

St John Fisher Catholic High School



Newsletter 7 7 December 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

I have to start this week's newsletter with saying how impressed I have been with the performances of our students this half term, both academically and creatively.

I have been able to witness the amazing production of Legally Blonde last week. It was a showcase of outstanding acting, singing and dancing, supported by a huge crew that kept things moving smoothly throughout. Evidence again of the inclusive nature of everything that we do at St John Fisher, working to students' strengths and involving all who wish to participate.

On Thursday night I was able to spend time at the Northern Echo Local Heroes Awards event, held at Wynyard Hall. Our year 7 football team, who won a national football competition last year, were honoured by representatives of other local heroes from across the north of England. Our children represented our school brilliantly and, although not being the ultimate winners, should be immensely proud of their achievement being recognised regionally.

The 6th Form are currently completing their mock examinations. We all wish them luck and look forward to them seeing the progress they have made so far and what we need to do to continue to support them in the coming months.

You will have now received a letter from the Chair of Governors explaining their decision to extend my tenure as Headteacher for a further year, until 2020. I am extremely pleased to be able to continue to work with such amazing staff and students and to share their successes for this additional time. I am looking forward to seeing another year of students achieving, growing and developing into the members of the community that we are continually proud of.

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://sifchs.org.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/SJFCHS/>

If you have any queries for teaching staff, please email:

office@sifchs.org.uk

Please see the link below for the GCSE summer 2019 exam timetable. Personalised timetables will be issued to students after the February half-term. Any queries, please contact Mrs Haley, Exams Officer.

<https://sifchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/GCSE-Exam-Timetable-Summer-2019.pdf>

Wellbeing Award at School (WAS)

We have introduced the first Wellbeing Focus Newsletter for all students which launched the 'Design a Logo' competition for our new Wellbeing Campaign as well as asking for volunteers for student involvement to become part of our Wellbeing Team. The closing date is Monday 17 December. Each student will also have received a sticker to put in the back of their planners containing contact details of 'What to do if I need to talk?' For more details, click on the link below:

<https://sifchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Wellbeing-Student-Newsletter-Issue-1.pdf>

The Wellbeing Change Team

Christmas Market – Friday 7 December

The Friends of St Joseph's Wetherby are holding a Christmas Market in the school hall this afternoon, 2pm to 5pm – all are welcome.

E-Safety Information for Parents – Monday 10 December – 6.30pm to 7.30pm

We are holding an evening in school which aims to support parents by providing information about how to keep students safe online. The evening will provide a range of techniques, advice and handouts which can be employed at home and used in discussion with your child to help keep them safe whilst using their computer or smart phone.

Please could you express your interest in the evening via office@sifchs.org.uk so that we can choose a suitable venue in school for anticipated numbers and prepare the required amount of resources.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 12 December

As usual the annual Christmas Lunch will be served by members of the Senior Leadership Team and a will cost £2.86.

Advent Recollection Services – Wednesday 12 December

Each year group will attend an Advent Recollection Service in the Chapel.

Christmas Carol Service – Wednesday 19 December

Following on a great tradition, you are invited to the annual St John Fisher Carols by Candlelight Service on Wednesday 19th December 7pm in the School Chapel. There will be lessons and Carols led by our students and staff followed by mulled wine and mince pies kindly provided by the PTA. This year we will be holding a retiring collection with proceeds going to the St Vincent's Support Centre in Leeds.

All are welcome and tickets are not required- doors open 6:30pm.

<https://sifchs.org.uk/carols-candlelight-wednesday-19-december-7pm/>



Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 21 December

This year, we are raising money for Save the Children and the arrangements are as follows:

- **For Years 7 to 11**, “Christmas Jumper Day” will take place on Friday 21 December.
- **For Years 12 and 13 only**, students will be allowed to wear their Christmas jumpers on Thursday 20 December as well.

Students are expected to attend school in their uniform and in exchange for a small donation of £1 they are invited to wear a Christmas jumper in place of their blazer only.

