

St John Fisher Catholic High School



Newsletter 15 3 May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all had a restful Easter break and were able to celebrate the Resurrection of our Saviour with family and loved ones.

As we start back to school, this is an important term for our students in Years 11 and 13. Their final examinations start in a few days and they have been preparing hard with the help of other students and staff. I am so pleased to report that we had record breaking numbers of students in Year 11 attend revision sessions over the Easter holidays and I would like to thank the staff who gave up their time to support them. It is an opportunity for me to also thank many of our 6th Form students for their help in preparing our students in Year 11 through hundreds of hours of tuition sessions that they have also delivered. I know that those who have accessed this support will have additional confidence in the upcoming exams.

I recently received a letter from the Right Honourable Nick Gibb, Minister of State for School Standards, congratulating the staff and students of the school on the outstanding progress they achieve, stating that we are among the top 10% of schools nationally for the progress that students make from the end of primary school. He also recognised the number of students that we enter for the EBACC subjects, which puts us in the top 9% of schools nationally. The letter recognises the hard work that year on year takes place at St John Fisher Catholic High School and how we are able to prepare our children to contend in a competitive national market place. The letter in full is available to read at the school reception.

Another amazing story is that one of our teachers has been nominated for a Teacher of the Year Award. We recently had Stray FM visit school to video Mrs J Charlesworth in action after she was nominated for this prestigious award. Mrs Charlesworth has given and continues to give dedicated service and hard work to the school and we are all wishing her the best of luck in the upcoming awards evening on Wednesday 8 May.

Over the Easter break, many our staff and students took part in the annual European Sports' Tour and had an amazing experience. They were, as always, a credit to the school and their parents in terms of their behaviour and effort on and off the field.

We also took a key role in the recent production in Harrogate Theatre of Monkey Boy. This was a musical work based on the Nepali folk story 'Monkey Boy' and performed in Harrogate by schools in collaboration with the Indian-born composer Shri Sriram and Guy Wilson. The Rotary Club has a long history of working in Nepal and we are pleased and honoured to have been a part of the project.

Our concert band has been invited to perform at the National Festival of Music in Birmingham on 5 July. As a school, our success in The Performing Arts has been nationally recognised for many years and I am pleased to report that once again we see our talented students and staff on the national stage. I will report further on this after the event but wish them all every success.

In conclusion, I wish all our students every success in their forthcoming examinations and look forward to celebrating their results with them.

"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,"

John 11:25

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

GCSE Timetable

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>

Students Suffering with Hay fever

If your child suffers with hay fever, please provide antihistamines along with a medical consent form (which can be collected from the Pupil Welfare Office) as we do not supply this medication at school.

Masterclasses – 5 June to 4 July

The following Masterclasses are now full:

Musical Theatre

Fisher Arts

The SJF Science Crew

Mr Owen's Manufacturing Mastery

For details of the remaining classes available click on the link:

<https://sjfchs.org.uk/masterclasses-5-june-4-july/>

PE Extra Curricular Timetable

Please see below for the new summer PE Extra Curricular Timetable from April to July 2019.

School Concert Band for National Festival of Music for Youth

The music department is delighted to announce that following their performance at the Wakefield Regional Festival, the band have been invited to perform in the National Festival, to be held on 5th July in Symphony Hall, Birmingham. This is a tremendous achievement for the 40 students of the Concert Band and places the school in the very top state and private schools in the country for music making. Although the full schedule is yet to be released, it is expected that the band will travel to Birmingham in the morning and perform later that day. Mr Ratcliffe, Head of Music commented "The students took on the really challenging 'Peterloo Overture' by Malcolm Arnold at the regional heat and received some stunning feedback from the music mentors. I'm really pleased for all of the students and being invited is great recognition of all of their hard work'. The Concert Band will follow up their performance by leaving for a Concert Tour of Toronto and Barrie, Canada on the following Sunday, so a busy time all round!

Y11 Whole Year Group Photo

Please return your order slip to the Gold Fish Bowl by Tuesday 7 May at the latest. Orders received after this date will incur a £3 surcharge.

Gin and Ale Night – Friday 17 May

St Joseph's Primary School are holding a Gin and Ale Night at Kirk Deighton Village Hall starting at 7.30pm, £15/ticket. They are raising money for the ICT Suite at St Joseph's Primary School. Tickets can be purchased via the school online shop or emailing friendsofsj@outlook.com



Y12 Online Magazine Launch

We are excited to announce the launch of our online magazine! Year 12 students have been working hard creating a range of content. There are interviews from the Headteacher and our local MP Andrew Jones, an advice column Ask Auntie Joe, features around wellbeing, the importance of musical theatre and a vlog about the Lourdes trip and much much more. Please log in at www.fishers-net.com to check out their fantastic work and much much more!

