

# St John Fisher Catholic High School



## Newsletter 10 1 February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Another exciting two weeks at St John Fisher have passed and I am happy to report again of the significant success that our teams have had in national competitions. Many teams are now in the last eight of these competitions and are representing our school superbly around the country. My thanks to the staff who continue to give up their own time to coach and travel with our students so that they can have these experiences.

Over 70 students took part in the evening concert held at Starbeck Methodist Church. This was a celebration and showcase for some of our talented students and was positively commented on by all who were able to share the evening with our staff and students.

We have today supported the Wear Red Day to raise money for the Leeds Heart Surgery Unit. Staff and students have donated hundreds of pounds to support this essential service. We will be following up today's event with visits in assemblies of staff from the unit. I would also invite you to watch the following YouTube videos that give a brief insight into the way in which our donations will be used:

Margaux's Story - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5LNLZsCx-0>

Danny's Story - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tNgz0p5xfU>

If you would also like to make a donation, please get in touch with our finance office.

Over the last two weeks we have also had parents' evenings for both year 7 and year 11. These have been incredibly well attended and I hope that parents have been able to get all the information that they have wanted to be able to work closely with us to best support their children's progress. If you still wish further information or have a concern please, in the first instance, contact their Head of Year who will usually be able to answer any concerns you may have. I firmly believe that by working together we can improve the service we offer at St John Fisher.

Due to the changes in the weather I would urge you to keep an eye on our social media for details of any changes to the normal daily routines. Please be safe during this winter period and remember those within our communities who are most vulnerable at this time of year.

*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."*

*Matthew 5:16*

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://sifchs.org.uk/>

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

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

[office@sifchs.org.uk](mailto: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)

Read the follow up article on the Harrogate Advertiser website on our Wellbeing Assemblies.

<https://www.harrogateadvertiser.co.uk/news/harrogate-school-s-pioneering-approach-to-mental-health-and-wellbeing-1-9549139>

### Time to Talk Week 4th - 8th February

As next week is Children's Mental Health Week and Time to Talk Day there will be a focus on encouraging our school community to talk about mental health in order to normalise it and raise awareness of mental health issues.

Not only will this be the theme of the Hall assemblies this week but we will be having a Time to Talk Cafe in the Main Hall every break for students to drop in for a chat as well as some juice and biscuits. The café is being run by some of our Health and Wellbeing Ambassadors as well as some representatives from Samaritans and the Healthy Child Team who will also be on hand to chat about what they do.

### St Aidan's & SJF Associated Sixth Form Information Evening – Thursday 21 February

Prospective Year 12 students and parents are invited to attend this evening. For newcomers to SJF, there will be a presentation at 17:30 in the Main Hall at SJF followed by a short walk to Constance Green Hall at St Aidan's where there will be a chance to talk more about your options with subject heads. There will then be a presentation at 19:30.

### Lost Property

We have a large amount of coats in our lost property store; please could you check that your child has their coat and if not to come to Reception at break time to check if it has been handed in. Any named items are returned to the owner.

### General Teaching Assistant Vacancies

We now have vacancies for GTA's, 27 hours/week term time only, please see our website for full details:

<https://sifchs.org.uk/vacancy/general-teaching-assistants/>

### New 2 You

Now we're into the muddy season, don't forget to buy a reserve PE kit from our New 2 You supply of second hand uniform, in good condition available for parents to purchase at a reasonable cost with cash from the Goldfish Bowl.

We are very short of boys' PE tops and shorts and girls' kilts. If you have any of these items to donate to the school, please bring them to Reception.



### Price List

Socks - £1

Skort - £5

Shorts - £5

Hoodies - £8

Rugby Shirt - £5

Shirts – £2

Polo Shirt - £5

PE Tops - £5

Kilts - £8

Blazers - £10

Trousers - £5

Ties (new) - £4

### Library News

#### Harry Potter Week is Here!

The Library is on a Harry Potter theme for the first week of February, please join us at lunchtime for the various sessions planned: Monday is the Giant Book Club and play reading, Tuesday is Competitions day, Wednesday is the Big HP Quiz, Thursday features crafting your own HP character from felt and pegs and Friday is HP Cluedo. Students with hot dinners may ask you for an early lunch pass. The fiction area will be restricted to 25 students only All students and staff attending will be sorted into Hogwarts houses for the week and house points allocated appropriately. Don't let Slytherin win again this year!