Christmas Holidays – Monday 24 December 2018 to Tuesday 8 January 2019

School will finish at 14:30 on Friday 21 December and re-open Tuesday 8 January at 08:50.

Children in Need Week

A huge thank you to all of you who took part in the fund raising activities that took place in school during this week and we have raised a total of £4,500 which is amazing.

Youth SVP Food Appeal

Give a family in your community a Christmas to remember! Last year thousands of families across Yorkshire celebrated Christmas because of help from people like you. Unfortunately, this Christmas even more families will need help to put food on the table.

CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL

You can help this Christmas.

Please support the Youth SVP Food Appeal.

**Please make sure that food donations are non-perishable
and have expiry date well into 2019.**

Donations of toiletries are also welcome.

**Collection point for donations is by the stairs at Collins
Entrance.
Thank you!**



Legally Blonde

The annual school production was a fantastic demonstration of the superb range of abilities our students have. They were a credit to the school and thanks go to all the students that were involved in this brilliant show. In addition to this there was an inspirational team of staff in particular, Carolyn Booth who directed the production, ably assisted by Rosie Staunton, Claire Noonan was the choreographer and Craig Ratcliffe, the Musical Director.

Thank you to all who donated raffle prizes and to all the parents, pupils and teachers who helped to set up, serve and clear up after the refreshments were served; this was much appreciated by the PTA.



Sports Results

Table Tennis Charity Cup Results

A set of brilliant results for all 4 teams in the recent Charity Cup matches, all 4 teams are now into the last 16. Best past performances - 3 in semi-finals, and 2 in all Fishers finals
Please congratulate your children, many exceeded their expectations.

20 November

A Team defeated Boston Spa A 23-6 despite giving points away to 2 of the players.

Andy - **+20** points and 4 wins and 2 draws in handicap terms

George - **+15** points and 4 wins and 2 losses

Theo - **+20** points and 4 wins and 2 losses

B Team of Aman, Ben and Tom achieved the 1st 27-0 win in the Competition against Div. 3 team Racquets G. A round 1 match.

Then the same 3 defeated Harrogate Grammar School C 23-7 (despite having their handicaps changed) in the 2nd Round.

Tom - **+28** points score despite giving points to all 3 players - 5 out of 6 points

Aman - **+19** points score despite giving points to all 3 players - 5 out of 6 points

Ben - **+3** points score despite giving points to all 3 players - 3 out of 6 points

21 November

The most nerve wrenching match was on Tuesday when the C Team of Andy Hull, Elliott Marks and Nick Kelly travelled to North Stainley B team with a slender handicap advantage. The match ebbed and flowed until the final point of the final game.

If Andy won the point it would be 15-14, a loss then 14-15, it could not have been a draw whatever happened. Andy held his nerve and the match was won.

Elliott - **+20** total and 5 wins and 1 loss

Nick - **-3** total and 2 wins

Andy - **-6** total and 2 wins and a draw



23 November

The D team of Charlie, Maciej and Holly defeated Spa D, playing outstanding table tennis. All 3 of them have not ever played at this level before. The final score was 23-7, and although all 3 had a 16 point start against 2 of the players, they all were superb.

Maciej actually winning 2 games without his handicap, and Holly 1.

Maciej - **+45** total and 5 wins and a draw

Charlie - **+27** total and 5 wins and 1 loss

Holly - **+15** total and 3 wins and a draw

We await the draw for the next round, week beginning 4th Feb 2019.

Boys Football

Congratulations to the Y7 boys football team on a fabulous performance beating Abbey Grange 5-2, they are now through to Round 5 of the National Cup.

Goal Scorers:

James Rennock (3)

Kiam Browne (1)

William Todd (1)

Y7 Girls Football

An emphatic 21-0 win V Batley Grammar School in the National Cup for the Year 7 Girls' Football team.

