

# St John Fisher Catholic High School



## Newsletter 4 19 October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

I want to start by saying congratulations to the staff and students for the fantastic results at GCSE in the summer. The data has finally been released based on national performance and I am happy to say that the results in August have put us in the top two best performing schools in Harrogate. This is down to the hard work of the whole school in providing the very best opportunities for every child. Not resting on our laurels however, we now look forward to improving on these results for our current cohort of year 11 students, onwards and upwards!

It's been an amazing two weeks since the last newsletter. The open day was a great success with over 400 families coming to share the day with us. Our students were a credit to themselves and us as they shared their experiences of school life with prospective parents and children. I received many emails and letters of thanks for their time. Here are just a few of those positive comments:

"We thoroughly enjoyed the tour, meeting your friendly staff and want to extend our specific thanks to Finn, our guide from Year 8. He answered all of our questions with ease, was very well mannered, polite and patient. He put our daughter Poppy's mind at rest over some of the worries she had."

"Ryan in Year 8 offered to take us on a guided tour of the school, which we gratefully accepted. A courteous and informative young man indeed! We arrived late, yet Ryan managed to fit as much into our tour as possible. Any questions we may have asked did not go unanswered. In the short time we were there, Ryan made my son feel welcomed and put his mind at ease about the prospect of starting high school."

"It was brilliantly organised, our guide was charming, very informative and happily answered questions. Great to meet the teaching staff in an informal setting."

It is the staff and students that make this school great and, as always, I am immensely proud to be able to work with them all.

We have now set in place plans for a new sixth form study area. A former ICT suite, the study area will have 30 computers and a number of quiet study areas, altogether able to accommodate 40 students. Members of the Senior Tutor team will always be on hand to support questions and concerns. This is an exciting new opportunity to support the development of our oldest students on the Fisher's site.

I have had the immense pleasure of being able to speak at two presentation evenings this term. The first being the awards evening, was extremely well attended and from the musicians to the speaker and the hosting by our Head Girl and Head Boy, it was a highly professional event. My thanks again go to Mr Stewart Regan for joining us to celebrate our student's achievements and for sharing some inspirational thoughts to take away with us.

This week I was again honoured to be able to welcome parents and students to our Sports Awards Evening. It was a pleasure to see the very best of our sportsmen and women show that Fishers is a place where all talents are nurtured and encouraged, physical, creative and academic. My thanks to Mr Bob Bowman for joining us and sharing some of his experiences both on and off the field. His passion for grass roots sport and encouraging young talent came through passionately.



As we approach the end of term I want to thank you for your support over this time. Taking on a school with such an impressive reputation is a daunting prospect for any Headteacher but as I have met with many of you and discussed your love and loyalty for the school and its standards and heritage I recognise how much I have enjoyed every minute of working with the entire school community.

Kind regards



**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](mailto: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>

## Wellbeing Award at School (WAS)

The Year 11 peer listeners led a pop up cake and talk event for World Mental Health Awareness Day on 10 October 2018. Members of the Equalities Group were also present to talk to other pupils about the work that they are currently doing. Fiona Whiley and Dominique Bendelow from the Healthy Child Team also attended the event and pupils were able to talk to them and collect some of their resources. The event in 20 minutes raised £60 which the peer listeners were delighted with and this at the end of the year along with any other monies they raise will be donated to a mental health charity of their choice.

The year 11 prefects are planning to deliver assemblies to all students on 'Brave Faces - Lets Talk' which will be a way of trying to encourage pupils to talk about their feelings and emotions.

Work continues in respect of the WAS Award in particular preparing for the visit from the external consultant on 7 November who will help prepare our action plan. The feedback from pupils, staff and parents was extensive and requires a lot of analysis and prioritisation. Some changes are already being implemented such as improved communication with pupils about key pastoral staff in school, more clarification about use of The Attic, setting up drop in sessions with the Healthy Child Team and also looking at wellbeing opportunities and support for staff.

We were absolutely amazed from the parents' evaluation responses how much experience, knowledge and skills there is amongst parents and carers in relation to mental health and emotional wellbeing. If any of you are interested in helping us with some of our wellbeing initiatives, then please contact Mrs Crichton ([ecrichton@sjfchs.org.uk](mailto:ecrichton@sjfchs.org.uk)) to register your interest.