#### What's new in Hodder Reviews

A bumper pile of Hodder Reviews has arrived this week with new editions of the following:

Sociology, Economic, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Physics, English, Geography, Politics, Business and Modern History.

Don't forget to point your children towards these excellent resources which come with online back up too.

#### !! A Spectacular Wear Red Day!! – Friday 1 February

Wearing red for children in the Heart Surgery Unit at Leeds. Thank you for your generosity of over £1,900 so far - if you haven't made your contribution yet PLEASE do so via Parentpay or your child's Form Tutor.



# St John Fisher PTA



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

Parents, Teachers, Pupils over 16 years old  
Teams of 2-8

Doors and bar open 7pm

6th Form Dining Room  
£5 per person  
Bar and Snacks

**\*\*Prizes for winning Team\*\***

Payment on the door, however please confirm attendance to

Julie Washbrook 07970974052 [Julie.washbrook@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.washbrook@gmail.com) or  
Emor Miller 07796987118 [emormiller@gmail.com](mailto:emormiller@gmail.com)



## Sports Results

### Table Tennis Update - North East of England Zone Finals on 19 and 20 January.

Congratulations to the teams on reaching one of the Northern Finals after a great weekend of table tennis. As North Yorkshire Champions, they met County Champions from Cleveland, Cumbria, Humberside, Tyne and Wear, Durham and Northumberland.

#### U13 Girls Team



Consisting of Holly Shepherd, Ursula Holland, Eleanor Cooper and Martha Shackleton played the Humberside Champions, St Mary's School, Hull and won 5-3. Holly and Ursula winning both their matches and Eleanor one. They met Acklam Grange School from Middlesbrough, the Cleveland Champions in the final and against a strong 4 girl team Fishers were defeated by 2-6, with Holly playing really well to win both of her matches.

Both winners and runners up go through into the 2 Northern Finals at Grantham on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

#### U16 Boys Team

Consisting of Sammy Kelly, Theo Kelly, Aman Joshua and Tom Barlow were in Group A with Nunthorpe Academy, Cleveland and St Bernards School Barrow, Cumbria, thus avoiding the very strong St Mary's School who were in Group B.

Fishers defeated Nunthorpe 7-1 with Sammy, Theo and Tom winning both their matches in 3 straight games, and Aman getting the other point. St Bernards were beaten 8-0 with Sammy, Theo and Tom winning in straight games again and Fishers topped their group avoiding St Mary's in the semi-finals.

Fishers met Windermere School and another convincing 7-1 win saw them through to the final, Sammy and Theo again not conceding a game. Aman had his best win after losing the opening one.

So the final everyone wanted against St Mary's, all England champions last year with 2 boys in the top 25 in the country, were too strong in an 8-0 win. Sammy took the No 2 to 4 games, and Theo went down 14-16 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> game against the No 1 player.

So the team will go to Grantham as runners up.

#### U19 Boys Team

With only 2 county teams wanting to play in the U19's there was no need to go to Kirkby Stephen, as both teams had qualified for the next stage.

St Mary's, again a very strong team were allowed to go to Blackburn as their U13 and U16 boys team were going anyway and Fishers team of George Asbury, Ben Collins, Matthew Lynch and Gabriel Mead will join the U13 girls and U16 boys at Grantham.

There are now only 16 schools left in the competition for the whole of England, 2 groups of 4 in the north and 2 in the south. So this is the furthest Fishers have been, as only 2 teams separately have reached this far.

It will be very hard to get through the next round as they will be against 2 winners and 1 other runner up from the Zone Finals and only the 4 winning schools will make the All England Final.

#### Girls Football Round-Up



## Year 7

Crowned Area Champions and went through to represent Harrogate and District in the English Schools' North Yorkshire Finals where they won the tournament and were also crowned North Yorkshire 5-a-side football Champions!

They will now represent North Yorkshire in the Regional Finals at Durham Soccerarena on Wednesday 6th February.

## Year 8 (U13)

Crowned Harrogate and District 5-a-side Football Champions. Unfortunately, there isn't a North Yorkshire tournament, so the girls will have to settle for being the best in the Area.

## Year 8 and 9 (U14)

Defeated St Mary's Catholic College to go through to the Quarter-Final of the National Cup where they will play Sprowston Academy on 8th February in Norwich, for a place in the last 4 in the country.

The U14's are also through to the regional Futsal finals that will take place on 21 Feb.