Science Homework by 7A

7A really enjoyed using their creative skills and exploring their learning personal learning styles with a recent Science homework. When asked to tell the story of how sedimentary rock is formed, a variety of well planned and thoughtful pieces were crafted.

Joseph Richardson made a fantastic model which not only told the story but included the correct scientific words and their definitions. It ticked all the boxes!



Storyboards with a difference were produced using careful IT research in the case of Matthew Edwards and precision planning and execution by Madeline Jones. Both designed to draw the audience in.



A more literary approach was taken by wordsmiths Katie O'Hare and Alessia Talbot who chose to tell the story using poetry and rhythm. They used different styles and both were engaging and enjoyable to read.

Alessia Talbot's Poem

Isabel Jones-Gilpin took a long term approach with specific, clear and colourful revision cards. A great demonstration of independent learning.

All in all, an enjoyable homework to mark!
Mrs J Charlesworth

Yoga for Year 10 to 13

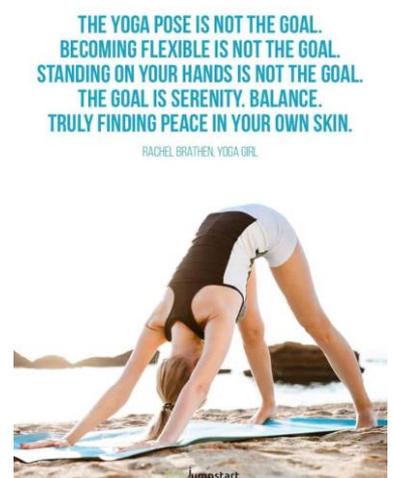
Tired, stressed out or want to try something new? Why not attend a free Yoga session at St John Fisher to learn some techniques and strategies to help you cope with everyday life or upcoming exams to benefit your wellbeing.

We have an amazing, highly qualified Yoga teacher, Amy Meehan, who comes in and delivers weekly sessions to our staff to help to help them reset their mind and body and improve their wellbeing. It has been a huge success and we would like to see our students benefit from this too.

If you are interested, please see Miss Huegett for more information.

You can check out Amy's Facebook page (below) as she also runs evening classes that may be of interest to both students or parents.

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



LIBRARY NEWS – MAY 2019



It's Book Award season in the Library as the Table Talk book group read their way through the annual shortlist of 8 books for the prestigious Carnegie Medal. If you have a bookworm at home do encourage them to join in on Mondays at lunchtime. You can also view our webpage at www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk, click on Shadowing and find our reading group under St. John Fisher, we're the third one.

The Library is working again with the Art dept. on a portfolio for the Children's Book Award run by the Federation of Children's Book Groups, St John Fisher is a member of the Harrogate group. The portfolio of artwork, reviews, and letters to the author will be presented at the Awards ceremony in London in June. This year we have been allocated 'The Last Chip: the story of a very hungry pigeon' and students in years 7 and 8 will have the opportunity to contribute in lessons led by Mrs. Pollard the librarian and their art teacher. This will be the third portfolio that the school has been involved with, each portfolio features contributions from other children's book groups round the country.



ACCELERATED READING – Y7 EASTER BUNNY DRAW

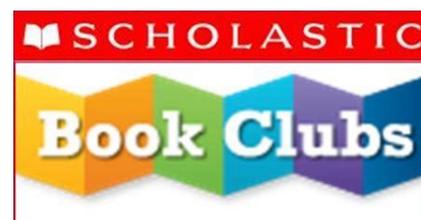
Well done to our Easter award winners and the lucky Easter bunny draw winners. **The next chocolate draw will be on Wednesday 22 May**, make sure you get quizzing to earn raffle tickets for the draw, could you read two or even three books before 22 May? That could be up to three chances of winning!

Book Clubs

The latest Teen Book Club leaflet is here! Order your books cheaply here and help us earn free books for the School Library. Orders can be placed online or manually. Leaflets are given out in form registers for years 7 to 9 with leaflets also in the Library. However you can **view the full selection and place your order online at**

<http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-john-fisher-rc-hg2> by following these instructions:

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.



Manual orders: Please use the order form on the back of the leaflet. Orders & payment should be left at the Library desk cash or cheque only please. Make your cheque payable to St John Fisher Catholic High School **Closing date Friday 28 June**.

Library@lunchtime

Three clubs run weekly in the Library and students from all years are welcome. An early lunch pass can be obtained for hot dinners, those with packed lunches can bring those up with them and eat before they start.

Monday: Table Talk Book Group – We normally read one book for half a term and chat about characters, plot, etc. Currently we are reading our way through the eight book shortlist for the Carnegie Medal and hope to have a regional judge visit to explain the judging process. We find that home baking and books are a natural match so run a cake rota too!

