

St John Fisher Catholic High School



Newsletter 9 18 January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to you all!

It feels a long time since the last newsletter in December as so much has happened since then, including breaking my collar bone during our staff training day. I am happy to report that despite this the day was an amazing success in supporting staff wellbeing through a range of activities. As a school we take the mental wellbeing of all of our community members seriously and you should now have received a copy of our first wellbeing newsletter. Please take a moment to read all of the work that is taking place to support our student's wellbeing. If you have any suggestions on how we could improve our programme or wish to support the school by getting involved in this initiative, please contact either Mr Stansfield or Mrs Crichton.

Our school teams continue to do well with many into the last 16 of national competitions. We are currently reviewing our access arrangements to the school site so that parents and carers can come and support their children as they make the school proud through their performances. More details will follow in the next week.

We have already had our first parents' evening of the year this week. Our year 7 parents have been incredibly positive in their comments about how well their children have settled into the school and the progress that they have made. I thank you in advance for coming to these evenings to discuss your children's progress and how we can work together to ensure they reach their full potential.

Our year 11 students are now in their last 65 days of teaching before their final exams start. Each department now has a plan in place for additional revision and support sessions, both during lunchtime and after school. I would ask parents to actively encourage their child to attend as many of these sessions as possible. The additional practice can only benefit outcomes in August.

I look forward to meeting you all during the upcoming parents' evenings and hearing of your children's successes over this year so far.

"Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30

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

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

Wellbeing Award at School (WAS)

A new Wellbeing Parent Focus Newsletter is being launched today containing all the relevant updates on how we are progressing with the award and improving emotional wellbeing and mental health in our school community. This has been sent as a separate attachment.

Logo Competition

We had a fantastic response for this competition especially from 8B and the Wellbeing Change Team had a difficult task choosing first prize. However, the winning logo was designed by Molly Ryan-Sands (8H) which will appear on all of our information from now on, see separate Wellbeing Newsletter.

Molly explained her reasons for the design "I feel that some people at school are like my family and we all need to feel part of the Fisher's Family when we are at school. I chose the backwards E to show that it is ok to be different"



1st prize – Molly Ryan-Sands – 8H

2nd prize – Jasmine Sibley – 8B

3rd prize – Ben Hargreaves – 8B

Thank you to all who participated in this competition, it was great to have such a positive response.
The Wellbeing Change Team

Staff Training Day

The day was a huge success which launched a pioneering initiative to explore more innovative ways of supporting teachers and staff through any of their day-to-day stresses and challenges. Click on the link below for the full Harrogate Advertiser article:

<https://www.harrogateadvertiser.co.uk/news/teacher-training-day-with-a-difference-why-a-harrogate-school-is-ripping-up-the-rules-1-9524715>

Exam Invigilator Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for Exam Invigilators, click on the link below for full details and an application form. Closing date 9am, Thursday 31 January. If you have any queries, please email exams@sjfchs.org.uk.

<https://sjfchs.org.uk/vacancy/exam-invigilator-vacancies/>

Unwanted Christmas Gifts

If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts, please bring them to Reception or the Goldfish Bowl for donation to the PTA.



Lost Property

Lost property is stored at the school's main reception. This is available for collection at break (11:10 to 11:30am), Monday to Friday.

Please ensure all uniform is clearly named; any named items that are handed into reception will be returned to students. Please can you also check that all of your child's uniform including their PE kit has their name on it and not someone else's. Any named items not belonging to your child can be brought to reception and these will be returned to the rightful owner.

'Save The Date' - Quiz Night - Friday 22nd March

Doors/bar opens at 7pm

Parents, teachers, 6th formers all welcome!

Prizes, Snacks and Bar

£5 per person.

Times Table Rock Stars for KS3 Students

Across Y7 and Y8 we are introducing Times Table Rock Stars, which some of you may already be familiar with.

Knowing and being able to quickly recall times-tables is an important part of maths which allows students to access their maths lessons with fewer barriers.

It is recommended that your child does a little bit of times tables practice every night. Short bursts of practice on a daily basis are more effective than spending hours once a week.

Every week students will have a set number of 'games' that they have to play. Students will be grouped in their forms and the results from their games will contribute to the form point system.

Students who struggle with their times-tables will be able to practise and learn their times-tables and those who are already confident will be able to compete to be the fastest in the school!

The progress of students will be monitored, and all students are required to complete the set work each week. I hope that you will encourage your child to use this programme!

How to access

Students can access this either on a computer/laptop at www.trockstars.com or alternatively they can download the Times Table Rock Stars app on a smart phone via the Play Store on Android or App Store on Apple. *(Students who are unable to access either of these at home will be able to do so on the computers in school in F1, F4 or the library at breaktime/lunchtime.)*

Students will need to search for "St John Fisher Catholic High School, Harrogate" and then input their username and password *(this is the same as their MyMaths password)*.