## Year 9 and 10 (U15)

Crowned Harrogate and District 5-a-side Football Champions. Unfortunately, there isn't a North Yorkshire tournament, so the girls will also have to settle for being the best in the Area.

## Year 10 and 11 (U16)

The U16's are also through to the regional Futsal finals that will take place on 22 Feb.

## Year 11 and 6th Form (U18)

The U18 Girls' Football team are through to the Quarter-Final of the National Cup where they will face Dronfield Henry Fanshawe on Tuesday 5th February for a place in the last 4 in the country.

## U14 Girls Football

The U14 Girls' Football team are through to the Quarter-Final of the English Schools' National Cup after a hard fought victory against St Mary's Catholic College, Hull.

St John Fisher dominated the first half and created numerous chances but failed to convert. Therese Tolan, Ciara Streatfield and Hattie Robson had chances early on. Followed by Ruby Watts who hit the bar five minutes before half time. Rebecca Hugill's shot was blocked on the line and then Hattie Robson's volley caused a goal mouth scramble but the ball failed to bulge the back of St Mary's net.

Completely against the run of play, St Mary's took the lead when a wind assisted long throw caught out the St John Fisher defence. Claudia Sandford initially made a spectacular point blank save but unfortunately St Mary's slid in to grab the rebound and go 1-0 up.

SJF were slightly disheartened as they had contained St Mary's comfortably and kept them to long range shots but they were not to be deterred. Joint player of the match, Milly Fieldhouse, rallied the team with her tenacious battling and lung busting runs which set the tone for the rest of the team. This led to the superb Robyn McKendrick weaving superbly past two midfielders to slot a perfectly weighted ball through to Hattie Robson who clinically dispatched the ball past the on-rushing goalkeeper.



Ten minutes into the second half, SJF were denied a clear penalty for a handball, but thankfully justice was served when Therese Tolan's quick thinking latched onto the deflected ball and allowed Rebecca Hugill to tap in from the back post to put St John Fisher into the lead.

The final fifteen minutes of the game saw St Mary's increase the pressure and cause SJF a couple of scares. Several high balls caused havoc due to the high winds and boggy pitch which enabled Claudia Sanford to show her quality with a couple of sublime saves.



Despite Claudia's instinctive saves, St Mary's levelled the game after capitalising on a mistake with only five minutes to play.

The final whistle came, followed by extra time and nothing could separate the two sides. The dreaded penalties were called for. Ruby Watts, Robyn McKendrick, Frankie Moss and Hattie Robson all converted to bring the score to 4-4 on penalties. St Mary's fourth penalty was saved by Claudia the Cat, so the pressure was on SJF to score to win. It wasn't to be as it hit the post. A sudden death penalty was then saved by both keepers, keeping the score to 4-4. Claudia then pulled off another magnificent save and the game was in the hands of Ciara Streatfield. Ciara stepped up and showed her composure as she slotted the ball past the goal keeper to see St John Fisher go into the National Cup Quarter-Finals as one of the best 8 schools in England!

Penalties is a cruel way to decide any match. A huge credit must go to both schools who gave absolutely everything in really tough conditions. They played in a fantastic manner and put on a brilliant competitive display... albeit extremely nerve wracking!!

SJF will now face Sprowston Community Academy, Norwich - in Norwich. Sprowston will be another huge test for St John Fisher as they have comfortably stormed through the competition so far producing emphatic score lines.

We would like to wish our U14 girls good luck in the next round. No matter what happens, they are a credit to SJF and to reach the last 8 in the country is another fantastic achievement and we are extremely proud of them.

Players of the match: Claudia Sandford and Milly Fieldhouse.

#### **Squad:**

Claudia Sandford, Ciara Streatfield, Natasha Abbott, Frankie Moss, Ursula Holland, Milly Fieldhouse, Robyn McKendrick, Therese Tolan (C), Ruby Watts, Rebecca Hugill, Hattie Robson, Olivia Longley, Grace Della Rovere, Issy Parkin, Natasha Cree, Katie Scobbie, Olivia Delaney, Mya Shields

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Form Boys Football**

Congratulations and well done to the 6th Form boys' football team on their 2-0 victory against Boston Grammar yesterday. It was a good all round team performance with Rob White and Mason Sheridan-Hawley scoring. They are now through to the quarter finals of the National Cup.

