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GENERAL 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Training Day – Wednesday 18 March

This is a staff training day and students are not required to attend school.

Year 8 Options Deadline – Friday 27 March

You will all have received the Year 8 Options Booklet and attended the Options Parents' Evening this week, the Year 8 Parents' Evening is on Thursday 26 March with final options to be in by Friday 27 March.

Year 10 Mock Exams

Year 10 Mock Exams start on 30 March. Click on the link below for the timetable.

<https://sjfchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Y10-Mock-GCSE-Exam-TImetable-2020.pdf>

Year 11 Easter School – 6/7 April

Students should arrive by 9am and report to the Main Hall. The day will end at 1.30pm. Students need not wear school uniform but should bring food and drink for a short break. The focus will be English, Maths, Science and RE. All students are invited and we hope to see as many as possible.

Coping with Exam Pressure

Click on the link below for tips on how to cope with the pressure of exams.

<https://sjfchs.org.uk/students/revision-help/>

Lost Property

A reminder that we have accumulated a large number of unnamed coats in lost property. Please remind your son/daughter to go to Reception at break time to check if their coat is there. All coats will be disposed of at the end of this term. Please can you ensure that **ALL** items of uniform are clearly labelled to avoid lost property.

NEWS AND EVENTS

UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

The UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) is a registered charity whose aim is to advance the education of children and young people in mathematics. The UKMT organises national mathematics competitions and other mathematical enrichment activities for 11-18 year old UK school pupils.

Over 200,000 students from around the UK entered the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge with the top 6% receiving a gold award, the next 13% receiving silver, and the next 21% bronze.

Earlier this term some of our Year 9, 10 and 11 pupils took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge and they performed extremely well. Our students managed to achieve 8 gold awards, 20 silver awards and 26 bronze awards.

Around 8,000 pupils from all three year groups sitting the Intermediate Challenge are invited to sit either the grey or pink Kangaroo papers, dependent on school year. We are extremely pleased to have eight of our students qualifying for this paper: Sophie Hance (Y9), Josh Jolley (Y9), Benjamin Mitchell (Y10), Mate Ther (Y10), Ben O'Connor (Y10), Herbie Asbury (Y11), Thomas Plant (Y11) and Emma Hatcher (Y11).



In addition to this, around 600 of the highest scorers in Year 10 and 11 are invited to take part in the Hamilton Olympiad paper. Due to his excellent performance in the Intermediate Maths Challenge, Malachy Stockdale (Y10) is amongst those 600 students that will be sitting the Olympiad paper.

Well done to all those who took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge and congratulations to those who achieved an award and those who qualified for a follow-up paper.

Year 8 Spelling Bee – Friday 7 March



Well done to everyone who participated in the Year 8 Spelling Bee competition last Friday.

Wellbeing Marketplace Event – Wednesday 4 March

We had a very successful lunchtime with lots of interest from all students who visited the Wellbeing Marketplace event. Thank you to the following organisations that attended:

North Yorkshire Police
Healthy child Team
Barnardos
Samaritans
The Ostrich Foundation
Mind
Wellspring



SJF Library News

Easter Charity Crème Egg Knit for RNLI



On Monday 16th March the crème egg filled Easter knitted chicks, bunnies and the odd sheep go on sale for £2 each. Custom made tinsel wool chicks are £3. This year's charity is the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. We are grateful to all our knitters and those who have donated crème eggs to go inside the knits. If you would like to join us in the knitting please request a pattern from the Librarian via your child or email npollard@sifchs.org.uk. Thank you for your support.

World Book Day - Matt Killeen Author Visit

School was pleased to welcome author Matt Killeen who was in school for World Book Day. Matt is the author of *Orphan*, *Monster*, *Spy* and *Devil, Darling, Spy*. Set in World War Two, the books follow the true to life adventures of Sarah, a 13 year old orphan who is recruited as a spy by a British agent in Germany. The inspiration for the story came from the painted memorial to Violette Szabo at a South London tube station near the author's home, Matt researched Violette's history and found teenage spies who had also carried out missions in Europe.



