



## Parent Governor

My thanks to those parents who expressed an interest in the role of parent governor. Mrs Lity Porathoor has been appointed and so we again have a full complement of governors:

Nick Ager	Parent Governor
John Bedford	Foundation Governor
Helen Birch	Local Authority Governor
Lee Bottrill	Staff Governor
Arthur Chapman	Co-opted Governor
Rowena Goodfellow	Foundation Governor (Parent)
Sean Hayes	Headteacher
Kevin McCabe	Foundation Governor
Angela Maxwell	Foundation Governor (Parent)
Lity Porathoor	Parent Governor
John Prestage	Foundation Governor
Paul Rossi	Foundation Governor (Chair)
Father Adam Sowa	Foundation Governor
Aneta Weigelt	Foundation Governor

Full details of the governors and their roles are on our website.

## Cadets

Further to the update last week, our cadets provided a guard of honour for the Mayor on Tuesday evening as he held a charity event at the Town Hall. They were also on duty the same evening providing parking guidance for our Open Evening.

Many of them then headed off on Wednesday morning for a three-day camp.

## A grateful resident

I was very pleased to receive an email from a local councillor this week, sending me a copy of this message he had been sent by a local resident:

*Last Thursday evening we had tickets for the "Think Floyd" tribute band show at the Key Theatre. It was excellent and I understand a sell out show.*

*The reason I am sending this e-mail to you is because during their performance of "Another Brick in the Wall" they were supported by a group of young students from the St John Fisher School providing the backing. They were superb and received great applause from the audience and the band. We certainly heard comments from people sitting around us how great they thought the students were. It might be a nice gesture just to let the school know and the students just how exceptional they were and appreciated.*

(Please see article overleaf from Mr McCoy about this event)

## Progress 8

One of the bigger changes being introduced by the government is an end to the publication of GCSE results in the format that has been used for many years. This had a headline measure for each school of the percentage of students achieving five or more passes at grade C or above, including English and Maths. The government believes that this has caused schools to focus on students on the C/D borderline, so a new system comes into effect this year for the 2016 results. It is called 'Progress8' and compares the results of students with those of similar ability across the country in eight subjects. Although there are some concerns about which subjects are not included, it will be a much fairer system and should reduce the tendency of schools with more able students appearing to do better.

If all the students in a school achieve results that are the same as similar students in other schools, the school will have a Progress8 score of zero. A positive score will mean performance is better than elsewhere, and so on. We have now received an indication that our 2014 figure would have been -0.15, and that our 2013 figure would have been +0.22. These suggest that our students are achieving in line with their peers. I think parents will come to understand the new system the more they hear about it, so am sharing these figures with you now and will keep you informed via future newsletters about how this develops. I would hope that our 2016 figure will be positive.

## Open Evening

A big thank you to all the staff and students for your assistance with Open Evening. We had a very high turnout and, more importantly, excellent feedback, including one detailed email from a parent complimenting the Sixth Form tour guides. Photographs of the various activities can be seen on Twitter.

Sean Hayes



Our school Twitter account is  
**@sjfpeterborough**

Please follow us to ensure you have the latest news and announcements.

## Expressive Arts Faculty News

The Year 7 football team recently played their first match of the season away against a strong Stanground Academy team who had beaten Bushfield Academy 10-0 last time out. The game was evenly matched throughout the first half and Year 7 were unlucky not to go in at half time on level terms after the home side's keeper pulled off a great save from Captain Sidney Pereira's shot. So it was that the home team went into the break with a slim one goal lead.

Year 7 continued to play some attractive football in the second half and should have been level after a determined run down the right hand side from Mustafa Karim was put just over by Yan Maniraguha. Stanground continued to push forward and unfortunately added two more goals in the second half to run out 3-0 winners.

Man of the Match was Carlos Damas Balde who was a rock at the heart of the defence making numerous games saving tackles.

Stanground's manager said *"St John Fisher have been our toughest match yet and they were unlucky to leave without a goal"*.

Our successful Rock Pop Choir was invited to perform alongside the world renowned Pink Floyd tribute band **Think Floyd** at the Key Theatre on 1 October. They took part in a full rock version of the song Another Brick in the Wall. They were loved by both the band and the audience and were also congratulated by some of our local councillors who were very proud of the talents our students have to offer.

Czech Boyband **United 5** visited our school last week for two full school concerts as part of their UK tour. Marthy, Mario, Matt, Peter and Norbert all had an amazing time at our school and our students certainly enjoyed their performances (some a little more than others)!

We wish them all success in their musical careers and hope their new album sells millions.

Look out for them on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

Mr McCoy



Yellow Day  
Mufti  
22nd October  
£1

All proceeds will go to the refugee crisis and Marie Curie Cancer Care

### Who will you vote for?

This week sees the start of our election process for this year's Sixth Form Officers. Any Sixth Form student who is interested in applying for the positions of Head Boy, Deputy Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Girl should obtain an application form from Miss Ahmed or Mrs Wilmore. The application forms should be completed and returned to Mrs Wilmore by Wednesday 14 October. After half term candidates will speak in assemblies. The election will be by secret ballot and will take place on Friday 6 November.



### Visit to Holocaust Centre

A reminder to Year 9 students. If you would like to go on the trip to the Holocaust Centre in June, permission slips and payment of £15.50 should be returned to Student Services no later than Friday 16 October. Places are offered on a first-come-first-served basis. Additionally any students who would like a new letter should see a member of the History department. Thank you.

Mrs George

### A Reminder!

Friday 23 October  
is a training day.  
School will be  
closed for  
students.