Once logged in students will be required to set up their profile and choose their rock star name.

From here they can begin to play their assigned games and keep track of their own progress through the My Account menu and even see where they are in the school league table.

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Mr C Mooney

KS3 Maths Co-ordinator

cmooney@sjfchs.org.uk



WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY?



Is Your Child a Keen Reader in Y9 or Y10?

Battle of the Books is a local competition for High Schools in the Harrogate District where students answer questions on books and reading in themed rounds. It is aimed at students in years 9 and 10 who would be too old to compete in the Kids Lit event. The competition element extends to the audience who are encouraged to answer spot questions between rounds and as will all the best quizzes tea and cake are provided! This year's competition will be held at Queen Mary's School near Thirsk on Wednesday 27 March from 4.30pm to 7pm and the school minibus and driver are already booked. Parents and supporters are also welcome to attend under their own steam! If this event interests your child, please ask them to come to the Library and talk to the Librarian Mrs. Pollard before the end of January. An initial meeting of interested quiz takers will take place on Monday 4 February, 1pm in the Library.

Harry Potter Week

This year Monday 4 to Friday 8 February is Harry Potter Week with a range of lunchtime activities and input to library lessons for years 7 and 8 also. Please encourage your own student Muggles to sign up for lunchtime and if you have any Hogwarts themed ephemera we could borrow for our displays please email the Librarian on npollard@sjfchs.org.uk, anything loaned will be carefully looked after.

Scholastic Book Club

This month's book club is online and the link to read the Teen catalogue leaflet is [:http://www6.scholastic.co.uk/3dissue/catalogues/Clubs/January2019/UKTeen/](http://www6.scholastic.co.uk/3dissue/catalogues/Clubs/January2019/UKTeen/) The Library benefits from any purchases made from this book club. There is a range of online leaflets for all ages besides the Teen link shown here, just search for another age group leaflet. Not ordered before? Follow these steps:

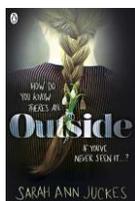
1. Visit www.clubs-school.scholastic.co.uk/st-john-fisher-rc-hg2 & register.
2. Select the books that you'd like to order and add them to your basket.
3. Checkout and choose the 'school delivery' option for FREE DELIVERY.

Books are delivered to school and will be given to your child in registration. Thank you for your support.

Easter Charity Project

This year the Library is the hub of knitting crème egg bunnies in various colours, a change from the usual chicks. If you would like to be involved we need knitters, stitchers, stuffers and donations of crème eggs! A pattern will be available to send out by email or hard copy. If you are interested in getting involved please email the Librarian on npollard@sjfchs.org.uk. Last year we supported the Young Minds mental health charity and before that we supported Macmillan cancer care.

Monday Book Club



The new read is the very freshly published 'Outside' by Sarah Ann Jukes. "Ele has never been outside. She has never seen a tree or the rain. Her whole world is inside. But Ele is getting out. for good." Book club meets at 12:45 every Monday. Why not join us?

Accelerated Reading

So far this year **7F** has proved itself the top quizzing form and there were four lucky individual winners in our Christmas Draw. But it's early days. The next chocolate draw will be 21st February so get smart, get quizzing and get in with a chance as you collect your raffle tickets with completed quizzes.

Coming soon..... Harry Potter Week – 4 to 8 February, look out for the posters around school.



House Competitions

The winners of last term's House Competitions are detailed below. These consist of points for behaviour, attendance and house competitions. Last term there were in-house Drama, IT, Cross Country, Football and Tug of War events.

- 1st – St Hilda with 2,140 points
- 2nd – St Aelred with 1,790 points
- 3rd – St Wilfred with 1,740 points

Congratulations to all of the students in Hilda house. Forthcoming competition to include Netball, Rugby, Dodgeball as well as other subjects, more details to follow.

For a full round up of each year's points, click on the link below:

<https://sjfchs.org.uk/students/house-competitions/>

Sports Results

Y10 Boys Football

On Thursday 10 January, the Y10 Boys' Football B team were knocked out in the last 16 of the English Schools' Football competition against Boston Grammar School.

The boys have been brilliant all season and it was an amazing achievement to get to the last 16 in the country! Congratulations to them on a fantastic cup run.

Team

Marvin Udenze , Alvin Udenze , Kieran May, Toby Lynn, Matt Featherstone, Pedro Lewis, Harrison Buck, Jack Murphy, Herbie Asbury, Charlie Sutton, JP Maxwell, Kai Scatchard, Luke Furlong, Luca Goldthorpe, George Storey, Jake McSorley

6th Form Boys Football

Congratulations to the 6th Form Boys Football Team on beating Egglecliffe 5-0 and they are now into the last 16 of the National Cup.