Tuesday: Crafty Critters – join us for simple crafts such as knitting, sewing, creative colouring, origami, quilling and loom bands. We are also going to have a go at book art with old library books! Currently we are making felt cupcakes and knitting some animal friends. This is one club where all participants feel relaxed!

Wednesday: Writing Bugs – have you got a good story in your head but struggle to get it on paper? Pick up skills at our creative writing group and chat about your story plans.

Creative colouring, Connect 4, Battleships and puzzles are always available, just ask at the Library counter.



Sports Results

Table Tennis

Congratulations to the Fishers D and B Teams on reaching the Charity Cup Final to be played on Tuesday 7 May at Ripley Town Hall, 19:00 start. It would be great for the players if parents would support this final.

Charity Cup Semi-Final – Thursday 4 April

Fishers D Team

Congratulations to the Fishers D Team (Maciej Cwiklinski, Charlie Lockett and Holly Shepherd) on reaching the Final of the Charity Cup defeating Harrogate Grammar School A (4th in a division higher than Fishers D) by 26-1. Despite having a 16 point start (up to 21) in nearly all games the 3 were amazing and we would still have won with a 12 point start!!

Maciej v No 1 - 6-21 (22-21) 6-21 (22-21) gave the side a 3-0 lead in a really close game

Charlie v No 2 - 9-21 (25-21) 13-21 (29-21), giving a 6-0 lead

Holly v No 3 - 12-21 (28-21) 14-21 (30-21), giving a 9-0 lead

Maciej v No 2 - 21-15 (36-15) 5-21 (20-21), giving a 11-1 lead

Holly v No 1 - 19-21 (25-21) 13-21 (29-21), giving a 14-1 lead

Charlie v No 3 - 12-21 (28-21) 11-21 (27-21), giving a 17-1 lead

Holly v No 2 - 14-21 (30-21) 12-21 (28-21), giving a 20-1 lead

Maciej v No 3 - 10-21 (26-21) 9-21 (25-21) giving a 23-1 lead

Charlie v No 1 - 14-21 (30-21) 7-21 (23-21), giving a 26-1 lead

With handicaps, Holly ended with a +44 total, Charlie +36 and Maciej +31 and a game won.

I was so proud of all 3, and for George Asbury (coaching and umpiring), Andy Cousins for all his help with the team not only last night, and great to see Mr Nightingale for his enthusiasm for the players.

Also the opposition, who must have arrived with a hope for their 1st ever cup final. All 3 were so sincere in their praise of the Fishers team.

Charity Cup Semi-Final – Tuesday 9 April

Fishers B Team

The Fishers B team of Ben Collins, Aman Joshua and Tom Barlow (Ben and Tom for the 2nd year) reached the Final of the Charity Cup Competition on Tuesday 9 April by defeating Division 1 team Ripley A by 21-10

Playing against Richard Whiteley (Handicap -3) and Andy Whiteley (+2) and Ian Greenwood (+9), Ben on a generous +19 was key to the win, as Aman was off 13 and Tom 14. This meant that the 3 had very good starts against Richard and Andy, but they needed them against 2 of the best players in the area.

Fishers B took an early 6-1 lead, with Ben winning both games against Ian 14-21 (24-21), even winning the 2nd game 21-14 (31-14)

Aman then gained 3 points against Richard 5-21 (21-21) 8-21 (24-21). Richard getting 1 point.

Tom then played Ian, and managed 1 point 9-21 (21-21) 7-21 (19-21) - 7 points to 4

Ben then met Richard 7-21 (24-21) 1-21 (18-21) -2 points each

Tom played Ian going down 12-21 (17-21) 16-21 (21-21) gaining another point - 10-9 to Fishers, everything to play for.

Aman and Andy had a very close match in Match 6. Aman just coming out on top 12-21 (23-21) 12-21 (23-21) – getting another 3 vital points.

Match 7 - Tom against Richard 6-21 (23-21) 3-21 (20-21) 2 points to Tom and 1 to Richard.

Fishers were almost there and after Match 8, Ben v Andy, they were. 13-21 (30-21) 6-21 (23-21) to Ben.

Final match and Fishers could not be caught. Aman played his best of the season to actually beat Ian in both games 21-20 (25-20) 21-11 (25-11). Almost unheard of a Div. 3 player beating a Div. 1 player.

Ben gained 8 points and a +31 total, Aman 9 points (+26) and Tom (who had some amazing rallies) 4 points (-5).

So for the 3rd time in the last few seasons, 2 Fishers team meet in the final.

Praise for the encouragement from the Ripley team was well appreciated.

Mr Mills



Sports Fixtures

Tuesday 7 May

Mr Mills – Table Tennis Charity Cup final @ Ripley Town Hall, 19:00 start

Thursday 9 May

Mr Mills – U13 Tennis Festival @ Ashville, 16:00-18:00

Tuesday 14 May

Mr Pass – ESAA Athletics Competition @ York University Athletics Track, Day

PE Extra Curricular Timetable

Please see below for the new summer PE Extra Curricular Timetable from April to July 2019.