#### **National School Badminton Championships**

SJF entered 4 teams into the National School Badminton Championships of which the county round was held in York on Tuesday 29th January. Our 4 teams comprised of KS4 boys Joshua Collins, Samuth De Silva, Albert Stott, Oliver Brackenbury, KS4 girls Francesca Devine, Hannah Deacon, Chloe Peters, Beth Whiley, KS3 boys Daniel Bulcock, Maciej Cwiklinski, Joshua Mackinnon, Malachy Stockdale and KS3 girls Tracey Xie, Ursula Holland, Holy Shepherd and Eleanor Cooper.

All 4 teams played incredibly well against high quality opposition and for many of our players it was their first appearance at a badminton tournament. They were all super ambassadors for the school, with their efforts, enthusiasm and sportsmanship.



The KS3 teams stole the show on this occasion, with the girls picking up a silver medal and the boys a gold. The KS3 boy will now progress on to the 'Yorkshire' round at the end of March and we will keep you updated with their progress."



## **Sports Fixtures**

### **Monday 4 February**

Mr Pass - Y7A & B Boys Football v St Aidan's @ SJF, 16:00-17:30

### **Tuesday 5 February**

Mr Pass – Y10 Rugby Festival @ Rossett, 15:15-16:30

Mr Nightingale – Y9 Boys Football v Thirsk @ Thirsk, 14:30-17:00

Miss Telfer – Y9/Y10 Netball v King James @ King James, 15:30-17:30

Miss Huegett – U18 Girls Football ¼ Final National Cup v Dronfield Henry Fanshaw, away

### **Wednesday 6 February**

Mr Heaton – 6<sup>th</sup> Form Boys Football v Botham @ Botham, 12:30-16:30

Miss Telfer – Y9/Y10 Netball v St Aidan's @ SJF, 15:35-17:00

Miss Huegett – Y7 Girls 5-a-side Football Competition @ Durham Power League

### **Thursday 7 February**

Miss Huegett – U14 Girls Football ¼ Final National Cup v Sprowston Academy, Norwich, 11:30 to 7pm Friday 8 Feb

### **Sunday 10 February**

Mr Mills – Table Tennis Northern Finals (U13 Girls, U16 & U19 Boys) @ Grantham

### **Monday 11 February**

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

### **Wednesday 13 February**

Mr Mills – North Yorkshire Schools Table Tennis Competition @ SJF, 09:00-12:30

### **PE Extra Curricular Timetable**

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



## News from the Science Desk – February 2019

**‘It’s time to start taking the search for E.T. seriously, astronomers say. A group from the American Astronomical Society is writing a series of papers arguing that scientists should be searching the universe for “technosignatures” — any sign of alien technology, from radio signals to waste heat.’**

<https://www.sciencenews.org/>

### Year 7

Hopefully you were able to meet your son/daughter’s Science teachers at either of the two parents’ evenings last month. I can now confirm that we have replenished our stocks of the revision guides and workbooks. If you have ordered these on ParentPay and these have not been collected, pupils can collect these from the Science prep room, upon presentation of the receipt. Once we have all settled back in to routine we will be looking forward to see Y7s to join our Science club w/c 11<sup>th</sup> February.

### Year 8

The Space Academy will have its first meeting w/c 4<sup>th</sup> February, 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 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. Available on ParentPay.

There are other resources that can be used such as BBC Bitesize, Cyberphysics, but please do ensure that it is pitched at the appropriate level, or check with the Science teacher.

### Year 9

The Space Academy will have its first meeting w/c 4<sup>th</sup> February, 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

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 and email parents accordingly.

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## Year 11

I hope that you were able to meet with the Science Teachers at the recent parent's evening. It was clear from many of the conversations that we had, that year 11 are beginning to realise the proximity of the examination period.

In some cases, the volume of content across all subjects is making it difficult for pupils to know where and how to start the revision process. We would recommend building a revision timetable, there are some websites that make this easier. Look to do around 2 hours an evening, though we are mindful that some pupils are giving up lunches and also attending after school sessions. Weekends should be considered as flexi-time, and social time needs to occupy the back seat until the end of the examination period.

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.

We will complete the content for all classes within the next half term, and then expose pupils to the specimen papers and 2018 papers so that they can begin to put it all together and continue to work on examination technique, and picking apart questions.

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 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](http://mygcse.co.uk) and [getrevising.co.uk](http://getrevising.co.uk)

### Events and Clubs

KS3 Science Club (Y7)

Space Academy (Y8,9,10 & 12)

Y11 Intervention sessions

### 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.

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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
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 <sup>TH</sup> 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

