

St John Fisher Catholic High School



Newsletter 19 20 July 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your support of our school throughout this academic year. We are incredibly proud of our students, whether it be the commitment and dedication to their school work, their impressive performance on stages and sports fields, or the ways in which they have lived out our values. In our 60th anniversary celebrations, our national title winning football performance and a brilliant production of Mary Poppins we have seen the fruits of those efforts and attitudes, and we are confident that our summer exam results will also see our students achieve well.

As the end of term approaches, we say our farewells to a number of staff who are leaving us, particularly Mrs Maguire, after 21 year's service to the school, and Mr Knowles, who has served St. John Fisher for 38 years. In the leaving speeches made at the staff farewell on Tuesday evening, it was striking to hear from every member of staff how happy they have been here, and how much they have done for our community. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all well for the future.

School closes at 2.30pm today, and we reopen to Years 7, 11, and 13 on Tuesday 4th September. All year groups, except Year 13, should attend school on Wednesday 5th September. We look forward to welcoming them back, refreshed, in September but between now and then we wish you a wonderful summer break.

Yours faithfully

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

Trophies

Please could those students who received a trophy at the Presentation Evening last September return them to Reception ASAP.

New 2 You

A total of £913 has been raised from the sale of second hand uniform this academic year. Thank you to all who supported this and all money will be donated to the School Hardship fund.

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/>

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018

After a memorable week on pilgrimage in Lourdes our 22 Y10 and Y12 pupils arrived back in Harrogate last Friday. They stepped off the coach very tired, but happy and eager to tell their friends and family what an amazing time they had on the Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage. Miss McHugh, Mr Smith, Miss O'Rourke and Joy O'Brien had an equally fantastic time being represented by an exceptional bunch of young people.

Letters for the 2019 Pilgrimage will go out to Y10 and Y12 in September.

"My experience of Lourdes has been one I will never forget... I would 100% recommend this pilgrimage to other year groups and I would love to go on pilgrimage again as it has developed my faith massively" - Amelia Annear, Y10



Y10 Maths Trip

A group of year 10 students enjoyed a day out at the University of York for some mathematical enrichment. They took part in 3 workshops looking at different types of geometry, the mathematics of the Rubiks cubes and graphs in the real world. They ended the day with a humorous and entertaining talk on the patterns of juggling - with some very impressive demonstrations!



Cambridge University Essay Competition Success



Congratulations to Y12 student Eden-Maia Shackleton who took first prize in the Fitzwilliam College Ancient World/ Classics Essay competition! Eden produced a 2500 word essay on the question 'Is it anachronistic to suggest that racism existed in the ancient world?' in which she successfully synthesised her excellent knowledge of Greek and Roman sources. Dr Sara Owen, Admissions Tutor and Fellow in Classics presented Eden with her certificate and prize of £200 at a special ceremony at the college, commenting that her essay stood out as the clear winner. Eden is taught Ancient History at A level by Dr Langstaff who was also present at the ceremony. She intends to study Classics at university and plans to spend her prize money on books for the course.

Y7 Trip to the Rose Theatre in York

On Monday 16th June I was part of a large group of year sevens who travelled to York to see Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Rose Theatre. This is not just a normal venue, it is Europe's first ever pop-up Shakespearean theatre. This may make it sound small but actually it can hold nearly a thousand people. It is inspired by the theatre where Shakespeare's plays were first performed. It is designed with only half a roof to let in natural light and there are rows of benches and in front of the stage is a large area where people stand to watch the performance. We watched A Midsummer Night's Dream which is a fantasy comedy and which had some very funny moments. I didn't necessarily understand all the language but watching the actors perform the play helped to make the meaning clearer. We all enjoyed the experience and it helped us to understand the history of our language.



Cormac Keating 7B

Library News

Children's Literature Festival!

We are excited that former World Slam Poetry Champion Harry Baker (as seen at Edinburgh Fringe) will be paying a visit to school as part of the Festival to be held at Broughton Hall, Skipton, 29 and 30 September. Book your tickets on the website www.childrensliteraturefestival.org or contact Authors Abroad on 01535 656015.

Lots of great authors are signed up to appear and school has been given a pair of tickets to give away for the following!

Saturday 29 September: Jon Robinson - author of the Nowhere series, Sonia Leong – Manga artist or Robin Stevens - author of Murder Most Unladylike series and the Guggenheim Mystery.