A brilliant first outing in their very first game together representing St John Fisher. A good attitude, positive mentality and team spirit shown in some blustery conditions. Well done everyone!

This team enjoyed their second victory in as many days. This time they earned their first piece of silverware as they were crowned Harrogate and Craven 5-a-side football champions after beating some extremely talented opposition.

The competition highlighted the talent and competitive nature on show from each school. It truly was a brilliant showcase of girls' football and shows how established girls' football is in Harrogate and Craven. Well done to everyone involved, St John Fisher played every game with a smile on their face and thoroughly enjoyed the competition despite the freezing cold conditions!



St John Fisher will now represent Harrogate and Craven in the North Yorkshire 5-a-side Finals next month.

Well done girls, a great start to life at St John Fisher!

Squad: Maddie Durkin (c), Gabija Taraseviciute, Molly-Ann Gough, Lois Reed, Larissa Dorojan, Annie Tolan, Lily Bell, Natasha Santos.

Players of the tournament: Gabija Taraseviciute & Maddie Durkin

U14

The U14 Girls' Football team ended the week on the perfect note with a 2-0 win on Friday versus Laurence Jackson, Cleveland.



SJF dominated the game but couldn't find their usual rhythm in the final third to open the scoring despite numerous chances.

After a frustrating half, St John Fisher went through the gears and their hard work was rewarded when joint player of the match Millie Fieldhouse played the ball into Rebecca Hugill who's inch perfect pass released Harriet Robson who finished exquisitely from the edge of the area.



Therese Tolan then sealed the victory with a tenacious run up the left wing which saw her cut into the box and guide the ball home at the second attempt.

St John Fisher will travel to Whitburn Cof E, Sunderland, in the next round of the English Schools' National Cup.

Squad: Issy Parkin, Ursula Holland, Robyn McKendrick (c), Therese Tolan, Ciara Streatfield, Grace Della Rovere, Olivia Delaney, Rebecca Hugill, Frankie Moss, Harriet Robson, Claudia Sandford, Milly Fieldhouse, Olivia Longley, Katie Scobbie.

Players of the match: Milly Fieldhouse & Therese Tolan.

Sports Fixtures

Monday 10 December

Mr Pass - Y7 Boys Football v Garforth Academy @ Garforth, 12:30-16:30

Mr Rowlands - Y10 Boys Football v Sherburn @ Sherburn, 13:00-16:30

Tuesday 11 December

Miss Huegett – U18 Girls Football National Cup v Durham Academy @ SJF, 15:45-17:30

Wednesday 12 December

Miss Telfer – Y10a & B Netball V Harrogate Grammar School @ SJF, 15:30-17:00

Miss Huegett – Y7 Girls Football Round Robin v St Aidan's & King James @ SJF, 15:45-17:15

Mr Nightingale - Rowing Competition in Leeds, 14:00-18:00

Thursday 13 December

Mr Nightingale – Y9B Boys Football v Rossett @ Rossett, 15:45 KO

Miss Huegett - U14 Girls National Cup v Whitburn @ Sunderland, 10:40-17:30

Friday 14 December

Mr Nightingale – U14 Boys Football ESFA Cup v Sacred Heart @ SJF, 13:00-14:30

Monday 17 December

Miss Huegett – U13 Girls Area Indoor 5-a-side Football @ SJF, 15:45-18:00

Mr Pass – Y7A & B Boys football v King James @ SJF, 16:00-17:30

Tuesday 18 December

Mr Hussey – Y11 Boys 7-a-side Football @ SJF, 16:00-18:00

Wednesday 19 December

Mr Heaton – 6th Form Boys Football v Huntington @ Huntington, 12:30-16:30

Miss Huegett – Y7 Girls Football National Cup v King James @ SJF, 13:30-15:30

Thursday 20 December

Miss Huegett – U13 Girls Football National Cup v Manor Academy @ SJF, 13:30-15:30

PE Extra Curricular Timetable

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



News from the Science Desk – December 2018

This week in Science

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

— Maya Angelou

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. The aim is that pupils will have completed their first two topics by the end of this term, will have had feedback and set their own targets to improve, and we can then send a summary report to give you an indication as to how they have started their studies. We are looking to launch our Science lunchtime club after Christmas.

