

# St John Fisher Catholic High School



## Newsletter 12 8 March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a hectic first week back after the half term holiday that saw a group of students spending some time in Germany as part of the GCSE history course. They visited many thought provoking sites in Nuremburg, Berlin and Munich. They had a great time and were an asset to parents, themselves and the school.

The Year 9 group that visited Rome were able to immerse themselves in this historic city and experienced Mass at the English College and discovered how priests are trained in Rome before returning to serve in English parishes. They also visited the Vatican Museum, listened to the Pope's address in St Peter's square and visited a number of historic landmarks.

My thanks to the staff who spent their well deserved holiday time sharing these experiences with our students.

We have had a set of mock exams for Year 11 this week. The students have started to realise how close their examinations are. These exams will help us to clearly focus on the areas where students need additional support to enable them to do their very best. Please encourage your Year 11 students to attend as many revision sessions as possible. Year 10 should now be starting to revise for their first formal exams that will be taking place in April.

We have had a review of our Pupil Premium strategy this week. The specialist that came in commented on the excellent attitude to learning that the students she spoke with had. If your child was involved in any of the meetings that took place, please congratulate them on how they presented themselves and the work that is done to support them in school.

As part of our review of our Equality and Diversity Policy, we have had a team visit us from North Yorkshire County Council. This was followed up by a session on equality, diversity and inclusion for parents after school by Mr Junier Browne. I would like to formally thank Mr Browne for his time in sharing his experiences with the group of parents who attended and the positive discussion that took place on how we can ensure that as a school we are informing our students of the barriers that exist within society and how we can address them.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening took place on the 21<sup>st</sup> February. This well attended event was a great success and we had very positive feedback. As always the choir, band and presentations by current students showed what outstanding opportunities they have in all aspects of the educational provision within the Associated Sixth Form.

A quick reminder that we have our Year 8 Options Evening coming up on the 13<sup>th</sup> March for all Year 8 parents.

May peace be with you and your family during this Lenten period.

*"Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord."*  
Hebrews 12:14

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)

### Y10 Mock GCSE Timetable

These are now available on the website.

<https://sifchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Y10-MOCK-GCSE-EXAM-TIMETABLE-2019-FOR-STUDENTS.pdf>

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>

### Year 8 Girls HPV Vaccinations

A reminder that these immunisations will take place on **Tuesday 12 March**. Please complete the consent form by clicking on the link below:

[www.hdft.nhs.uk/immsconsent](http://www.hdft.nhs.uk/immsconsent)

### Stationery Items for Sale

We sell the following stationery in the Gold Fish Bowl if your child needs to replenish items:

Geometry Set - £2.00

Assorted Highlighter Pens (4 pk) - £1.00

Metal Pencil Sharpeners – 20p

Pens (All Types) – 20p

Erasers – 20p

Rulers – 20p

Pencils – 20p

Coloured Pencils (12 pk) - £1.70

Pencil Case – 80p

### PE Shorts/Skorts

If you have any unwanted PE shorts/skorts to donate to the PE department as spares, please bring these to reception.

### Y8 Options Information – Wednesday 13 March

Year 8 students will be having an Options Talk in Period 1 and then there will be an Options Forum in Periods 4 and 5 followed by an **Options Information Evening** for all parents/carers of Y8 students in the Main Hall 18:00-19:30.

### Y11 Year Photograph – Friday 15 March

This will take place next week at 08:50 during registration. All students must be in full uniform.

### Training Day – Wednesday 20 March

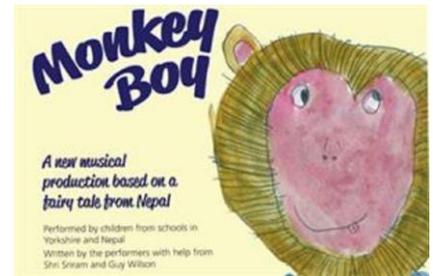
The next staff Training Day is Wednesday 20 March and students are not required to attend school.



### Monkey Boy – Kids Aloud 2019 – 29 & 30 March

An exciting opportunity to come and see the SJF Band and Choir perform with other children from North Yorkshire and Nepal in a new musical based on a fairy tale from Nepal on 29 and 30 March at the Royal Hall, 7pm start. Tickets available from

<https://www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk/whats-on/Monkey-Boy-Kids-Aloud-2019>



### The Fisher Singers – Stabat Mater – Saturday 6 April

The Fisher Singers are performing Stabat Mater. Come to this wonderful evening, 7.30pm at St Peter's Church. Tickets available from P & C Music, Devonshire Place, Harrogate (01423 504035), see link below for full details.

