

St John Fisher Catholic High School



Newsletter 3 5 October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

We have had a fantastic two weeks since our last newsletter.

On the 28th September we held a very special Year 7 Welcome Mass, filling the school chapel. My thanks go to the students and staff who prepared so well for the event. It was a lovely opportunity for parents and staff to celebrate mass with our newest students.

Our sports teams have all started well with some very impressive performances against formidable opponents. There has been a high bar set last year by our year 7 girls that many of our teams will be looking to for inspiration in the coming year.

Last Friday was MacMillan coffee morning. Thanks to the efforts of both staff and students the school was able to raise over £800 to go to this cause that has supported so many families over the years at times of sadness and suffering. If you would like to add to this total, please get in touch with our Finance Office and we will ensure that your donation reaches this worthwhile cause.

Don't forget that our Open Day is this Saturday from 11am until 2pm. This is a great opportunity for our staff and students to show what a great experience we share at St John Fisher. There will be many subject focused activities taking place, tours of the school and a chance to speak with staff in all areas about how we make St John Fisher such an amazing learning environment.

As we reach the middle of this half term we can all reflect on a highly positive start to the new academic year. We encourage all of our students to maintain the standards that they have set so far, be prepared to learn in each lesson, come equipped and well presented with correct uniform and with a positive attitude.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Brockwell'.

Mr P Brockwell
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

Y11 Mock GCSE Exam Timetable

Please click on the link below for the exam timetable:

<https://sjfchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Y11-Mock-GCSE-Exam-Timetable-2018.pdf>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Saturday 29 September

Fourteen students from Years 7-10, together with Fr. David, Mr Atkin and Mrs Dimond made pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk to join in the Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage.

The sun shone on the group throughout their long journey. Students attended Mass at the Catholic Church outside in the sunshine, visited the Slipper chapel and shared a picnic, before stocking up on Rosary beads and holy water and other goodies.



The students reverently followed the footsteps made by pilgrims since the time of the Crusades (although Health and Safety dictated that they didn't walk barefoot!) They journeyed the Pilgrim's mile to the site of the initial shrine created in 1061 and dedicated to Our Lady as a reminder to all of the significance of the Annunciation. The students were admirable ambassadors of the school; singing Marian hymns with enthusiasm and joining in the communal praying of the Rosary before Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction in Walsingham.

This was followed by a fish and chip supper at Wells-on-the-Sea and the sharing of food and songs the entire long journey home.

Information Evenings for Parents of Boys

In October our Teaching and Learning Co-ordinator, Mrs O'Leary-Hall, is holding two information evenings for parents of boys as part of our initiative to raise boys' achievement. Both nationally and at St. John Fisher there is a significant gap between how well boys and girls achieve at GCSE. The evening will address some of the perceived problems which may cause the gap as well as information about how to help at home. We would like to encourage as many dads / male carers to attend the evening, either alone or with mums / female carers.

Thursday 11th October 2018 Parents of Boys in years 7 and 8

Tuesday 16th October 2018 Parents of Boys in years 9, 10 and 11

Drug Awareness Evening – Monday 15 October

This will take place in the Main Hall from 7.00pm to 8.45pm and will cover the following topics:

- Why young people use illegal drugs and take other risks
- The legal implications of the use of commonly used illegal drugs



- The health risks associated with the use of commonly used illegal drugs
- Other risks of illegal drug use including criminal exploitation
- The current legal situation regarding 'legal highs'
- Signs that may indicate a young person could be using illegal drugs
- How to reduce the risk of a young person using illegal drugs or being involved in other unsafe behaviour
- Where to go for support regarding a young person's drug use

School Photos – Tuesday 16 October

On Tuesday 16th October 2018 individual and class photos will be taken of all students in years 7, 9 and 11.