Sunday 30 September: Kathryn Evans – author of More of Me or Marcus Alexander – author of the Keeper of the Realm series

If you would like a free pair of tickets for these authors please email your interest to npollard@sjfchs.org.uk, first come first served! The authors are suitable for years 7 to 9:



Missing Library Books

The summer break is a great opportunity for your children to sort out their bedrooms and find hidden treasures like lost library books! Please keep any library books you find safely till September or if you are passing school you can drop them through the letter box. We are also happy to accept teen fiction books in good condition that your child has grown out of. Any excess is sent to the Philippines

Y7 Enterprise Day – Wednesday 18 July

We were really excited when Bernadette Reid from Harrogate Lions contacted us offering to fund a life saving first aid course for our students as part of an initiative to increase the number of defibrillators in the area.

Bernadette's daughter in law suggested that training young people in the use of defibrillators would help to maximise their use. This resulted in over 200 students from St. John Fisher completing the two hour first aid course on the 18th July which was delivered by two excellent trainers from St. John Ambulance.



The students were taught about the importance of the recovery position as well as when and how to put a casualty in to it. In addition, they were given training in CPR and the use of a defibrillator before being assessed. During the collapsed timetable day students also learnt about the importance of their online reputation and how to look after their digital footprint.

We also delivered an introduction to mindfulness as a way of helping students to maintain a healthy wellbeing by being calm and connected.

The final session allowed the students time to explore their long term futures using some careers software.

As the Acting Deputy Head Mr Jon Sharpe said at the start of the day 'the skills that the students would learn today could literally be the most important ones they have learnt all year if not their lives; as they could literally enable them to save a life.'

Sports Results

Athletics

Ethan Hussey - English Schools 1500m Champion

On Friday 13th and Saturday 15th July, Ethan Hussey in Year 10 competed in the English Schools Athletics finals in Birmingham. For the second year in a row Ethan won the 1500 metres in a time of 4:01.14, but most impressively is that he was running against boys who were a year older. Ethan has now been selected to run for England in a 'Home Countries' event to be held at Grangemouth, Scotland on the weekend of the 21st July. A massive well done from everyone at St John Fisher.



English Schools National Athletics Cup

Area Round (16 School Took Part)

1st St John Fisher – 374 points

2nd King James – 326 points

3rd Tadcaster Grammar – 285 points

SJF qualified for the North East of England Final.

North East of England Final

1st St John Fisher – 417 points

2nd Ponteland (Northumberland) – 390 points

3rd Carmel college (Durham) – 285 points

SJF qualified for the National Finals.

National Finals

This was the third year running that SJF Junior Boys Team has reached the National Finals.

In 2016 we finished 11th with 374 points

In 2017 we finished 11th with 385 points.

This year the team finished 12th but scored an excellent 394 points. They also finished the competition off in style by winning the last event of the day 4 x 100m relay.

Team:

Dawid Sawaryn

Matt Harman

Zac Walker

Will Barker

Harry Fuller

Cameron Inglis

Alex Reynolds

Dylan Winspear

Archie Gray (Y7)

Dominic Jones

Alex Hall

Tom Barlow

Maciej Cwiklinski

Hugo Jones

Dan Napper

Archie Gray broke the Y7 1500, record when he ran 4.49.9 in the National Final.

Y7 Road to Wimbledon

There were 11 boys who entered the competition. The winner was Sam Pratt who beat Henry Brogatzki 6-1, Michael Walker was 3rd and James Charlesworth 4th. It was a really good final after a good morning of tennis.

Swimming Success



Ava Garcia in Year 9 managed to achieve 7 x Yorkshire Championship times in a recent swimming competition hosted at Sheffield's Ponds Forge.

Ava is presently ranked 14th across Yorkshire for the 100m Breaststroke 20th for 50m Breaststroke and 26th in 100m Freestyle. She is ranked 15th across the whole of the North East and Yorkshire for 100m Breaststroke with a time clocked at 1min 20.31 sec. Her 100m Freestyle of 1.03.53 ranks her 27th in Yorkshire.

Good luck to Ava in her upcoming swimming events.



News from the Science Desk – Summer 2018

Find and maintain a balance between work and rest. Engage in self-care. Self-care is always a priority.

Akiroq Brost

May all pupils, parents and staff have a summer to enjoy, relax and self-care.

Mr Tanner-Smith

Revision Material for Year 7 & 8

Collins KS3 Revision Science ISBN 978-0-00-756282-4

CGP Key Stage 3 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 across the year and to prepare for tests and examinations as they occur.

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 to groups 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.

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 | |
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| | 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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