<https://sifchs.org.uk/fisher-singers-stabat-mater-requiem-saturday-6-april/>

### Music Success

Well done to Tracey Xie a Year 9 student who attended the Harrogate Competitive Music Festival last weekend. She won the Mozart Trophy in the sonata class piano competition. What a fantastic achievement!

### Junior Musicians Residential 2019

The Music Department is delighted to report on a fantastic Junior Residential that took place from 15 and 17 February in and around York.



Fifty one musicians from Year 7 and 8 travelled to the Racecourse Centre in York on Friday afternoon, spending time rehearsing, visiting the bowling alley at Clifton Moor, York's Chocolate Story Museum and rounded off the weekend with an excellent concert on Sunday afternoon. Students also took part in mass on Saturday evening with Father David and Father Jim, performing John Rutter's 'The Lord Bless You and Keep You' beautifully.

The concert, attended by around 150 parents and other family members at Manor Academy was a huge success and saw students performing as part of Junior Band, Junior Choir, Guitar Group and a massed choir of all students. Eight students also performed solos and blew the audience away with their musicianship.

The students were a credit to St John Fisher and worked extremely hard all weekend. Roll on February 2020!  
Mr Ratcliffe, Mrs Gaertner and Mr Beetles

### Year 8 'Big Questions' Discussion Group

This year we have been thinking about new ways to stretch and challenge our students and to encourage them to think about bigger questions. Before half term we held our first Big Questions discussion group for Year 8 and we were delighted with the response. Twenty one students came together after school to discuss the question 'Can war ever be a good thing?', ably led by three of our Year 12 Oxbridge group: Evan Ward, Finn McFadden and Matt Ball. Our next topic is 'What constitutes art/beauty?' and will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> March. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 12 March, 3.45pm to 5pm when we will be discovering what constitutes art.



## Latin Club



We are delighted to welcome Dr Maria Haley of the Classics Department, Leeds University who is teaching an after school Latin class of Year 9 and 10 students. The students can opt to pursue the OCR Entry Level Certificate which is made up of two components: Latin language and Roman culture. This is a great opportunity for those who have an interest in languages (including English), in Maths and Coding and those who wish to learn more about the ancient world.

## William Hussey Author Visit

A highlight of Literacy Week 2019 was the visit of teen horror writer William Hussey whose books include 'Haunted', 'Jekyll's Mirror' and the 'Witchfinder' series. William's family owned a travelling fair in the past and he grew up with folk lore and ghost stories. The book 'Jekyll's Mirror' has an underlying theme of cyber bullying and its effects as well as the classic Jekyll and Hyde characters. Workshops were run for selected students in three year groups concentrating on creating believable characters and plot.



There was group presentation to Year 7 students which involved a dramatic reading in the semi dark from the book 'Haunted' and the recreation of a 17<sup>th</sup> century witch trial with three willing volunteers Leon, Lila and Sydelle. William also led a popular lunchtime session in the Library for all students.



# 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)



## Boys Rugby Training - All Year Groups

This re-commences after school on Wednesday 13 March, 15.35 to 17.00

## Sports Results

### Table Tennis

Harrogate players did very well in the North Yorkshire Schools competition held on Wednesday 13 Feb.

U11 Boys - Ralph Walker (Pannal) was runner up to Louis Fell (Scarborough)

U13 Girls - Holly Shepherd (SJF) was runner up to Hallie Fitton (South Craven) and Ursula Holland (SJF) was 3<sup>rd</sup>

U13 Boys - Anish Johar (HGS) won the event, beating Oscar Murray (HGS) in the final. Michael Walker (SJF) was 3<sup>rd</sup>

U16 Girls - Vicky Hudson (SJF) won the event as there were no other entries

U16 Boys - Sammy Kelly (SJF) won the event, with Theo Kelly and Lewis Pocock the losing semi-finalists.

U19 Boys - George Asbury defeated Ben Collins (both SJF) to win the event—just 2 entries.



All the winners have the chance to play in the All England Finals in Wolverhampton on 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Hallie Fitton is unable to go and Holly Shepherd will take her place.

Max Mills

### Charity Cup Semi-Finals

Fishers B team of Ben Collins, Aman Joshua and Tom Barlow, joined Fishers D Team in the Charity Cup semi-finals with a comfortable win at Wetherby Methodists B.

The final score was a 21-6 win.

Having a few points start in all games except one, the team would still have won if they had not received a start.