LIGO and Virgo made 5 likely gravitational wave detections in a month

It took decades of work to find the first set of ripples in spacetime, detected in 2015. But now, just a month after reviving the search with newly revamped detectors, scientists with the LIGO and Virgo gravitational wave observatories have already made five potential sightings of the tiny, elusive tremors.

Analysis of the detections is in the early stages, and will need to be confirmed by further work. But one event in particular has piqued interest as possibly the first-ever sighting of a black hole colliding with a neutron star, the dense remnant of a dead star.

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. Space Academy spent Easter gathering rainwater, which contains atmospheric and space dust and will be growing bacteria from this. Other members are in the process of researching lenses in order to make Galilean Telescopes. The group is looking to attend a STEM conference in June when they can display their findings.

Year 8

We have an excellent core of 'Astro' students beginning their research in Space Academy now on Monday lunchtime, all are invited if they have an interest in all things extra-terrestrial. Space Academy spent Easter gathering rainwater, which contains atmospheric and space dust and will be growing bacteria from this. Other members are in the process of researching lenses in order to make Galilean Telescopes. The group is looking to attend a STEM conference in June when they can display their findings.

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

We have completed marking the mock examinations and have reviewed grades. The examinations consisted 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. Grades will be issued together with all subjects next week, and then we will review each paper in class, for pupils to fill the gaps in their understanding.

Year 11

Nearly there! Do discuss with your son/daughter as to how they are feeling in the run up to their examinations, and encourage them to take advantage of all the opportunities listed below. Pupils should also discuss with their teachers now, and at any point up to and during the examination period, any areas of concern or a need to review their understanding or examination technique.

Easter School sessions were well attended and based around a number of required practicals in each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics, with supporting booklets.

The last sessions after school, Monday to Thursday led by our sixth form are next week. We have had over seven 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.

All classes are now doing past and specimen papers, textbook and extension questions with a view to exposing them to as much material as we can. Evidence shows that the more pupils attempt and correct, the more likely they are to achieve in the real examinations. There will be further sessions in advance of each examination and we would expect to be seeing all pupils attend these last minute opportunities to enhance their understanding and skills.

Events and Clubs

KS3 Science Club (Y7)

Space Academy (Y8,9,10 & 12)

Y11 Intervention sessions

Sixth Form 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





PE SUMMER EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE 2018 -2019 (STARTING APRIL – JULY)



Day	LUNCH TIME – 12:30 – 1.15PM		AFTER SCHOOL – 3.45- 5PM	
	SPORT	TEACHER	SPORT	TEACHER
MON	YEAR 7 & 8 BOYS ATHLETICS – FIELD	MR PASS	PRIMARY SPORTS LEADERS EVENTS @SJF	MISS HUEGETT
	YEAR 9 & 10 BOYS ATHLETICS – FIELD	MR NIGHTINGALE		
TUES	ALL YEARS BOYS TENNIS – COURTS	MR MILLS	ALL YEARS BOYS TENNIS - COURTS	MR MILLS
	YEAR 8 BOYS CRICKET – ASTRO	MR ROWLANDS	ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	MR SCOTT
WEDS	YEAR 7 & 8 BOYS ATHLETICS – FIELD	MR PASS	ALL YEARS GIRLS ROUNDERS	MISS HUEGETT MISS TELFER
	YEAR 10 BOYS CRICKET - ASTRO	MR BARTON / MR TANNER-SMITH		
THURS	YEAR 9 BOYS CRICKET - ASTRO	MR NIGHTINGALE	ALL YEARS BOYS & GIRLS ATHLETICS - FIELD PRIMARY SPORTS LEADERS EVENTS @SJF	ALL PE STAFF MISS HUEGETT
	ALL YEARS GIRLS ROUNDERS + YEAR 7 & 8 BOYS ROUNDERS	MISS HUEGETT		
FRI	YEAR 7 BOYS CRICKET - ASTRO	MR PASS MR HOWGATE MISS HUEGETT		
	YEAR 9 & 10 BOYS RUGBY LEAGUE-ASTRO			
	ALL YEARS GIRLS TENNIS - COURTS			

- THE FITNESS SUITE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE ON A LUNCH TIME AND AFTER-SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS. THIS WILL ONLY BE OPEN WHEN A MEMBER OF STAFF IS PRESENT.
- ROUNDERS AND CRICKET MATCHES WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER SCHOOL MONDAY – THURSDAY
- PLEASE SEE MISS HUEGETT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE LEVEL 1 SPORTS LEADERSHIP QUALIFICATION (£)

GET INVOLVED!



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