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Fire Safety

Following the recent tragedy in Kensington, there have been concerns raised in the media about the safety of public buildings across the country, so I thought it sensible to say something about our building.

The school has annual fire safety risk assessments undertaken by the Local Authority, this was last done in February this year. The Fire Brigade also regularly visit the school, to ensure that all is in order should they have to fight a fire here.

Fire alarms are tested weekly and all other related equipment is checked and serviced at least annually.

Fire drills are undertaken at least termly to make sure that students and staff know how to leave the building and where to assemble so that we can check that all are safe. In recent drills the school has always been evacuated in 5 minutes or less.

Congratulations Beverley House

Many congratulations to the students and staff of Beverley House on Tuesday's Red Day. There was a lot else going on at the same time but you still managed to hold your day and raise money for charity. Well done.

Celebration Assemblies

These will take place next week on the usual assembly day for Houses, with an extra one on Tuesday morning for Year 12. This is when we present certificates and badges for subjects, attendance, weekly quiz, and so on.

School Cup

With just two weeks remaining it seems to be between Cambridge and Westminster this year. Can Cambridge win it for a second year running? The current situation with house points is:

Cambridge 18779 Westminster 18685 12853 Beverley 10281 Rochester

Sports Day usually decides the winner because there are so many points available that day. Perhaps a concerted effort could change the order? Or will Cambridge ensure that it doesn't? 8 days to wait...

Newsletter next week

Next Friday's newsletter will be the final one for this year. It will include details for the last week of term and the first week of next term.

Attendance

We have had a lot of requests for absence in the run up to the end of term so are repeating the item from last week's newsletter to ensure parents are fully aware of the latest rules concerning absence from school:

This is a reminder of the changes that have been made regarding absences during term time. The target for attendance is 100% and as such all absence requests are likely to be refused. As part of our statutory duties we have to record all unrequested and request refused absences of 3 or more days during term time as unauthorised and these may lead to Penalty Notices from the local authority with fines of £120 per parent per child. Parents may request up to 5 school days in exceptional circumstances, that is, circumstances that rare, significant, unavoidable and short, unavoidable means an event that could not reasonably be scheduled for another time.

As of this term absences from school are likely to be recorded as unauthorised unless accompanied by a medical note. If your son or daughter needs to be absent for an exceptional reason then they need to apply to the Headteacher in advance for special consideration.

Sean Hayes



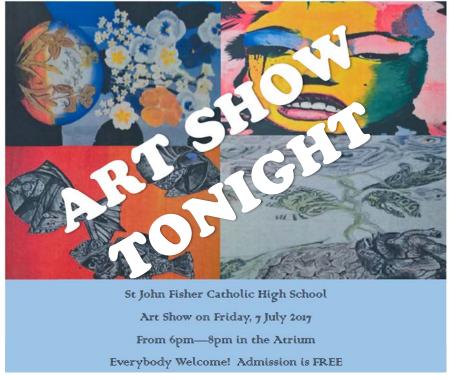
Wanted - Learning Leaders for Maths

This is an appeal for interested students to apply, through their Maths teachers, to be learning leaders. As we need a leader for most classes you don't have to be the top of your year just willing to help. Your duties would consist of helping other students to learn in class, organising the learning environment as directed by your teacher and most importantly giving regular feedback to your teacher. As the voice of the students in your class you will help the teacher understand how the learning went from your perspective each term. How can we do better? Was the homework appropriate? Did the class struggle with the topics taught? If you think you could help both the teachers and your class notify your usual Maths teacher so we can add you to our list.

Mr Goddard

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Invitation

The Peterborough Inter Faith Council are having a 'sports' evening with badminton and table tennis for all ages:

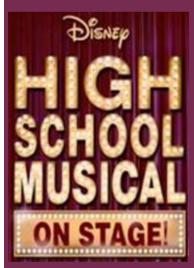
Wednesday 12 July 6-8 pm St John Fisher Catholic High School

If you would like to take part in this evening please contact:

Brian Keegan 01733 265769

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Friday, 7 July 2017 at 7pm
Final Performance Tonight
Tickets Still Available from
Students Services or On The Door
Adults £5 / Concessions £3

This amateur production is given permission by JOSEF WEINBERGER Ltd
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Rochester News

Since the last newsletter we have waved goodbye to a number of students in Rochester House and it was wonderful to see the effort the year 11s made on Prom evening. Who would've thought they would look so glamourous and grown up without their school uniforms on! The departing year 11, left a few important vacancies on the House Council, so the council voted to promote Paulo Campos to be our Sports Ambassador for the upcoming sports day.

During assembly we have introduced the way our fun filled sports day events unfold and I have reminded Rochester students that we all need to be wearing a House coloured T-Shirt on the day. If you don't have a yellow T-Shirt, or you have grown taller this year please make sure you get one, so that we can once again create a sunshine sea of yellow.

Ms Stevens