Girls Football

Congratulations to the St John Fisher Year 9 and 10 Girls' Football team who were crowned Harrogate and District 5-a-side Champions for 2018-19. They join the Year 7 and Year 8's who were also crowned Area Champions as they both finished first in their respective competitions.

This is a fantastic achievement for St John Fisher to once again have the accolade of being Area Champions across Year 7,8,9 and 10 with the Year 11 and 6th form tournament still to come.

Well done girls, an incredible achievement!

Year 9 & 10 Champions: Chloe Peters, Tara O'Neill, Ciara Streatfield, Josie Bridson, Robyn McKendrick, Natasha Abbott, Therese Tolan, Grace Della Rovere.



Sports Fixtures

Saturday 19 January

Mr Mills – U13 Girls Table Tennis NE Finals @ Kirkby Stephen

Sunday 20 January

Mr Mills – U16 Boys Table Tennis NE Finals @ Kirkby Stephen

Monday 21 January

Mrs Crichton – Y8 A/B Netball v Ripon Grammar School @ SJF, 16:00-17:00



Wednesday 23 January

Mr Pass – Y7 Boys Football v King James School @ King James, 13:30-16:30

Mr Nightingale – U18 Rugby Yorkshire Cup Semi-Final v Ripon Grammar School, 14:30 KO

Mr Heaton - 6th Form Boys Football v Lady Lumleys @ SJF, 12:30-14:30

Monday 28 January

Miss Huegett – U18 Girls 5-a-side Football Competition @ Rossett, 16:00-18:00

Tuesday 29 January

Mr Bulcock – KS3 & 4 Badminton Competition @ York RI, 09:00-15:30

Thursday 31 January

Miss Huegett – Y7 Girls Indoor 5-a-side Football Competition

PE Extra Curricular Timetable

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



News from the Science Desk – January 2019

There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.

– General Colin Powell

Year 7

Welcome back after your, hopefully, restorative break over Christmas and welcome to your second term here at St John Fisher Catholic High School. Depending on the split between teachers you will have either completed, or about to complete two end of topic assessments, with a further two this term. Each unit also contains the opportunity for formative assessment which helps you develop your scientific skills. We look forward to seeing parents at either of the two parents' evenings this month, where we can discuss how your son/daughter are adapting in Science. Once we have all settled back in to routine we will be looking forward keen Y7s to join our Science club.

Year 8

Welcome back after your, hopefully, restorative break over Christmas and welcome to your second term in Y8 here at St John Fisher Catholic High School. Depending on the split between teachers you will have either completed, or about to complete two/three end of topic assessments, with a further two/three this term. I am looking to set up our 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.

Additional Support and homework for Year 7 and 8

We endeavour to set one piece of homework per week in Science at key stage 3, this may depend on the subject content and split of Science lessons between teachers and may take a variety of forms. If parents or pupils would like additional or supplementary homework we would suggest using the following texts.

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

Welcome back after your, hopefully, restorative break over Christmas and welcome to your second term here at St John Fisher Catholic High School. Depending on the split between teachers you will have either completed, or about to complete two end of topic assessments, with a further two this term. I am looking to set up our 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. At the end of the summer term all Y9 will have an end of year test, together with all of the end of unit tests, this will allow us to merge the two halves of the year in to starting sets in Y10. We deliberately expose all pupils to all appropriate material in order that pupils can initially be set in Y10 regardless of their setting in Y9.

Year 10

Welcome back after your, hopefully, restorative break over Christmas and welcome to your second term here at St John Fisher Catholic High School. Depending on the split between teachers you will have either completed, or about to complete two end of topic assessments, with a further two this term. I am looking to set up our 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.

All Y10 sat a mock paper at the end of the first week, where there is clear evidence, we will use this to inform a small number of set amendments



Year 11

We are aware that pupils may not have approached their 'mock' examination, with the appropriate self-motivation and determination, though we have used them to help identify those who we feel could benefit from further revision sessions. We sent out letters via email and in hard copy via the pupils where we feel the need is particularly acute. Letters also included advice regarding tier of entry from the examination board if performance/approach or attitude is likely to be the same for the summer examinations.

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.

Sessions are available on lunchtime Friday, there are a large number of staff who are willing to give up their time to support pupils and we have divided lunch up to an A and B, so that pupils can do visit more than one subject. Each subject Biology, Chemistry and Physics is available at the appropriate level.

All pupils are welcome, though we are happy to prioritise those who have most need. We are offering after school sessions, led by members of our sixth form, those who attended these last year, showed a marked improvement in performance, and enjoyed the tutorial style of these sessions.

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 look forward to meeting parents on the parents' evening at the end of the month.

We 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)

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

Yours with warm regards from the Science team.

rtanner-smith@sjfchs.org.uk

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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