St John Fisher News

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Celebration of Achievement

Tuesday evening's event was a real celebration of our students' achievements this year. A packed hall saw students receive achievement and progress awards for subjects, form prizes, and special awards. Performances by singers and dancers included trailers for next week's production of *High School Musical*.

The Guest of Honour was Terry Jones, Principal of Peterborough Regional College, who talked with enthusiasm of his career as a fighter jet pilot for the RAF, including his experience in Afghanistan. The lesson he has learned from this is that you should always take risks, and that education is to be prized. He told students of victims in war zones who still sent their children to school every day because they appreciated that it was the only way their lives would improve. He urged the students in the hall to make the most of the opportunities that come their way.

Thank you to everyone who prepared or participated in the evening which was a great success.

We will be celebrating students' achievements for this term in Celebration Assemblies the week after next.

Shoes

The girls that are already wearing the new skirts look very smart and I am sure the new uniform will generally enhance our students' appearance when it is fully rolled out next term. Some students are not currently wearing the right footwear, with some black trainers, pumps and boots appearing from time to time. We will be expecting all students to be wearing black shoes next term, as in our uniform requirements, and so I am flagging this up now before parents start buying footwear for the new school year.

Full School Colours

Congratulations to the students listed overleaf for being awarded Full School Colours.



Academic Tutoring: Year 8
26 June – 7 July

Visitors next week

This is always a very busy time of year, and next week we have a lot happening. We start on Monday with a visit from our Chinese exchange students. This annual event is in conjunction with lack Hunt School, and gives the Chinese students a flavour of British education and offers our students the chance to visit them in China. They will only be with us for the one day but we will make them very welcome.

Then on Wednesday we welcome our next Year 7 students, who will be joining us in September. We are again oversubscribed with a waiting list. We have an exciting day planned for the students and will follow this with a meeting with their parents at 6pm, when the new uniform will be available to order amongst other things.

On Thursday and Friday evening next week we have our annual school production, High School Musical. This has been publicised over the last few weeks and details are again in this newsletter. If you haven't yet bought your ticket please do so before they run out. An additional performance is being staged for the new Year 7 students during their day on Wednesday.

Sean Hayes

Attendance

This is a reminder of the changes that have been made regarding absences during term time. The target for attendance is 100% and as such all absence requests are likely to be refused. As part of our statutory duties we have to record all unrequested and request refused absences of 3 or more days during term time as unauthorised and these may lead to Penalty Notices from the local authority with fines of £120 per parent per child. Parents may request up to 5 school days in exceptional circumstances, that is circumstances that are rare, significant, unavoidable and short, unavoidable means an event that could not reasonably be scheduled for another time.

As of this term absences from school are likely to be recorded as unauthorised unless accompanied by a medical note. If your son or daughter needs to be absent for an exceptional reason then they need to apply to the Headteacher in advance for special consideration.

Reminder of start dates for term:

Year 7 - Wednesday 6 September 2017

Year 12/13 will be meeting with 6th form team by appointment (please look out for details)

All other years - Thursday 7 September 2017 Mr Karia

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School Colours - Full Colours

Each year school colours are awarded to those students who have made an outstanding contribution to the school whilst they have been at St John The criteria for the award focuses on students sharing and demonstrating the



core values of the school, namely; achievement, commitment, service, attendance and taking all the opportunities the school has to offer. The students below are all from Years II and I3 and are worthy recipients of this award. We congratulate this year's winners:

Year 13

Fred Cook Harry Davey Irina Demba Ervinas Gaurilcikas Suhaib Haider Shanygne Horne

Year II

Barnabas Brunner Mohammed Dhanji **Bruna Goncalves** Cheyenne Guest Daanyal Iqbal Stephen Noronha

Karolina Mierzeiewska Ziyad Mohammed **Jodie Paling** John Portugal Ashley Remedios Zeeshan Waseem

Taisha Peplowska Nassim Rhaiem Niall Speechley Yasoda Thapa Madeeha Walji Vanessa Abankwa

Invitation

The Peterborough Inter Faith Council are having a 'sports' evening with badminton and table tennis for all ages:







Wednesday 12 July 6 - 8 pm St John Fisher Catholic High School

If you would like to take part in this evening please contact:

Brian Keegan 01733 265769 Email brian@briankeegan.demon.co.uk

Year 10 Food

The year 10 food preparation and nutrition group enjoyed a visit to our canteen where Mr Clark demonstrated how to joint a chicken into 8 pieces, he also gave a tour and discussed hygiene and safety issues. They enjoyed hearing about life in the catering industry and tips for future career plans.



Cambridge News

This week we celebrated the achievements and progress of our students at our celebration evening. Once again, I was very proud to announce the winners of the form awards for this year. Students were nominated by their form tutors for, not only their progress and achievements in their studies, but in particular for their outstanding contributions to form time. We have tried this year to focus on developing student leadership within our forms, encouraging students to take responsibility for leading activities each morning. These students have risen to the challenge and their efforts were rewarded on Tuesday evening this week: Misbah Aurangzeb (C1), Maria Ferrao (C2), Gilda Lleshi (C3), Oliwia Koniuszewska (C4), Cerys Porter (C5), Isabel Cuenca (C6), Daanyal Iqbal (C7) and Rean Rosario (C8). The Head of House Award was awarded to Vanessa Abankwa for her outstanding contribution to Cambridge throughout this year as a House Ambassador and representative on the Cambridge House Council. She has also set up and run an extracurricular dance club at lunchtimes for all year groups and she has shared her talent with us during house assemblies. Congratulations to all award winners! Finally, we will be preparing for our end of term assemblies soon and this year Cambridge tutors are planning a short piece of entertainment for the students which we hope they will enjoy!

Mrs P Helcoop, Head of Cambridge