Sports Award Evening – Wednesday 17 October

Once again we are seeking help for our Sports Award Evening. If any parents/businesses would like to provide sponsorship or place an advert in the programme to support this evening 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 - £100
- Two Pages - £175

Friends of St Joseph's Wetherby – Saturday 20 October

There is a ladies' night at Kirk Deighton Village Hall on Saturday 20 October. Tickets can be purchased via our email friendsofsj@outlook.com

Wellbeing Award at School (WAS)

Thank you to everyone who has completed a WAS evaluation form. We are still waiting for pupils to complete theirs and so if you have not done one and would like to do so there is still time. We really want to hear as many views as possible. We are beginning to look at the feedback which is very interesting and this will guide the work we need to do to improve our current approach and provision. It will be possible to make some quick and easy improvements whilst other changes will need to be part of a longer term approach. [Our initial visit with an independent adviser is on Wed 7 November 2018](#). The adviser spends all day in school and will help us to prepare our school action plan.

Mental Health Awareness Day is on Wednesday 10 October 2018. The peer listeners and members of the Equalities Group are helping the Wellbeing Team to run a pop up cake and talk event at break in the hall. Please encourage your child to attend if they would like to join in- there will be a small donation for cakes and any monies raised will be donated to a mental health charity chosen by the peer listeners.

The Wellbeing Team

Macmillan Cake and Coffee Morning – Friday 28 September

Over £800 was raised at this annual event with sixth form students and staff providing a vast array of cakes. Thank you to all who supported this fabulous event.

Included in the total amount raised was a donation of £55 by Mrs Denise Ball from the SJF Admin Department. She kindly donated the money to this worthy cause instead of receiving birthday gifts from her colleagues.



Parents' Guide to Homework

Please read the 'parents' guide' to help support your children with learning at home. The guide contains lots of useful information such as facts about homework, creating a suitable study space, helping with time management and conducting meaningful discussions with your child. It also details useful websites recommended by teachers for further research and help with revision, click on the link below for a copy of the booklet.

<https://sifchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Parent-Guide-A5-Booklet.pdf>

School Residential Trips 2018/19 Years 7-11

We want to give an overview of school residential trips in Years 7-11 to help decision making for parents as to whether their son/daughter goes on a trip.

Year Group	Location and Subject	Approximate Number of Students	Dates (Provisional)
7 and 8	York Music	50	Feb 2019
8	Sports Tour PE	72 Already full	13 th - 19 th April 2019
8	Ford Castle Non Academic	120	28 th June - 1 st July
8	Normandy History	Hopefully 40/44 but may run with as few as 25	6 th - 10 th July 2019
9	London Geography	40 Already full	26 th - 28 th October 2018
9	Rome RE	Already full 28	Friday 22 nd - Monday 25 th Feb (mostly H-T) 2019
9	Paris French	TBC	TBC July
9-13	Toronto Music	32 Already full	8 th -14 th July 2019
10	Germany History	25 (places still available)	22 nd - 27 th February 2019
10	Sorrento Geography	40	14 th -18 th July 2019
10	Salamanca Spanish	20	6 or 7 - 12 th July 2019
10 and 12	Lourdes RE	40 maximum	Thursday 4 th - Friday 12 th July 2019

Sports Results

Rugby

A great start this year for the rugby across all year groups, with St John Fisher/St Aidan's Associated Sixth Form 1st 15 beating Harrogate Grammar (for the first time ever) in the National Schools Cup, being followed by two successive 'White Rose Festivals' where both the Year 8 and Year 9 teams were unbeaten! Well done to all the teams a superb start to the year.

An interesting yet promising performance for the first 15 against Ripon Grammar School followed by an outstanding performance by the Y10 rugby team winning their first round of the National Schools Cup, beating Bradford Grammar 52-5.



Click on the links for full match reports for Y10 against Bradford Grammar School and Associated 6th Form v Harrogate Grammar School.

<https://sjfchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Match-Report-Bradford-Grammar-3.10.2018.pdf>

<https://sjfchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Match-Report-HGS-12.9.2018.pdf>

Festival Results

Year 8

SJF 10 - 0 Benton Park
SJF 15 - 0 Roundhay
SJF 20 - 0 Carr Manor CS
SJF 5 - John Smeaton

There were superb performances from all the boys.

