



Week 2

We are onto the second week of term and the second week of the timetable cycle. Last week went very smoothly but I am aware that there is a lot of information to share with both students and parents. This week I am including various dates that are worth noting. As each of these events approach there will be a reminder and further information in this weekly newsletter. I would particularly draw parents attention to the term dates, and the fact that those for the following year are on our website. Please remember that holidays should not be booked during term time as we are not able to authorise such absences.

Diocesan Schools Mass

This annual event takes place on Wednesday next, 20 September, in St John the Baptist Cathedral, Norwich. This year the Peterborough and Cambridge schools have prepared the Mass and will be leading the singing. We have selected the theme of *Children of God* and will be focusing on how we are all one family in the sight of God.

We are taking a coach load of students to the Mass to represent our school. Although the cathedral is very large by the time every school is present there is only usually room for about 20 students per school, but as we are leading this year we have been allocated extra places.

St Thomas More Nursery

You will have noticed that building work is taking place next door to the school. This is a project to expand the size of the Nursery School. Linked to this there will be some additional parking spaces provided for the staff.

The project is due for completion at the end of the year and should not affect our school particularly while the builders are on site.

Year 9 Parents

I understand that the local authority has written to parents of Year 9 students about the local UTC. I was not aware that they were going to do this. We will be presenting students and parents with the full range of options for Year 10 at the Options Evening on 30 January. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns about this letter please contact me.

Sean Hayes

Key Dates: Term Dates

Autumn Term 2017

23 – 27 October Half Term Holiday
Tue 19 December Term Ends

Spring Term 2018

Wed 3 January Term Begins
12 – 16 February Half Term Holiday
19 February Training day
Thur 29 March Term Ends

Summer Term

Mon 16 April Term Begins
Mon 7 May Bank Holiday – school closed
28 May to 1 June Half Term Holiday
Fri 20 July Term Ends

Term dates for 2018-19 are available from the school website.

Parents Evenings

Tue 19 September Year 10 Information Evening PTO
Tue 7 November Years 7 & 10
Tue 9 January Years 11, 12 & 13
Tue 30 January Year 9 (with Options Evening)
Tue 20 March Years 8, 11 & 13
Tue 22 May Years 7, 10 & 12.

Please note dates and further information will follow.

Other Events

Tue 3 October Open Evening (for Year 6)
Fri 6 October Cambridge House Mass
Tue 17 October Sixth Form Open Evening
Wed 1 November Mass for Feast of All Saints
Tue 7 November Remembrance Mass
Thu 23 November Rochester House Mass
Mon 11 December Advent Reconciliation Services
Thu 14 December Carol Service
Wed 31 January Beverley House Mass
5 – 9 February Year 10 Work Experience
Thu 8 March Lent Reconciliation Services
Mon 21 May Westminster House Mass
Tue 26 June Celebration of Achievement
Fri 29 June Mass for Ss Peter & Paul
Thu 19 July Sports Day
Fri 20 July St John Fisher Day



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National Citizenship Service

During the summer many Year 11 students volunteered for the NCS. They spent four weeks on residential activities and then developing and delivering a social impact project in the local community. Graduation ceremonies will be held at Kingsgate Community Church on 19 and 26 September and we would like to add our congratulations to the 42 students below who will graduate, having successfully completed the project. Well done!

Gilda Lleshi, Kacper Zakrocki, Katie Vonhof, Bethany Bennett, Paula Sanchez Comino, Taylor Flaherty, Jade O'Sullivan, Maria Da Silva, Tyreece Glave, Fatemeh Mohammadi, Stephen Noronha, Ahmed Haider, Rheanne Harris, George Duffy, Clarence Monteiro, Morgan Stapleton, Daanyal Iqbal, Noor Tariq, Shania Steer, Paulo Rocha, Nassim Rhaïem, Bruno Homem De Figueiredo, Aleksandra Janus, Keith De Souza, Ged O'Sullivan, Yasoda Thapa, Bruna Goncalves, Olivia Bridgen, Safaa Moradi, James Barfield, Tamsillah Khan, Glenver Miranda, Sarah Spires, Magda Kleczek, Madeeha Walji, Julia Piotrowska, Mohammed Dhanji, Neringa Kolesnikovaite, Farah Qamar, Erminda Budreviciute, Tristan Earl, Cheyenne Guest.

Competition Winner

Congratulations to **Lewis Bennett** on winning the Engineering Tower Challenge at the Digital People in Peterborough and STEM Festival stand at the Careers Fair last term. Lewis was commended for his keen interest in STEM subjects and the positive way he represented our school. He won a cheque of £50 for the school and an invitation for 10 students to take part in the STEM Festival Schools Challenge Day at the end of the month.

Uniform

The change to the new uniform is progressing smoothly and we now have 90% of students in correct uniform. Chroma Sports are working on any outstanding orders. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



Monday – Friday 18.30 – 20.30
Weekends and Bank Holidays 09.00 – 17.30

**Boroughbury Medical centre
Craig Street, Peterborough**

If you can't make it to your GP surgery during normal opening hours, ask your GP surgery reception for an appointment at the GP Hub.

Year 8 Humanities Field Trip to the Imperial War Museum, Duxford Friday 13 October 2017

As part of the Humanities curriculum, a visit to the Imperial War Museum, Duxford has been arranged for Year 8 students all of whom will be expected to attend. *IWM Duxford* is a historic airfield and museum that tells the stories of those who lived, fought and died in conflict during the 20th century. Britain's largest aviation museum, Duxford houses the museum's large exhibits, including nearly 200 aircraft, military vehicles, artillery and minor naval vessels in seven main exhibition buildings. The site also accommodates several British Army regimental museums, including those of the Parachute Regiment and the Royal Anglian Regiment.

Based on the historic Duxford Aerodrome, the site was originally operated by the Royal Air Force (RAF) during the First World War. During the Second World War Duxford played a prominent role during the Battle of Britain and was later used by United States Army Air Forces fighter units in support of the daylight bombing of Germany.

All students will be receiving a letter from their History or Geography teachers with further details. Given the short notice for this visit, I would appreciate your cooperation in returning the confirmation slips and £4 transport cost as soon as possible.

Year 10 information Evening Tuesday 19 September 2017 7pm

The purpose of GCSE Information Evening is to give you and your child as much information regarding their crucial examination years as possible. We ran this last year for Year 10 parents and students and have recently sent out invites to current Year 10 but if you are a parent of a Year 11 student and were unable to attend or even if you still feel you need more information you would be very welcome to attend also.

There are many changes happening at the moment for GCSEs and it will take time to understand what all of the differences mean and become as familiar with the new systems as the old. The main aim of the evening is to help try and explain those changes to you and your child, the impact this may have and the help and support we intend to offer to ensure their success. The Heads of Maths, English and Science will be presenting the key changes to their subjects. We know how important the results students achieve are to the opportunities that are then on offer to them in the next stage of their education. We will also be going through information about Year 10 Work Experience during the evening.

Parking

Parents are requested to park considerately and legally when dropping off or collecting students.