



St John Fisher News

Exam Season begins

We are now into exam season, which seems to get earlier each year. Practical exams have started this week with Art, with others following over the next few weeks. Coursework deadlines are almost upon us and this should now be in the process of being completed for any subject where it hasn't already been completed. Written exams for Years 11-13 will then follow.

We also have internal exams for other year groups this term, starting with Year 10 the week after next. Students were told about this during a special assembly on Tuesday morning. On 14 June we have an Information Evening for Year 10 students and parents with important information for next year: more about this nearer the time.

Exams for Years 7-9 will take place in June.



Congratulations to the following students who are receiving the sacrament of Confirmation tomorrow evening at All Souls. This will be given by Bishop Alan during the 6pm Mass.

Patrick Bunczik
Stella Smith
John Portugal
Nicole Portugal
Chelsea Noronha
Raul Pires
Ricas Pires

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

BBC at The Polish School

Tomorrow morning the BBC will be filming in the school for a programme to be broadcast in June ahead of the European Referendum. They will be looking at the Polish School which we host each Saturday as part of a balanced programme about the effects of immigration. When we have a date for the broadcast I will share it via the newsletter.

Staff Training

With the significant amount of change that is being introduced by the government currently, and especially the new GCSE and A level courses, we are looking to arrange some additional training time for teachers. We have two training days at the very start of next term but much of the work needs to be completed before the summer. I feel the least disruptive option is for students to be sent home at 2pm one afternoon as we do for Parents' Evening: this would allow staff to work in a single block into the evening but have minimal disruption to lessons. When this is decided I will ensure parents are given plenty of notice and it will certainly not be before June.

Key Dates This Term

Please note the following important dates:

Mon 2 May – Bank Holiday – school closed
Tue 3 May – Year 10 PPE exams begin
Tue 17 May – Parents' Evenings Years 7, 8 & 9
Fri 27 May – Year 13 Leavers' Liturgy *
Mon 30 May – half term holiday begins
Mon 13 June – Year 12 begin A2 lessons
Tue 14 June – Year 10 Information Evening
Fri 17 June – Year 11 Study Leave begins
Thu 23 June – Year 12 Induction at Kings
Fri 24 June – Year 11 Leavers' Day and Prom
Wed 6 July – Year 7 Induction Day
Thu 8 July – Year 12 Induction Day
Tue/Wed 19/20 July – Focus Days
Thu 21 July – Sports Day
Fri 22 July – St John Fisher Day. Term Ends

* Study Leave begins

Sean Hayes

Current House Point Totals:

Beverley	3736
Cambridge	5009
Rochester	4106
Westminster	4568



Bush Tucker Trial

On Friday, two teachers from Cambridge house went head-to-head in a Bush Tucker trial eat-off. Mr Philpot and Mr Davis competed against one another to see who was the bravest and most daring of the two by eating the most disgusting specimens known to man. The rules were that whoever finished the round first with an open clean mouth, won that round, and if one of the competitors refused to eat any of the specimens served to them by Mrs Elliott and Miss Young, they incurred a £5 penalty.

The eat-off took place in the atrium, with an impressive turn out of students and teachers paying 50p each to enter.

With Mr Philpot already seated on the stage, Mr Davis entered the atrium to a deafening ovation. Once both competitors were seated, the eat-off began with the first round; a disgusting concoction of mealworms and crickets, which Mr Philpot finished first. The second round saw both competitors eating a locust each, and then a fried pig's tongue for the third round. For a while it looked like Mr Philpot was going to win with the score being 3-1, but the tables were turned on the next round.

Round four had a twist, with both players flipping a coin and being served something unknown both to the competitors and the spectators. Both flipped heads and were each served fried pig's ear (it was revealed that if they had flipped tails, they would've been served a fried pig's tail). Mr Davis finished this round, and then the fifth (a giant water bug), levelling the score to 3-3.

The last round was very decisive, and easily the most revolting; both competitors had to down a gut-wrenching mixture of brains and heart smoothie. Mr Philpot looked as if he wanted to give up and risk the £5 fine, but ate it in the end. However, Mr Davis finished first, securing a victory with a nail-bitingly tight score of 4-3.

I think it's safe to say that a considerable amount of money was raised for WaterAid. It was also enjoyed by the audience, as well as being the most exciting lunchtime SJF has ever seen!

Laura Bowden

Speakers for Schools

On Tuesday 19 April we were fortunate to have Richard Murrell from BBC Media come to talk to our Year 10 students as part of the Speakers for Schools outreach programme. Speakers for Schools provides secondary schools and colleges with the opportunity to listen to talks from a range of industry leading professionals, public figures and academics. Richard has worked within the BBC for 30 years and provided our students with an interesting synopsis of his job and the history of the BBC. One of our students, Frederico Francisco, even had a go at being a newsreader!



Westminster Green Day Wednesday 27 April 2016

Mufti Day - £1 in advance or £2 on the day

Face painting Pancakes Samosas
Milk shakes Bracelets
Sponge the teacher Cakes Doughnuts

Spend your money for Charity

Sports News

Last Thursday saw an amazing night of cup football. Not Liverpool verses Dortmund but our very own Year 11 football team took on a strong Hampton side, with a place in the semi-finals of the cup at stake. After a positive start in which SJF should have taken the lead two quick counter attacks saw the boys undeservedly go into half-time two nil down.

With determination they took to the field still believing they could get something from the game. Hampton were immediately under pressure, struggling to get out of their own half as SJF continually pressed them, fighting for every ball and launching attack after attack on the visitors' goal. It was only a matter of time before the breakthrough came. With only 6 minutes remaining on the clock Brandon Calderbank finally broke free of the Hampton defence and finished a pressurised one on one with the keeper. So the team, with hope restored, went in search of an equalizer and they left it late with only a minute of normal time remaining when Kyrie Foster scored to send the match into extra time.

Again SJF started strongly and tricky winger Kyrie Foster scored his second of the match to make the score 3-2 before Kamil scored the fourth and final goal to send the team through to the semi-finals against Stanground next Thursday.

Mr Burgess

Lord Balfe

On Friday 15 April, Lord Balfe from the House of Lords came to talk to our Sixth Formers about the role of the House of Lords and the Houses of Parliament.

Lord Balfe faced some challenging questions from our students on topics such as welfare, immigration and the NHS. During his presentation he also informed us about some of the legislations - such as making it illegal to smoke in the car with minors - which have been passed and the process for this to happen.