Year 9

SJF 35 - 0 Roundhay
SJF 15 - 0 Rodillian
SJF 30 - 5 Cardinal Heenan
SJF 20 - 0 John Smeaton

Zac Walker was outstanding as captain.

Sports Fixtures

Monday 8 October

Mr Stansfield – Y10 Boys Football v Pudsey Crawshaw @ Pudsey, 15:00 KO

Tuesday 9 October

Mr Nightingale – Y9A Boys Football ESFA Cup v St Aidan's @ SJF, 16:00-17:30
Miss Telfer – Y7 A, B, C, D Teams Netball v St Aidan's @ St Aidan's, 15:30-17:00

Wednesday 10 October

Miss Telfer – U14A & B and U15A & B Netball v Ripon Grammar School @Ripon, 14:30-17:30
Mr Heaton – 6th Form Boys Football v Ermysteds @ SJF, 13:30-15:45
Miss Huegett – U15 Girls Football National Cup v Rossett @SJF, 13:30 KO
Miss Huegett – Y7/Y8 Girls Football Tournament @ St Aidan's, 15:45-17:15

Thursday 11 October

Mr Pass/Miss Huegett – 1st Round ESAA Cross Country @ Giggleswick, 10:30-15:30
Mrs Nightingale – U16A Netball Tournament @ Ashville, 15:00-17:00
Mr Nightingale – Y8 6-a-side House Football Competition, 12:40-13:30

Friday 12 October

Mr Nightingale – Y8 6-a-side House Football Competition, 12:40-13:30

Monday 15 October

Mr Nightingale – Y9 6-a-side House Football Competition, 12:40-13:30
Miss Huegett – U14A Netball tournament @ Ashville, 15:00-17:30
Mr Heaton – 6th Form Boys Football v St Aidan's @ SJF, 16:00-17:30

Tuesday 16 October

Mr Nightingale – Y9 6-a-side House Football Competition, 12:40-13:30
Miss Telfer – U12A & B Netball v Ripon Grammar School @ SJF, 15:30-17:00



Wednesday 17 October

Mr Nightingale – Y8 6-a-side House Football Competition Finals, 12:40-13:30

Miss Huegett – U19A Netball Tournament @ Ashville, 15:00-17:30

Thursday 18 October

Mr Nightingale – Y8 6-a-side House Football Competition Finals, 12:40-13:30

Mr Nightingale – Y9 Football v Nidderdale @ Nidderdale, 15:00-18:00

PE Extra Curricular Timetable

Please see below the new PE Extra Curricular Timetable from September 2018 to April 2019.



News from the Science Desk – October 2018

‘Different and diverse points of view make science stronger’.

Kirsty Duncan Canada’s Minister of Science on the announcement that Dr Donna Strickland had been awarded the Nobel prize for Physics.

Dr Strickland’s work developed what is known as chirped pulse amplification – a way to create blasts of laser light that deliver massive amounts of energy in a trillionth of a second or less. The technique is now used across a wide range of applications from laser eye surgery to glass cutting.

Year 7

All pupils have now been introduced to safety and may be approaching the assessment at the end of the first topic. Further topics that pupils will be encountering this year are: B7.1 Cells and Reproduction, C7.1 Safety and Particles, P7.1 Forces and Motion, B7.2 Classification and Variation, C7.2 Acids and Rocks, P7.2 Heating and Energy.

Year 8

We hope that pupils have now settled in to their new Science sets and may be approaching the assessment at the end of the first topic. Further topics that pupils will encounter this year are: B8.1 Digestions and Respiration, C8.1 Elements, Compounds and Mixtures, P8.1 Light and Sound, B8.2 Causes of Disease, C8.2 Reactivity of Metals, P8.2 Magnetism and Electricity.

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

Pupils have now had their Kerboodle account activated, which provides on-line text books supporting the new specification together with a suite of further resources which are very useful when accessed.

