



Celebration of Achievement

Tuesday evening was one of those special times during the year that is a real joy. Students were awarded certificates and prizes for a large range of achievements, and we acknowledged our Learning Leaders and School Colour winners.

I am very grateful to the Mayor of Peterborough, Councillor John Peach, for being our guest of honour this year, and for the kind words he said to the students. A very large number of guests and parents saw the awards presented and enjoyed musical performances throughout the evening.

My thanks to Mr Reilly, Mrs Austin and all others involved in preparing the evening, and to everyone who attended. And congratulations again to our award and certificate winners.

Open Evening

A final reminder that this important event is on Tuesday. In order to prepare for this, **students will be dismissed at 2pm**. Students who are taking part on the evening should have received details of their arrangements separately.

Student Leadership

One of the skills we aim to develop in students is that of leadership. We provide a variety of ways in which this can happen, including Reading Buddies, Cadets, lunchtime supervision, Learning Leaders, and so on. While not everyone can lead at the same time there should be enough different opportunities for as many students to have leadership experience as want it. I would encourage all students to look for an opportunity to 'lead' an activity during the year, and then to volunteer to do so. As more and more students leave school with good qualifications a growing number of employers and universities are asking about what experiences students have had outside the classroom. Some of the example listed above would be excellent ones to quote.

Sean Hayes



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@sjfpeterborough

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Reporting Attainment

Throughout the year we send information home to parents about students' progress and attainment. For most year groups this is once per term but for Year 11 it is a little more often. Year 11 students have just had their first set of assessments and parents have been sent a copy of their grades with predictions, attitude to learning (effort), and any issues that need attention. This will happen for each year group in turn, with Year 9 next, followed by Sixth Form, Year 8, Year 7 and Year 10 in that order.

Parents are asked to discuss these reports with their children and support them as appropriate. This might involve ensuring that homework is completed, providing space to study and revise, or encouraging them to attend after school sessions.

Sometime we qualify a grade with a number, with 1 meaning we are quite sure the grade will be achieved, 2 meaning it should be, and 3 meaning it is doubtful. So, for example, a B3 could be a B or a C, but a D1 is very likely to be a D.

Academic Tutoring

Our programme of academic tutoring continues this year and is linked to the reporting timetable outlined above. After each report is sent home, form tutors meet with their students for about 15 minutes each to discuss the report and set targets. Parents should be able to ask their students about these meetings in the fortnight after each report is received. Any questions arising from reports or tutoring meetings should be addressed to the student's form tutor in the first instance.

Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings this year will follow the same format as in recent years. They will run from 2.30 to 6.30 and will be for more than one year group at a time. More details will be sent out before the first one, which will be on 24 November for Years 7, 10 and Sixth Form. The Spring Term one will be for Years 11, 12 and 13 and will be on 15 March, and the Summer Term one will be for Years 7, 8 and 9 on 17 May. Parents may of course contact the school at any time and need not wait until the next Parents Evening.

The three items above are part of our work in ensuring that every student achieves their full potential in their time with us. I hope that parents find this useful and informative.

Mrs S Gilligan, Assistant Headteacher

Cadet Force Update

This September saw the launch of our new recruits into the Combined Cadet Force. The number of Cadets across Year 9 to 13 has now risen to 40. This rise in numbers is testament to how popular and worthwhile the CCF is to our students and what they can achieve by being part of it. One of our students from last year when, I spoke to him about his experience in the CCF, told me:

"The CCF has really helped with my behaviour and progress in school, my confidence has grown and I really enjoy the CCF and my time in school."

Our new recruits are listed below and we look forward to offering them a rewarding and fulfilling experience throughout their time in the CCF.

Mr Davis, Second Lieutenant

Alasdair Ager	Leandra Balde
Alex Beeton-Jones	Alice Bowden
Laura Bowden	Karl Colaco
Szymon Durma	Bethen England
Alexson Fernandes	Kambell Flood
Nigel Fonseca	Sandro Fonseca
Sapphire Henson-Flood	Daanyal Iqbal
Nikola Jassova	Rebekah Knighton
Macy Law	Goncalo Lopes Grilo
Madeline Mason	Ged O'Sullivan
Ivo Ribeiro	Paulo Rocha
Ira Semjonova	Charlie Stratton
Diana Tarakanova	James Vonhof
Daisy Webb	

House Cup Competition

The current state of play after one month is:

Westminster	651
Cambridge	578
Beverley	531
Rochester	420

Replacement Student Diaries

Please note that the cost of a replacement Student Diary is now £1.50. Replacement diaries are available from Student Services.

Rochester House - Yellow Day

This year's Yellow Day will be held on Thursday 22 October. To raise money we will have an Open Mic event. We bring the Mic, you bring the talent! We are also fundraising by having a Teacher Auction. Bid for Mr Plane or Miss O'Connor! Bid the highest amount and they will do one piece of homework for you.

Each year we raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care. This year we have decided that half the money raised should go to the refugee crisis in Syria. As we are a Catholic school it is our mission to help people and follow the teachings of Jesus. He said "love your neighbour as yourself". In order to do this we need your contributions!

Sabina Strug, R7

OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 6 October 2015

**7.00 pm in the
School Hall**

OPEN MORNINGS

Wednesday 7 October 2015

**Thursday 8 October 2015
9.00 am**

Dress for Success

Wearing a uniform is a badge of pride, creates an identity for the school and is an important part of being a school student.

Wearing a uniform teaches students to dress smartly and take pride in their appearance. Students are not concerned about peer pressure when it comes to clothing, when everyone is dressed the same worrying about what you look like is not important.

With this in mind, we have launched a new initiative – *Dress for Success*. St John Fisher school uniform is detailed in full in student diary and consists of items that are readily available in local shops. Ties and Badges are sold at Student Services, at a price of £4.50 and £3.50 respectively.

From next week, any student arriving in school wearing incorrect uniform will be given the correct item to wear for that day. This will be handed back at the end of the day.

Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated.

Matthew Van Lier, Assistant Headteacher

Chaplaincy Corner

A big thank you to all those who have bought in items to donate to our Refugee appeal. The floor of the Chapel is slowly starting to fill up!

We are continuing to collect any donated items into next week. If you have any of the following that you would be able and willing to donate to help those who have found themselves without a place to call their home, please give them to your son/daughter to bring into school.

Hats, Gloves
Socks, Shoes
Blankets
Jumpers
Sleeping bags
Canned goods – beans, soup, etc
Toiletries – toothpaste, soap, etc

Luke Turner, Chaplain