

St John Fisher News

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Welcome Back

I hope that everyone enjoyed the break last week. Finally the weather was better and the most could be made of the longer, warmer days. Although now that we are back in school it is helpful that it has cooled a little this week.

Significant national events are dominating the news at the moment. We are thinking especially this week of the victims of the attack in London last weekend, on the eve of the concert for those affected by the Manchester attack earlier in the month. We again participated in the national minute's silence on Tuesday as a mark of respect.

Then yesterday we had the General Election. I am writing this newsletter before the election takes place so that it can be printed ready for issue this morning. I therefore have no idea of the outcome but I hope that the new government will be sensitive to the pressures on schools due to the reducing amounts of funding and that there will be some relief from what had been due to be implemented before the election was called.

Meanwhile life must go on – as it should – and in particular the exams that students are taking. So although there might be bigger and more concerning national issues we must remember that each cohort of students only gets one chance, and we cannot let their education be affected by external factors.

Summer Term Dates

A reminder of some key dates between now and the end of term:

21 June: Full Governing Body meeting

22 June: Year 12 Induction Day

23 June: Year 11 Leavers' Liturgy and Prom 27 June: Celebration of Achievement Evening 29 June: Mass for Feast of St Peter & Paul 3 July: Chinese exchange students visit

5 July: Year 6 Welcome Day

6/7 July: High School Musical performances

10-14 July: Cadet Camp19 July: Sports Day

20 July: St John Fisher Day. Term ends.

The Autumn Term begins on Thursday 7 September for students currently in Years 7-10 and Year 12.



Visit by Sacred Heart Students

Yesterday we welcomed Year 5 students from Sacred Heart Primary School. This was the first of a pair of visits with the students undertaking a project which involves them working with Science, ICT, Design Technology and Art. The project is called *Stop the Spread* and is highlighting the global issue of infectious disease. Students are designing, building and testing a model of a hand washing device and producing educational materials for children in Kenya to encourage hand washing.

Sean Hayes

Safer Together Event: 11 July 2017

On Tuesday, 11 July from 4pm to 6.30pm at the City Learning Centre, Williamson Avenue, PE3 8BA the Local Authority are holding an event for parents of secondary school students regarding agencies in Peterborough who work together in keeping teenagers safe in the city. There will be a wide range of topics and workshops on the following:

Beating the Bullies E-Safety

Child Sexual Exploitation Drug Awareness
Gangs Young Driver Safety

Preventing Radicalisation & Extremism

The event will be really useful to find out about up-todate information from agencies such as the Police and Social Care and know how you as parents can protect your children.

Uniform update

Please be on the lookout for a letter regarding uniform changes and an order form that will be sent home with the students this week. The new uniform is available for order now through Chroma Sports who are based in Bretton.

Mr Karia

Year 10 Science PPE

Our Year 10 students will be sitting end of year Science tests at 9am on Friday, 23 June 2017. The tests will consist of a Biology and a Chemistry paper, both papers will be 30 minutes in length.

Academic Tutoring: Year 9
12 June – 23 June

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Year II Arrangements

As students start to finish exams next week we will no longer need all students in school full time. Students should attend school as follows:

Monday 12 June - all students in all day

Tuesday 13 June - all students in all day

Wednesday 14 June - students who do not do Statistics or History may leave after their Science exam

Thursday 15 June - all students in period 1 and 2. Statistics and Polish candidates need to stay, the rest may leave.

From this point onwards students need only come in for any exams and revision sessions. Students have been issued with a copy of the revision sessions timetable. The timetable is also available on the school website and will be emailed home to those parents who have a registered email address.

KS3 PPEs - 19 June to 30 June

Please find below details of the KS3 tests that will be held in the Sports Hall:

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| Wednesday 21 June | Period I – Y7 Science |
| | Period 2 – Y9 Maths |
| | Period 4 – Y9 English |
| Thursday | Period 4 – Y8 French |
| 22 June | |
| Monday | Period 4 – Y8 Science |
| 26 June | |
| Tuesday | Period 4 – Y7 Maths |
| 27 June | |
| Wednesday 28 June | Period I – Y9 Science |
| | Period 3 – Y8 Maths |
| | Period 4 – Y9 French |
| Thursday 29 June | Period I – Y9 Access Testing |
| | Period 2 – Y8 English |
| | Period 4 – Y7 English |
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Please note PPEs for other subjects well be held in class rather than in the Sports Hall.

Languages Faculty News

This term promises to be full of excitement. Of course, it will be the summer holidays at the end of it but before going on their 6-week rest abroad, the Languages faculty is planning a range of activities for students and staff to take part in. We are expecting a visit from Chinese students and their teachers at the start of July, which will be a good opportunity for everybody to show off their language skills and for our Language Ambassadors to practise their hosting skills. Year 7s and Year 10s should try to use the expressions learnt during recent Focus Days to make our visitors welcome. Fifty seven students will be going to the French coastal town of Boulogne on July 17 and will become experts at bread-making. If you are one of the lucky ones going, make sure you practise your French and have your passport ready! If you have missed out on the trip, don't panic - there's always next year! And you will also have the opportunity to get involved with some educational (but fun!) workshops soon - watch this space for more information.

Sports Update

Before half term 4 of our Sports Leaders officiated in a Primary school football festival which involved 16 schools and 150 children across the city. Solomon Snelling, Gedi Kozik, Usama Malik and Andre Feijoca were responsible for refereeing all of the games and received great praise from the organiser Luke Kennedy. Luke said 'They were outstanding, they were prepared and knew all the rules, they engaged with the children brilliantly and spoke to staff of the schools confidently. They refereed the games superbly and just did a great job for us all day.' Well done boys!

We also had great success with the Year 8 football team who successfully won the Peterborough Schools Under 13 football



competition. In a tense final against Nene Park Academy the game finished 0-0 and so the dreaded penalty shoot-out followed. The boys held their nerve superbly with goalkeeper Ronnie Jeeves being the hero of the day by not conceding a penalty, with the boys winning 2-0 on penalties leading to scenes of wild celebrations. Well done to all of the team for a fantastic achievement!

Exam Results

Exam results may be collected from the school hall between 9.00 and 11.00am on the following days:

A level: Thursday 17 August GCSE: Thursday 24 August

Please note that we are not able to issue results to anyone other than the candidate unless we are provided with a letter signed by the candidate which confirms their results can be collected by a third party. Please contact the school's exams officer for further details if required.

St Peter & All Souls & Our Lady of Lourdes PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, 18 June 2017: 1pm – 4pm At Ferry Meadows

There will be music, singing, games, comedy and much much more; meet new friends, and don't forget to bring your picnic!

Discounted Parking available on the day £2.50 for the afternoon.