Mr Stansfield will be launching a competition amongst pupils next week to design a wellbeing logo that we can use to promote the work that we are doing. Please encourage pupils to take part.

The Wellbeing Team

## CAFOD Soup and Roll Morning

Thank you to members of the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Congress who helped at this event which raised a total of £672.30 for this worthy cause. Thank you to all supported this annual fund raiser.



## Harvest Tin Collection

Following on from the very successful CAFOD Harvest Soup and Roll Day, please bring in tins and/or non perishable food which will be donated to St Pio's Friary, Bradford. Pupils can leave their tins at the bottom of the staircase in the Collins Entrance. Sixth Form students should take their contribution to the Sixth Form Café. Alternatively, these will be collected in form time and a tally will be kept of the total number of tins donated per form.

## KS3 Arts Festival – Wednesday 24 October

Tickets are now available via Parent Pay for our KS3 Arts Festival. The event will take place on Wednesday 24th October at 7pm in the Main Hall and will showcase some of our extremely talented Key Stage 3 students at St John Fisher Catholic High School. We look forward to welcoming you on the night!

## Coding Weekend – Saturday/Sunday 20/21 October

This weekend there is a Code Week CoderDojo at Harrogate Library. The event is planned to encourage families to find out more about coding and activities for young people. The sessions are on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--h.../coderdojo/>

The event will have a Learn area - demonstrating scratch and mircobits, Hack area for young people to work on projects and Jam area for teams to complete a challenge.

## Year 8 Beamish Trip

Year 8L- Tuesday 23rd October (A, B, C, F)

Year 8R- Thursday 25th October (H, M, P, W)

Departing by 9:10 and returning in time for the school buses.

Please can all students bring a packed lunch and drink (no fizzy drinks), inhalers and travel sickness medication if they need them, pencil case in a school bag (to put pencil case in and waterproof jacket if they don't want to wear it). Please bring a waterproof jacket, wear sensible shoes: i.e. trainers NOT Vans/ballet pumps etc. as the ground is really bumpy in places and in non uniform but dressing sensibly as they are outside all day.

## Library News - Harry Baker Visit

We were pleased to welcome World Poetry Slam Champion Harry Baker to School recently. Harry led a poetry workshop with selected Year 9 students before giving a performance in the hall for all of Year 8. Afterwards Harry signed copies of his book The Sunshine Kid which contains material from his Edinburgh Fringe shows and charts his progress from school to the dizzy heights of being the youngest World Poetry Slam Champion. The poem Dinosaur Love was particularly enjoyed by the Year 8s most probably because of the unexpected dinosaur roars!



## Accelerated Reader Scheme

All of Year 7 are taking part in the Accelerated Reader scheme throughout their first year at School. By half term every child will have taken the Star test to set their reading ages and give them book bands to read between. Do encourage your child to complete their Reading Record and take the online quizzes on the books they have read since coming into Year 7. These quizzes can only be done at school and the Library is open break time and lunch time. Successful quiz results give the rewards of a brag tag and a raffle ticket for the half termly chocolate prizes. At Christmas there will be prizes for top performing individual students and a form prize for the most quizzes passed. The Accelerated Display board will be updated with the latest top results at half term.

## Book Donations

We are always pleased to receive donations of suitable books for the School Library should you be having a clear out of your child's bedroom over half term! Popular titles do wear out quickly so bear us in mind if you need a home for outgrown books. Any excess donations will be recycled thoughtfully.

## Farewell

Mrs. Kennerley, our library assistant for the past three years, leaves us at half term. We wish her well in her new post.

## Sports Results

### Cross Country Success

On Wednesday 10th October students from St John Fisher represented the school in the county cross country competition at Giggleswick School. All runners performed extremely well and finished in the following positions:

#### Junior Boys

Archie Gray - 1st

Ethan Ferrie - 16th

Thomas Keelan Beardsley - 18th

Harry Crichton - 19th

Archie Hall - 33rd

Aidan Ranns - 40th

Callum Cooper and Louis Towned both ran as guest runners.

The team finished 3rd overall and have qualified for the Regional Finals at Stewart Park, Middlesborough on Saturday 10th November.

#### Junior Girls

Eloise Eastman - 24th

Annie Tolan - 30th

Harriet Carrington - 31st

Kate Whiley - 33rd

The team finished in 8th position.