Matt gave two presentations on the theme of Heroes to form groups, then three writing workshops for selected students. Students were absorbed! At lunchtime there was an informal Q&A in the Library and students took the opportunity to buy Matt's books and have them personally signed. We are grateful to the PTA for funding this author visit.



Bumper Book Sale: We have a selection of new books at only £1 each plus a sale of withdrawn stock at 30p each or 4 for £1.

World Book Day Vouchers:



£1 Vouchers were in the form registers for year 7, 8 and 9. Collect one from the Library if you missed out. Like Happy Meals? There is a voucher on the box!

Use your voucher in the Library and choose one of 3 great £1 reads for World Book Day.

CURRICULUM

News from the Science Desk – March 2020

KS3

All students will now have completed at least two topics and had two end of topic tests. These will give an idea about how they are progressing and any areas they need to work through. Before the end of topic test each class will be introduced to a revision technique. Hopefully students are starting to identify which revision techniques are useful for them and can use those moving forward for future tests/exams.

Early information: All students will have an end of year test in the week after May half term. Students will need to revise all the material covered in Science (they will be provided with revision sheets after Easter).

Revision guides are available for Year 7 and Year 8 on parent pay

GCSE

Year 10:

Mock revision sheets have been given to all pupils for the Science mocks.

Dates:

Tuesday 31st March Physics

Wednesday 1st April Chemistry

Thursday 2nd April Biology

The results of these mocks will be used to adjust the setting in Science moving into Year 11 and also give an overview of the appropriate tier of entry for all students.

Year 11:

Year 11 Interventions:

Intervention will continue until Easter. It is running **after school (3:45pm – 4:45pm)** on a **Monday and Thursday** – these sessions are run by sixth form students. **Students need to meet outside the Science prep room at 3:35pm (the end of school)**. The sessions are **voluntary and so we expect all students to be impeccably behaved and fully engaged** in the revision that is taking place, poor attitudes will not be tolerated.

A drop in session is operating in F18 on a Thursday lunchtime – this runs from 12:30pm – 1:10pm – the idea is that students come for 5/10 minutes and ask for help with a specific questions/area of Science they are struggling with – they will then be given help on this small section and then they can leave – this is NOT a revision session and a teacher will NOT be delivering content on the board to a class/group of students.

Year 11 Mock – all students have reviewed their papers in class and have now been given the level they achieved, they now need to reflect on their progress and make sure that they have started their revision for their GCSE's.

Revision Guides

GCSE Revision guides are available from the Science prep room (please bring cash payment):

Combined Science Foundation or Higher - £10

Separates: Biology, Chemistry and Physics - £12



We have a small quantity of a new style of revision guide – they consist of a page of information on a topic, then some short questions to test knowledge, some questions on a previous topic and then some exam questions – they are the same price as the revision guides above – if anyone is interested in a second source of material for revision please bring the appropriate money along to the Science prep room.

Kerboodle (GCSE)

To log on:

Username: Initial followed by surname (e.g. jburton)

Password: Initial followed by surname again (unless you have logged on previously).

Centre no: vsg7 (VSG7) –in lower case)

KS5 Chemistry

Chemistry lunchtime drop in session in F18 is open to all KS5 Chemistry students who wish to ask for help with specific sections of the course or application of knowledge to exam questions.

Year 13 Chemistry students are invited to an after school revision session on a Wednesday evening. This is in F18 between 3:45pm and 4:45pm.

Cambridge Chemistry Challenge - After Easter Year 12 Chemistry students will be invited to attend lunchtime sessions to prepare them for entry into the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge. All students who wish to participate will sit an exam in early June and then will be awarded certificates based on their results. The Cambridge Chemistry Challenge is meant to extend students' knowledge beyond AS Chemistry and look at applying knowledge in novel situations. If students are considering applying for Chemistry at University it is a great opportunity to show interest outside the classroom and to extend their knowledge.

Finally

Thank you in advance for all the support you will offer throughout the year. If you have any questions or queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me on the following email address:
jburton@sjfchs.org.uk

Miss Burton

Head of Science and Head of Chemistry

Specialist Leader of Education

SPORTS ROUND UP

Table Tennis Harrogate Tournament Sunday 1st March

Well done to the boys that entered this competition on Sunday 1 March at Rossett School, the results from the tournament are as follows:

Gabriel Mead reached the final of the handicap singles (64 entries) beating some very good players on the way, but unfortunately he lost in the final by just 2 points. Brook Sutton reached the quarter final and Charlie Lockett, Alex Lambert, Sammy Kelly and Theo Kelly made the last 16.