Students are streamed in Year 9 (Sets 1 and 2 are parallel to one another, as 3 and 4) with the upper sets on each side of the year containing those students who may continue pursue Separate Sciences, but pupils from other sets will also be considered where there is strong evidence to show that they will contend with the pace and content. Assessment will continue throughout Year 9, and we will continue to test and monitor students across the year, and make changes in setting where there is evidence to suggest that this is required, and into the first term of Year 10, to ensure that students enter the most suitable pathway for these new, more challenging GCSEs.

This group will be the cohort to go through the new GCSE in Science for examination in Year 11, 2021.

Year 10

There are 3 groups of separates, of around 25 students per class, which will allow additional setting after the first mock examinations in Science, at the end of this term/after the Christmas break, where there is evidence to suggest that this is advisable.

Alternatively, students will pursue Combined Science as detailed above. There is no assessment through coursework, but pupils may be tested on their practical approach within the terminal examinations.

Pupils will continue to have access to Kerboodle which will provide on-line text books supporting the new specification together with a suite of further resources which are very useful if accessed.



Year 11

It was a pleasure to meet parents at the information evenings over the last two weeks, and to share our successes at GCSE in this new specification. For any parents that couldn't make the evening, the summary is that our results in Science were above the top 20% in the country, and in many measures, well within the top 5% of those across the country, of all Schools including selective and private schools.

I was also able to inform parents of the support that we can offer, as Year 11 can be a tough year and stressful year.

We will commence Friday lunchtime intervention sessions from 12th October, there is a large number of staff who are willing to give up their time to support pupils. Each subject Biology, Chemistry and Physics is available at the appropriate level. All pupils are welcome, and we will prioritise those who have most need, which will be further identified from the results of the mock examinations. We will be offering after school sessions, led by members of our sixth form, after half term, which showed an marked improvement for those who took advantage of this last year

Pupils will continue to have access to Kerboodle 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 have identified suitable revision guides and work books for the new curriculum. We will carry a rolling stock of books that are suitable for 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.

Also try mygcse.co.uk and getrevising.co.uk

Events and Clubs

KS3 Science Club (Y7)

Y11 Intervention sessions

Why Science – talks from the experts as to why to choose a Science at A-level and beyond (Y10 &Y11)

Kerboodle (for Y9, Y10 and Y11)

To log on:

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)

Revision Apps

In this day of portable devices, you may like to explore the following revision applications:

Test and Learn Science GCSE AQA.

AQA Core Science GCSE textbook.

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact me.

Yours with warm regards from the Science team.

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Mr Tanner-Smith

Head of Science

Specialist Leader of Education





DAY	LUNCHTIME: 12:35 -1.15PM			AFTER SCHOOL: 3:45 - 5PM		
	SPORT	WHERE	TEACHER	SPORT	WHERE	TEACHER
MON	YEAR 11 BOYS FOOTBALL 6 TH FORM BOYS FOOTBALL SPORTS LEADERS QUALIFICATION ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	ASTROTURF ASTROTURF SPORTS HALL FITNESS SUITE	MR HUSSEY MR HEATON MISS HUEGETT	YEAR 8 GIRLS NETBALL YEAR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	SPORTS HALL ASTROTURF FITNESS SUITE	MRS CRICHTON MR PASS MR OWEN
TUES	YEAR 10 BOYS FOOTBALL ALL YEARS GIRLS RUGBY ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE YEAR 7 & 8 BADMINTON CLUB	ASTROTURF FIELD FITNESS SUITE SPORTS HALL	MR STANSFIELD MISS HUEGETT MR NIGHTINGALE	YEAR 7 GIRLS NETBALL YEAR 10 GIRLS' NETBALL ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	SPORTS HALL SPORTS HALL FITNESS SUITE	MISS TELFER MRS NIGHTINGALE MR SCOTT
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FRI	YEAR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	ASTROTURF FITNESS SUITE	MR PASS	ALL YEARS BADMINTON ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	SPORTS HALL FITNESS SUITE	EXTERNAL COACH

