



## Au Revoir

Today we say our formal goodbyes to Year 13 students as they go on Study Leave. We have a Leavers' Liturgy after break when we will pray together, share memories and generally look to moving on having made friends. As ever, some students have been with us for seven years and others for only two. We wish all of them good luck with their exams, success in the next stage of their education or employment, and every best wish for the future. We hope that they will all look back at their time at St John Fisher as a happy period of their lives.

We also say farewell today to **Matthew Van Lier** as he leaves to take up a deputy headship. In the three years that he has been with us as an Assistant Headteacher he has made a significant contribution to the school and for this I for one am very grateful. I was not surprised when he achieved promotion but am grateful that he delayed taking up his new position until now in order to stay with his exam classes.

After half term, we welcome **Jamie Ewen** as Head of History. Mr Ewen joins us from Dover Grammar School where he is currently Head of History, and he too delayed taking up his position in order to see his Year 11 classes through their exams.

## Charity Fundraising

The final figure raised by Cambridge House at last week's Blue Day was £820.13. This amount will be shared between their two House charities, Cambridge Nazareth Trust and Water Aid.

This final House Charity day of the year brings the total amount raised by students to a very impressive £3,500. This is a significant increase on the amount raised the previous year and very commendable. All of the charities that students have supported have written to express their gratitude. Despite difficult economic times, our students have continued to be generous and enthusiastic about raising money for good causes, which is very pleasing to be able to say.



## EU Referendum

A reminder to students who are over 18 that you must register to vote in the referendum by Tuesday week, 7 June. Go to [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) to do this. You will need to provide your National Insurance number, date of birth and address.

## Diocesan Anniversary

The Diocese of East Anglia was formed in 1976 and so celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. On Friday next, 3 June, a Solemn Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, in Norwich, by Bishop Alan, with Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, preaching. Everyone is invited to attend the Mass which begins at 6.30pm.

## Half Term Holiday

Next week is the half-term break. There are some revision classes taking place, as outlined in the newsletter last week, and we hope that all students taking exams will be continuing to revise. We return to school on Monday week, 6 June, and that is Week 1 of the timetable.

## Year 11 Lessons

On Monday 6 June and Thursday 9 June students will be allowed to leave after period 3. On Friday 10 June students may leave after the Science exam that morning. On each occasion students should sign out at reception. Students with exams or revision lessons on these days should stay in school.

*Sean Hayes*

## Heroes

Our Year 10 Heroes have begun peer mentoring with students from Years 7, 8 and 9. The Year 10s have been training to become 'Heroes' or peer mentors, which is a brilliant opportunity to help other students as well as develop life skills that can be used in the future. The Heroes have been paired with a 'Buddy' and will mentor them during school. They will meet with their Buddy at least once a fortnight but will aim to see them briefly each day. We have arranged for a number of Heroes to be on duty during break and lunchtimes, for anyone to speak to. This is an exciting time and we hope to build the programme into an embedded part of school life.

*Mr J Hayes*

## Year 11 PE Kit

If any Year 11 students have 'nearly new' PE kit they no longer need, please consider donating it to the PE department – but not until you have finished your PE lessons! We can make very good use of it – in particular t-shirts, rugby tops and shorts. We would also be interested in donations of old trainers. *Mrs Fountain*

## School Colours

Each year School Colours are awarded to those students who have made an outstanding contribution whilst they have been at St John Fisher. The criteria for this award focuses on students sharing and demonstrating the core values of the school, namely achievement, commitment, service, attendance and taking the opportunity to "live life to the full". The students are from Years 11 and 13 and are worthy recipients of the award. We congratulate this year's winners:

### Beverley

Yr 11: Alasdair Ager, Finley Allen

Yr 13: Elizabeth Ager, Sandro Fonseca, Daisy Webb

### Cambridge

Yr 11: Bethen England, Meghan Sullivan

Yr 13: Alice Bowden, Laura Bowden, Ronaldo De Noronha, Goncalo Lopes Grilo, Shagufta Waseem

### Rochester

Yr 11: Katherine Pollard

Yr 13: Fateema Kazim Ali, Samuel Mendonca, Diana Tarakanova

### Westminster

Yr 11: Joanna Galus, Carmen Gaywood, Filip Glapka, Shikiba Hajizadeh, Jasmine Kelly-Gobuiwang, Samuel Maxwell, Nathan Simpson, Afifa Zaman

Yr 13: Russel D'Souza, Paulina Galus, Jacob Knighton, Adrianna Tetnowski

## Extreme Haircuts

A small number of students have recently decided to have their hair cut to a grade zero and have patterns or lines shaved in. The school policy does not allow extreme haircuts or the shaving of eyebrows and either of these may result in extended periods in seclusion until the hair has grown.

*Mr Van Lier*

## Music News

Our Musicians did us proud on Monday and Tuesday, performing their original compositions with 100 other students from schools across the City; playing 21 keyboards, 4 drum kits, 50 samba drums, bongos and djembes, 20 sets of chime bars, 3 electric basses, 5 electric guitars, 2 acoustic guitars, a beatbox, 3 clarinets, a violin, 2 saxophones, a flute and a very enthusiastic euphonium. They performed side by side with 15 of Britten Sinfonia's finest musicians in 4 pieces they've composed with workshop leader Tim Steiner. The event was live streamed on YouTube which gave students and staff the opportunity to get involved in the performance and support the hard work of all our musicians. The title of the whole piece was Pentatonic Roulette which was coined by our very own Ben Chapman. Very well done to all who took part.

*Mr McCoy*

## Year 8 and 9 Spelling Bee

On Wednesday 16 May, 5 representatives from each class in Year 8 and 9 participated in the 2016 Spelling Bee competition.

The Year 8 group competition was especially tough as participants had to compete in three rounds before the ultimate winners were selected. Group winners were Idrees Barkir, Urte Cibityte and Fabio Ferreira. In the individual competition, Sabina Strug came third, Grace Simpson was second and Renita Perreira was the overall Spelling Bee Champion for Year 8.

The Year 9 competition was just as challenging with students spelling up to 19 words correctly within 2 minutes. Chiko Manuel, Brooke Muncey, Khijir Hadi and Nicole Portugal won the group competition. second runner up in the individual competition was Chris Somaraj, with Wanessa Zerella as first runner up and the Spelling Bee Champion for 2016 was Sami Mohammed.

Well done to all participants, your skills are improving every year! All winners will participate in the KS3 overall competition to be held in June.

*Mrs Winlock*

## Exam Timetable

A full timetable is on the website and students have personal timetables. Parents are asked to check at least the day before to ensure students know what exam they have, when and that they have the right equipment.

	Hot Tips Sessions	Morning (09.00)	Afternoon (13.00)
<b>Monday 6 June</b>		French (AS Level) History (GCSE)	Food Technology (GCSE) General Studies (AS Level)
<b>Tuesday 7 June</b>			Biology (A & AS Level) Religious Studies (GCSE) <i>(2 students only)</i>
<b>Wednesday 8 June</b>	8.00 – 8.30 Classics Computing	Classics (GCSE) Computing (GCSE) Mechanics (A Level) Italian (AS Level)	Psychology (A Level) Geography (GCSE) English Language (AS Level)
<b>Thursday 9 June</b>	8.00 – 8.30 Mathematics	Mathematics (GCSE)	Geography (A Level) Physics (AS Level)
<b>Friday 10 June</b>		Biology (GCSE)	Music (GCSE), Business Studies (GCSE) Portuguese (GCSE), Chemistry (AS Level)