The remaining player's results were:

Maciej Cwiklinski lost to Gabriel Mead in the 1st Round and Ben Fazackerley also lost early on but just by a single point.

In the handicap doubles Brook and Charlie Sutton reached the semi-finals. Ben Fazackerley and Alex Lambert beat Gabriel and Maciej before losing to the Whiteley Brothers who then beat Sammy and Theo Kelly.

In the Under 18 competition Sammy and Theo both reached the semi-final, Sammy lost in the final. Ben finished 2nd in his group but only the winners went into the semi-final stage.

In the Under 13's, Alex Lambert did well, but could not progress beyond the group stage.



In the Open Events, Sammy reached the quarter final of the men's singles. Theo and Sammy played together in the Open Doubles reaching the quarter final stage.

Boys' Football

Year 11 A Team

Unfortunately, this team suffered another last minute cup defeat this time at the hands of King James, Knaresborough on Monday 9 March. The final result was 2-3 after extra time.

In blustery wet conditions, the SJF team were the more potent attacking force in the first half and took an early lead. A mazy run from Keenan Carole forced a trip in the area and Carole dusted himself off to cheekily clip the penalty over the despairing keeper. Although King James had more of the possession, SJF looked dangerous on the break and a slick team move lead to Oli Mercer sweeping home to make it 2-0. King James got the deficit back to one with a well executed free kick and then took control of a second half where SJF struggled to get on the ball. Following a last 10 minutes of resolute defending and with the referee about to blow for a famous victory, an innocuous ball into the box was flicked into the corner to make it 2-2, leaving the team deflated. Extra time was tight but as the game was set for penalties the King James substitute turned in a right wing cross which left the whole team devastated.

That was the last competitive match this team will play together and although the record books will say that they failed to win a trophy in their time together at SJF, it will not describe the many great performances, the come backs and victories down the years, the posts that we agonisingly hit in penalty shoot outs, the unlucky bounces late in semi finals and finals when we always seemed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory and the injuries, incidents and academy duties that often robbed us of our strongest players at the most vital times. It will also not describe what a fantastic set of characters they all were and how they always represented our school in the best possible way with pride and a positive attitude. Good luck to all whether we see them next year in 6th Form or they move on to pastures new.

Under 18 Team

Congratulations to the Under 18 Boys Football team who are through to the North Yorkshire Cup Final after a 4-0 win V Ermysted's.

Despite the conditions the lads put in a tremendous performance and dominated from start to finish. Every single player was top class and it was a proud moment to see them perform so well as a team and earn a well deserved place in the final.

Player of the match - Farrer Moore



Sports Fixtures

Tuesday 17 March

Miss Huegett – KS3 Dodgeball, Boccia & Basketball Inter Schools Competition @ Forest Moor School, 10:00-14:00

Miss Thomas - U13 Area Netball Competition @ Ashville, 16:00-17:30

Mr Pass – Y9/Y10 Boys' Rugby v Rossett @ SJF, 15:30-17:00

Wednesday 18 March

Mr Nightingale – RowLeeds Indoor Competition @ John Charles Centre, Leeds, 15:00-18:00

Thursday 19 March

Mr Pass – Y10 Boys' Rugby v Ripon Outwood @ Ripon, 14:30-17:30

Friday 20 March

Mr Rowlands – Y7 Boys' Football v St Aidan's @ SJF, 16:00-17:30

Monday 23 March

Miss Thomas – Y9 A & B Netball v King James @ KF, 15:30-17:30

Tuesday 24 March

Miss Huegett - U18 Girls' Football 7-a-side Competition, 14:30:18:00

Wednesday 25 March

Miss Thomas – Y7 Netball v King James (C & D Teams) @ KJ, 15:00-17:20

Mr Pass – Y9/Y10 Boys' Rugby Sevens Competition @ Ilkley RC, 09:30-16:00

