



## May Already

I hope that everyone enjoyed the May Bank Holiday at the start of this week. It should mean an improvement in the weather, but it certainly means that the summer term is running away fast. Speaking to Year 11 in their final assembly on Tuesday, I talked about how quickly the last year has gone and how close the end of their time as a year group is.

The same is true for many of our Sixth Form students, and especially Year 13: they have their Leavers' Liturgy three weeks today.

We also start preparations for next year at this stage, planning classes, appointing teachers, collecting information on our new Year 7 students, and so on. But the main focus for the next seven weeks will be the national exams which began on Tuesday.

## Invitation: One Parish Mass

The school community has been invited to Mass in Peterborough Cathedral on Saturday 18 June. This is being celebrated to mark the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish, the intention being that the whole parish will attend this one Mass rather than several over the course of the weekend. The Mass will be said by Bishop Alan and will begin at 7pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Cathedral cloisters.

## Staff Training

I mentioned recently that we need to arrange some additional staff training to prepare for the significant changes that take effect next term. I said that this would mean closing school early one afternoon to create a long training session. We have now decided that this will happen on Monday 13 June. Students will be dismissed at the end of lunch that afternoon: a reminder and more details will be issued in the newsletter after half term.

## Parents' Evening: Years 7, 8 & 9

The final parents' evening for this year is on Tuesday week, 17 May and is for Key Stage 3 students. Most students will be dismissed at 2pm and parents' evening will begin at 2.30 and continue till 6.30. Online appointments may be made and a letter with the necessary information has been posted home. If you have any questions please contact reception.

I say 'most students' will be dismissed at 2pm because some have exams that afternoon and these have to continue as scheduled.

There is a separate evening for Year 10 on Tuesday 14 June, at 7pm. This will outline for parents what to expect in the final GCSE year; more details later.

## Green Day Success

Many congratulations to Westminster House on a superb Green Day last week which raised over £1000 for their charity, CAFOD. The final house charity day for this year is Cambridge House's Blue Day which will be held on 18 May.

## Sean Hayes

Last weekend, the Parish of St Peter and All Souls sent a group of its young people to the Ignite Festival, a festival run by the Youth Team of the Diocese of East Anglia and designed to bring young people into an encounter with their faith. Among the number of young people were some students from St John Fisher, some of whom have detailed their experiences below.



*Over the weekend, we stayed at the Ignite Festival. It was spectacular and I loved every second of it. I enjoyed meeting lots of new people and made tons of friends. My most favourite aspect was gathering in the main hall and talking about the right and wrong things to do, which got me to think about my life and whether I am making the right decisions. I also enjoyed the discos and parties that were thrown by Galactus Jack and especially The Squares.*

Chinazo R4

*On 30 April we went to the Ignite Festival at a Catholic School run by some really nice nuns. During the weekend we concentrated on the love of God and we did various activities which included getting to know other schools and listening to various speakers from around the world. I loved spending my weekend there because we were able to concentrate on the love of God and having a great time with other people from other churches.*

Gilda C3



## Feeding the Homeless

On Wednesday 4 May we took 4 students to The New Haven on Towler Street to serve food to the homeless, with members from the Peterborough Interfaith Council. One student commented:

*'It was really good and we all enjoyed it. We got to try some of the Indian food and it was marvellous. I definitely recommend it, it is a fantastic experience.'* Kacper Zamojski

Our students represented the school admirably. Well done!

Mr Akbar and Mr Turner



## Year 7 Road Safety Presentation

Year 7 students are currently beginning a series of road safety presentations during their PSHE lessons. There will be three main aspects to the presentation:

- The importance of wearing seatbelts
- Safety as a pedestrian
- Safety on cycles

Many of our students walk to school or walk to bus stops after school when traffic around the school site is heavy. It would be helpful if parents of all students could reinforce these messages and highlight the need for awareness of danger on the roads. Students should also remember that wearing headphones and playing loud music can impact on their safety.

Ms Wilson

## Year 9 Careers

All Year 9 students will be getting a letter next week about a visit to the Peterborough Careers Festival on Friday 15 July. This is an event that will support students to continue thinking about their future and will enable them to find out more about a range of professions. We would like all students to go and would therefore ask that the permission slips are returned as quickly as possible to Student Services.

## Year 13/14 Leavers

Please remember to buy your £5 gift, wrap it, put the recipient's name on it and give to either Ms Ahmed or Mrs Wilmore by Monday 23 May. Also remember to bring in your baby/toddler pictures. Friday 27 May will be your last official day at St John Fisher although your lessons will continue after half term if you have not sat your exam. If you are a BTEC student, you will need to attend school until your BTEC has been signed off. It would be appreciated if students could take the time to complete the survey about Sixth Form at St John Fisher:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PKFRXLK>



## PE Detentions

Physical Education is an important part of our school curriculum and helps to develop healthy minds and bodies. It is important that all students participate fully in their scheduled lessons and to do that they need the correct equipment. We play a variety of sports and we do expect all students to bring the correct kit which includes appropriate footwear, their school white polo shirt and leggings or shorts as directed. We have identified a small number of students who regularly forget their kit. As a result we will now be awarding detentions which may last until 5.00 pm in an attempt to change this situation. Please could you ensure that your child attends school PE lessons with the correct equipment.

Mr Van Lier

## Textiles Visit

Year 12 students recently had a visit from textiles designer Hanna Senior from Bayards Studio. Hanna gave a portfolio presentation to the group. They loved hearing about how she makes and sells prints for hundreds of pounds and about all the shows she has visited to sell her work, even the big events in Paris! The students were working on the portfolio unit for their course. Their behaviour was exemplary and they engaged her with many questions. It was a very positive learning experience for them.

Ms Guppy

## Cambridge House Blue Day Wednesday 18 May 2016

**Mufti:** £1 in advance / £2 on the day

All the fun of the fair

Welly Wanging	Lemon Balancing
Toffee Apples	Apple Bobbing
Shooting Gallery	Ice creams
Minion Splat	Bagatelle