



Student Leadership Elections

Very many congratulations to the successful candidates in the election last Friday. The new officers are:

Head Boy: **Ciaran Kelly**

Head Girl: **Daria Raczkowska**

Deputy Head Boy: **Ziyad Mohammed**

Deputy Head Girl: **Irina Demba**

I was pleased that so many students applied for these positions this year and impressed with the speeches the shortlisted candidates made in assemblies last week. I am sure that the successful candidates will do an excellent job and thank all the other applicants for offering to serve the school in this way.

These appointments mean that we have to say a very big thank you to last year's officers: **Hassan Nawaz, Debra Conde, Jacob Knighton, and Phoebe Kuc**. These all did a sterling job and this is very much appreciated.



Our students put on a stunning performance last night of Macbeth at the Key Theatre. This is one of the highlights of the year for Drama students as they get to put on a play in a real theatre with a real audience and a real director. Thank you to all those that came and supported the students.

Congratulations are also due to the students from St Thomas More School who entered the Festival for the first time.

Headteachers' conference

Headteachers from across the diocese are meeting in Norwich today for our annual conference. Top of the agenda is to update ourselves on the progress each region is making on closer co-operation between schools. I wrote last month about how we have expanded our group of schools to include three Cambridge schools; we have now been joined by St Felix Primary School in Haverhill, making a group of eight. We will also have presentations on Marriage and Family Life, the Living Wage, and revisions to the inspection framework for Catholic schools.

Focus Days

Thank you to everyone for yesterday's Focus Day. We will report on the activities in next week's newsletter.

Year 11 Options Evening

This takes place on Tuesday evening, starting at 7pm in the hall. Students have been given some outline information already but this evening properly starts the process of making a decision about which courses to take, and where, next year. It is often referred to as 'Sixth Form Open Evening' but is more than that as it is about ensuring that students, and parents, have the information they need in order to make the right decisions for them. As well as our own Sixth Form subjects, staff will be here from Peterborough Regional College. Parents are particularly invited to support your child by accompanying them to this event. During the introductory talk we will outline the process students need to follow this year and the key dates to note.

Sean Hayes



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@sjfpeterborough

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Celebrations in the Sixth Form

Just before half term, we had a Celebration Assembly for sixth form to reward the achievements from the first half term. We had 100% attendance certificates with three students winning prizes, postcards for those who helped with open evening, Reading Buddy acknowledgment and a Star Student Award. The Star Student went to Harry Davey who has made an excellent start to Year 12 with complimentary comments from his teachers at SJF and Kings – where he federates for some of his subjects. He has been recognised for the effort that he has put into his studies and his positive attitude. Well done to all who received an award! Keep up the hard work! *Mrs Wilmore*

Changes in Sixth Form.

This half term, the sixth form has been introduced to a 'Gold Card' system. Students who have good attendance, punctuality and behaviour will be given the Gold Card and be allowed to leave the School at lunchtime. The 'Gold Card' can be taken off students who do not meet the high expectations for the sixth form. Equally, those who do not have Gold Cards can work towards earning one this half term.

Mrs Wilmore

Sports News

The Under 16 boys continued their rich vein of form with two outstanding football results last week against Ormiston Bushfield Academy. Fresh from their qualification to the Peterborough Rugby finals the Year 11 boys football team thrashed Bushfield 9-2 playing some superb passing football throughout. Brandon Calderbank and Kyrie Foster both scored hat tricks. Elvis Munyiri and Tiago Dias produced a lesson in midfield dominance with some eye watering passing which constantly opened up the Bushfield defence. On the same night the Year 10s produced their finest performance for some time - beating Bushfield 5-1. The team played some fantastic flowing football from Ahmed Haider at the back through to Charlie Stratton up front.

The Year 7 basketball team recently had their first basketball games of the season and have got off to a promising start. After narrowly losing their first game against Sir Harry Smith 4-2 the boys soon found their form and rhythm in the second game. They beat a good Stanground team 10-4 with Yann Maniraguha scoring a hat trick of baskets. Well done to all involved!

Mr Plane

Remembrance

This week we held our first Remembrance Service and Parade. The school fell silent at 11.00 am as we remembered all who have given their lives in conflicts since World War I. Following the service our Cadets paraded for staff and students to watch.



Following the service two special Remembrance Stones were laid in our Garden of Remembrance outside the Atrium. This focal point, in the centre of our school, will bloom with poppies shortly with the two stones nestled reverently. They are inscribed "In remembrance of all who have given their lives in conflict".

The stones, inscribed by Mr Avory in our Technology department, are Stamford Stone. This was used almost 1000 years ago to build Peterborough Cathedral.

A moving ceremony of readings, reflections and prayers was carried out by Mr Turner, our Chaplain, members of the Chaplaincy team and the History Society.

Parents' Evening

The first of this year's Parents' Evenings is on Tuesday 24 November. This one is for students in **Years 7, 10, 12 and 13**. Parents will have received letters explaining the online booking system and need to have made appointments in advance. Spare appointments will be allocated on arrival on demand. All students will be dismissed at 2.00 pm so we can be ready for a prompt start at 2.30 pm

Peterborough Inter-Faiths Council

Founded 1977

Invites all to join in our United Nations Children's Day Celebrations 2015



Praying Together for Peace and Compassion



PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL

Wednesday 18th November at 7 – 8.30 pm

ADMISSION FREE

The service will be followed by refreshments.

There will be a retiring collection for Refugees fleeing conflict.

Please come and support
St John Fisher students will be performing

NOSTRA AETATE:

Celebrating Fifty Years of the Catholic Church's Dialogue with Jews and Muslims

On 28 October 1965, Pope Paul VI issued an Encyclical on relations with those of non-Christian religions, and called it, "Nostra Aetate" ["In Our Time"]. This had a profound effect on the Jewish-Christian-Muslim relationship as seen through the eyes of the Papacy and the Roman Catholic Church. On 1 November 2015 I had the pleasure of attending the 50th celebration of Nostra Aetate at the Cathedral in Norwich. We were welcomed by Archbishop Bishop Kevin McDonald and Bishop Alan Hopes. We had prominent speakers from Catholic, Jewish and Muslim faiths speaking on their perspectives on Nostra Aetate which is very noble act done by the Catholic Church.

Mr Akbar