	1500m	4m 57sec
Will Beecroft	High Jump	1m 30cm
Ed Barlow, Will Pearson, Nikay Marquaye, Archie Gray	4 x 100m Relay	55.86sec
YEAR 7 GIRLS		
Olivia Hosert	High Jump	1m 25cm
YEAR 8 BOYS		
Dawid Sawaryn	200m	26.44sec
Will Barker	300m	43.68sec
Dominic Jones	1500m	5m 17sec
Will Barker	High Jump	1m 45cm
Zac Walker	Discus	23m 59cm
Alex Rennocks	Javelin	25m 61cm
Dawid Sarawyn, Will Barker, Gavin Njoyo, Hugo Jones	Relay	52.25sec
YEAR 8 GIRLS		
Therese Tolan	Hurdles	11.88sec
Ciara Streatfield	High Jump	1m 45cm
YEAR 9 BOYS		
Jacob Anderson Codman	Triple Jump	9m 82cm
Oliver Mercer, Johnny Shepherd, Jacob Anderson Codman, Callum Hodgson	4 x 100m Relay	49.06sec



YEAR 10 BOYS		
Moses Beeson	200m	23.69sec
Paddy Tolan	400m	56.73sec
Jacob Millar	Hurdles	15.68sec
Jacob Millar	Long Jump	5m 70cm
Moses Beeson, Paddy Tolan, Jacob Millar, Joe Gosling	4 x 100m Relay	48.08sec
YEAR 10 GIRLS		
Cassidy Lane	800m	2m 44sec

Good luck to the Y7 and Y8 boys who take part in the National Athletics Final at Gateshead this weekend.

Sports Fixtures

Saturday 7 July

Mr Pass/Mr Knowles – Junior Boys Athletics Finals @ Gateshead

PE Extra Curricular Timetable

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



News from the Science Desk – July 2018

‘Science, my lad, is made up of mistakes, but they are mistakes which it is useful to make, because they lead, little by little, to the truth.’

Jules Verne - A Journey to the Centre of the Earth

Year 7

We will now complete teaching the Y7 topics across this half term. We will use the result of the end of year tests to inform as to progress for the long reports due out at the end of this half term. Y8 mixed sets are in the process of being formulated for the new academic year and will appear on MCAS in due course.

Year 8

We will now complete teaching the Y8 topics across this half term. We will use the result of the end of year tests to inform as to progress for the short reports due out at the end of this half term. Y9 will be streamed in to parallel groups on each side of the year, sets 1 and 2 will be on par with one another as will sets 3 and 4. Pupils will have the ability to move groups across the year depending on performance and will appear on MCAS in due course.

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 been assessed in Biology, Chemistry and Physics, 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. Y10 will then be re-tested as a cohort in January, again in their mock examinations, after each we can review setting, and promote or otherwise, accordingly. If your son/daughter is not placed in Separates initially please be aware of the above, and encourage them to push themselves hard, if it is their desire to pursue separate sciences, such moves will be based on performance evidence. Initial groups for next year will appear on MCAS in due course.

We have set up pupils with a Kerboodle account, which will provide on-line textbooks supporting the new specification together with a suite of further resources, which are very useful if accessed.

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. Changes will appear on MCAS in due course.

Year 11

Au revoir. Enjoy your summer, be productive and come back rested and ready to tackle to the rigours of A-level, or whatever plans you have for next year.



We are pleased to announce that we are now a partner school with the Institute for Research in Schools. The Institute for Research in Schools (IRIS) was registered with the Charity Commission 2nd December 2015, with the Official Launch 3rd March 2016 at the Science Museum, London.

IRIS Vision

Where research is a key element of learning STEM such that both the teacher and student are contributing valued members of the Scientific Community

IRIS Approach

IRIS makes cutting edge research projects open to school students and their teachers so that they can experience the excitement and challenge of science. They do this by making data accessible to schools, providing teacher training and resources, and by lending out scientific research equipment. For example, they recently launched the Genome Decoders project with the Wellcome Genome Campus, where students annotate a human whipworm genome.

A Change is Coming

The vision, shared by St John Fisher Catholic High School: a transformation of the student and teacher experience of science. Being involved in real science inspires young people and is the best professional development for teachers.

Thanks to ever more powerful technology, today's school students can access top level scientific data, collaborate with scientists around the globe, process information at lightning speed and develop innovative experimental ideas. They can put an experiment in space and contribute to scientific discovery. IRIS helps students and their teachers do this.

From work to-date, it is found that when sixth form students take part in research, greater numbers go on to study science at university and take up careers in science and engineering.

We will keep you updated as to research projects and opportunities as they arise.

Mr Tanner-Smith

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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		
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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