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. The aim is that pupils will have completed their first two topics by the end of this term, will have had feedback and set their own targets to improve. After Christmas we will be sending home a long report, including comments, to give you an indication as to how they have progressed in the beginning of Y8. I am looking to set up a Space Academy after Christmas with a view to investigating aspects of space exploration and observation. The aim is to develop a team of interested Space Scientists across Y8, Y9, Y10 and Y12, by application, involving external experts and Universities. I'll look to launch the idea either before or after Christmas.

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. Pupils should have completed their first topics in Biology, Chemistry and Physics by Christmas, at which time we will be able to see who is thriving on the GCSE material, and those that are finding the step more of a challenge. I am looking to set up a Space Academy after Christmas with a view to investigating aspects of space exploration and observation. The aim is to develop a team of interested Space Scientists across Y8, Y9, Y10 and Y12, by application, involving external experts and Universities. I'll look to launch the idea either before or after Christmas.

Year 10

I hope that you had the opportunity of meeting the Science teachers at the recent parent's evening, and have been given a good idea as to how your son/daughter are settling down to their studies as they continue with their GCSEs. Currently there are 3 groups of separates, of around 25 students per class, which will allow additional setting after the first mock examinations in Science, 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.

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Year 11

Next week Y11 will receive their mock examination results. We have used questions from a range of papers from this year's GCSEs, and therefore have based the grade boundaries around these. This will give a fair reflection of the grade they could expect, with the same degree of preparation, in Summer.

We are aware that pupils may not have approached these 'mock' examination, with the appropriate self-motivation and determination, and so will use the results of these to inform our forecasts.

It is clear that some pupils are struggling with the content and pace of the Separates, and as there is an increased entry from the private sector from IGCSE, the competition is even more fierce than in previous years. Pupils struggling to achieve a grade 6 or above are likely to find themselves falling towards a grade 4 in separates, and may be best served through achieving two higher grades in Combined.

Pupils struggling to achieve a level 4 in Combined Higher, would be recommended by the examination board to be entered for the Foundation Tier.

We will begin to have these conversations after the mock results have been published.

We have started the lunchtime sessions on Fridays, there are 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

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)

Bolton Lecture 2018

It was a pleasure to take a large group of sixth formers to the Bolton Lecture at Leeds University this year. Dr Paul Clark from of the University of Cardiff talked about The Formation of Stars, using computer modelling and imagery and then fielded a large number of questions. An absolutely fascinating lecture that would make me want to return to University at this exciting time in human endeavour. Inspired by this and our connections with the Institute of Research in Schools, I am looking to set up a Space Academy after Christmas with a view to investigating aspects of space exploration and observation. The aim is to develop a team of interested Space Scientists across Y8, Y9, Y10 and Y12, by application, involving external experts and Universities. I'll look to launch the idea either before or after Christmas.

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
WEDS	ALL YEARS BOYS AND GIRLS RUNNING CLUB ALL YEARS TABLE TENNIS ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	OFF SITE GYM FITNESS SUITE	MR PASS & MISS HUEGETT MR MILLS	YEAR 9 & 10 GIRLS NETBALL ALL YEARS GIRLS FOOTBALL YEAR 7 & 8 BOYS RUGBY YEAR 9 & 10 BOYS RUGBY YEAR 11 & 6 TH BOYS RUGBY ALL YEARS TABLE TENNIS ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	SPORTS HALL ASTROTURF FIELD FIELD FIELD GYM FITNESS SUITE	MISS TELFER MISS HUEGETT MR HOWGATE MR PASS MR NIGHTINGALE MR MILLS MR TANNER-SMITH
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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