#### Inter Boys

Will Hugill - 2nd

Callum Hodgson - 15th

Thomas Plant - 19th

Dominic Jones - 26th

Will Barker - 29th

Alex Rennocks - 36th

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## **Inter Girls**

Amari Shires - 20th

Therese Tolan - 21st

Robyn McKendrick - 26th

Macey Rathmell -28th

The team finished in 5th position.

## **Diving Success**

Congratulations and well done to Y8 student Evie Jalland who qualified for the 2018 White Rose Diving Invitational Finals and went on to take home the Girls Group C1 silver medal.

## **Sports Fixtures**

### **Monday 22 October**

Miss Huegett – U16 Girls Football North Yorkshire Cup v Manor @ Manor, 14:00-17:00

Mr Nightingale – Y10/Y11 6-a-side Football House Competition, 3G Pitch, 12:40-13:30

Mr Nightingale – Y9B Boys Football v St Aidan's @ St Aidan's, 16:00-17:30

Mr Rowlands – Y10 Boys Football v St Aidan's @ St Aidan's, 16:00

### **Tuesday 23 October**

Mr Nightingale – Y10/Y11 6-a-side Football House Competition, 3G Pitch, 12:40-13:30

Miss Huegett – U13 Girls Football National Cup v St Wilfrid's @ SJF, 15:30 KO

Mr Hussey – Y11 Boys Football v Harrogate Grammar School @ Harrogate Grammar School, 14:30-17:00

### **Wednesday 24 October**

Mr Mills – U13 NY Schools Table Tennis Championships @ SJF, 09:00-12:00

Mr Nightingale – Y10/Y11 6-a-side Football House Competition, 3G Pitch, 12:40-13:30

Mr Pass – Y9 Boys Rugby v Rossett @ SJF, 15:30-17:00

Miss Huegett – U14 Girls Football National Cup v Thirsk @ Thirsk, 14:30-18:15

Mr Stansfield – Y10 Boys Football v Settle @ Settle, 12:30

### **Thursday 25 October**

Mr Heaton – 6<sup>th</sup> Form Boys Football v Northallerton @ Northallerton, 12:30-17:00

Mr Nightingale – Y10/Y11 6-a-side Football House Competition Finals, 3G Pitch, 12:40-13:30

Mr Nightingale – Y9B Boys Football v Rossett @ SJF, 16:00-17:30

Miss Huegett – U15 Girls Football National Cup v Rossett @ SJF, 15:30-17:30

### **Tuesday 6 November**

Mr Pass – Y9 Boys Rugby Festival @Horsforth, 15:00-18:00

### **Wednesday 7 November**

Mr Owen/Mr Black – Y8 Boys 7-a-side Football @ SJF 16:00-18:00

### **Thursday 8 November**

Mr Nightingale – Y9B Boys ESFA Football v South Hunsley @ South Hunsley, 12:30-16:30

PE Dept. – Y9 Boys Football v Nidderdale @ SJF, 16:00-17:30

Mr Howgate – Y7 Boys Rugby Festival @ King James, 15:00-18:00

Mr Pass – Y8 Boys Rugby Festival @ Allerton High, 15:00-18:00

### **Saturday 10 November**

Mr Pass – 2<sup>nd</sup> Round ESAA Cross Country @ Stewart Park, Middlesborough

## **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

### This week in Science

**Scientists have unearthed the fossilised remains of a piranha-like species that they say is the earliest known example of a flesh-eating fish.**

**This bony creature, found in South Germany, lived about 150 million years ago and had the distinctive sharp teeth of modern-day piranhas.**

**These Jurassic marauders used their razor teeth to tear chunks of flesh and fins off other fish.**

**Other fish were found nearby which had been attacked by the ancient piranhas.**

### BBC News

#### 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.

#### 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. We will provide pupils with a list of topics to revise in advance of the Christmas break.

#### Year 11

It is Y11 mock examinations after half term, pupils have been issued with detailed revision lists.

We have started lunchtime sessions on Fridays, 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 a 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 advise 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) After the mock examinations

Bolton Lecture – University of Leeds – Formation of Stars – 28th November – Sixth form trip

### **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 <sup>TH</sup> 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
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