All results with handicaps taken into consideration:

Ben Collins v No 1 - 30-18, 23-21, 53-39

Aman Joshua v No 2 - 21-19, 21-17, 42-36

Tom Barlow v No 3 - 23-20, 23-19, 46-39

Aman v No 1 - 25-20, 25-19, 50-39

So 12 points in front

Ben v No 3 - 11-21, 18-21, 29-42

Tom v No 2 - 21-16, 21-13, 42-29

15-3 lead with only 9 points left so Fishers could not be beaten

Aman v No 3 - 20-21, 22-12, 42-33

Tom v No 1 - 25-21, 20-21, 45-42

Ben v No 2 - 15-21, 25-17, 40-38

With Handicaps taken into consideration:

Aman ended with a +26 total

Tom ended with a +23 total

Ben ended with a + 3 total

The draw for the semi-finals has not taken place yet.

### U14 Girls' Football

Well done to the SJF Under 14 Girls' Football team who are into the Semi Final of the North Yorkshire Cup after a 10-0 win V Rossett.

A really strong display from everyone involved. A great attitude, work rate and desire which resulted in some good football being played and superb finishes.



Robyn McKendrick was on fire and named player of the match after some sublime finishes and a tremendous work rate, leading by example. Overall, a competitive display from both teams who never gave up and were a real credit to their school.

### **Sports Fixtures**

#### **Monday 11 March**

Mr Pass - Y7C Boys Football v St Aidan's @ SJF, 16:00-17:30

#### **Tuesday 12 March**

Mr Pass - Y9 Boys Rugby Festival @ Guiseley, 15:00-17:00

#### **Wednesday 13 March**

Miss Huegett - U15 Girls' 7-a-side Football @ Rossett, 16:00-18:00

#### **Thursday 14 March**

Miss Telfer - U15 A & B Netball Tournament @ Ashville, 15:00-17:30

Mr Heaton - 6th Form Boys Football v Scarborough @ SJF, 13:30-15:30

Mr Pass – Y11 Boys Rugby Festival @ SJF, 15:30-17:30

#### **Friday 15 March**

Miss Huegett – U14 Girls Football National Cup Semi Final v Thomas Telford @ Thomas Telford, 12noon KO

#### **Monday 18 March**

Miss Telfer – U12 A & B Netball Tournament @ Ashville, 15:00-17:30

#### **Wednesday 20 March**

Mr Nightingale – Round 2 RowLeeds Indoor Rowing Competition @ John Charles Centre of Sport, Leeds, 13:35-18:30

#### **Thursday 21 March**

Miss Telfer – U14B Netball Tournament @ Ashville, 15:00-17:30

### **PE Extra Curricular Timetable**

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



## News from the Science Desk – March 2019

### A cure for HIV?

This week two further people have experienced sustained remission from HIV-1 having gained HIV immune stem cells via transplant. "While it is too early to say with certainty that our patient is now cured of HIV, and doctors will continue to monitor his condition, the apparent success of haematopoietic stem cell transplantation offers hope in the search for a long-awaited cure for HIV/AIDS," said Professor Eduardo Olavarria (Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust and Imperial College London).

### Year 7

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. Science Club is meeting on Monday lunchtimes F15, week two for the left hand side of year, and week one for the right hand side of the year. We have an excellent core of 'Astro' students beginning their research in Space Academy on Wednesday lunchtime, all are invited if they have an interest in all things extra-terrestrial.

### Year 8

We have an excellent core of 'Astro' students beginning their research in Space Academy on Wednesday lunchtime, all are invited if they have an interest in all things extra-terrestrial. 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

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 pupils have been issued with a detailed revision list for their mock examinations in April. These will consist of 1hr examinations in each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The results of these will allow a further opportunity to review setting for the remainder of the GCSE, so we would highly encourage pupils to approach them with suitable self-motivation and determination. If not already obtained, I would recommend the appropriate revision guides as detailed below.



## Year 11

It is clear 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. Additional sessions are also offered after school, Monday to Thursday led by our sixth form. We have had over six hundred attendances at these, some pupils have been many times, some a few, and sadly some Y11 have not taken advantage of these at all. 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 this 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 advice accordingly.**

## Also try mygcse.co.uk and 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.

[rtanner-smith@sjfchs.org.uk](mailto:rtanner-smith@sjfchs.org.uk)

**Mr Tanner-Smith**

**Head of Science**

**Specialist Leader of Education**





# ST JOHN FISHER PE EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE 2018-19 (SEPT – APRIL)



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

