



Our New Mission Statement

Today we are formally adopting our new Mission Statement. This is the result of work that was done during 2017 with our Student Council, staff and governors. This afternoon Bishop Alan is visiting the school to approve our new statement. He will be meeting the current School Council in the Chapel where he will bless a framed copy which will then be displayed in the front reception area.

My thanks to everyone who contributed to the new statement, and to Luke Turner for leading this work.

Mission Statement

'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full' John 10:10

St John Fisher School is a learning community striving to live the gift of life that God gave us:

- **we know through our spirituality that everyone is a loved creation of God and that every person has a lesson they can teach someone else.**
- **we will take every opportunity to help each other and those less fortunate than ourselves.**
- **we will do our best to reach our aspirations, and celebrate our successes.**

Holocaust Memorial Day

Yesterday the city commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day with events in Cathedral Square and St John the Baptist Church. Our students again played leading roles in the event and we are very grateful to them for doing so. It is important that we mark this event each year but also a positive contribution that our students can make to the local community.

Katharine of Aragon Mass

This morning Luke and I, together with some students, are attending Mass for the anniversary of the death of Queen Katharine in Peterborough Cathedral. This annual event is usually the only Catholic Mass that is said in the cathedral and takes place because Queen Katharine is buried there and was, of course, a Catholic.

Chaplaincy Team

This afternoon Bishop Alan will also be commissioning our new Student Chaplaincy Team and presenting them with their badges. Although they started work last term we have saved this task until today so that the Bishop could do it himself.

I would like to thank these students for serving the school in this way. They are:

Conal O'Shea
Erin O'Shea
Urte Cibityte
Ema Cibityte
Sabina Strug
Sheridan Earl
Elizabeth Desborough
Maria Maia
Vanessa Abankwa
Alex Sanchez Comino
Alicia Jeziorna
Eromu Ehwerhemuepha
Ellie Hutchings

School Performance Tables

These were published yesterday. Although we see our own entry the day before we cannot see how other schools have performed so I am writing this without that knowledge. However, these tables are often very similar to the draft ones that we saw in October so I am optimistic that we have remained second in the city for GCSE results. This is using the Progress 8 measure that was introduced last year and by which schools are now ranked. This shows how effective we are at ensuring that our students make progress that is above national progress, and we know that we were in the top 20% of schools nationally in 2017.

We are still in a process of annual changes and so this year's tables cannot be directly compared to last year's. This is mainly because of the introduction of new GCSE courses in English and Maths. The same will happen next year and the following year, so only then should a stable situation return.

Sixth Form tables are also published tomorrow and show very pleasing value added scores: 0.16 for A level only and 0.68 for Applied General (vocational) courses. As with GCSE, 0 would indicate performance in line with other students nationally.

Sean Hayes

Year 9 Options and Parents Evening

This takes place next Tuesday between 2.00pm and 6.30pm. It is worth reminding you that this afternoon combines both parents evening and the GCSE options information process and it is therefore essential that parents attend. There will be presentations at 2.10pm, 3.45pm and 5.30pm in the atrium on Key Stage 4 options. Parents are expected to attend one presentation and then book their appointments with teachers around this. If you have any questions, or need help booking appointments, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Student Support Officer. **Students will be dismissed at 2pm on Tuesday 30 January.**

National Citizen Service

Year 11 had an assembly this week to launch the National Citizen Service summer programme. This is a government funded four week programme, which involves two weeks of residential courses and the planning and delivery of a social impact project in the local area. Many of our students have gone through this programme and gained enormously from taking part. I would encourage all our Year 11s to sign up and for parents to find out more about it. Many students have completed expressions of interest and the NCS returned at lunchtime today to speak to students individually. The total cost of the programme is more than £1500 per student, however students who sign up this week only have to pay £25. The programme is free for any students in receipt of free school meals.

**Year 12 & Year 13
Academic Tutoring Next Week**

SJF House Competitions

"have life and have it abundantly"

John 10:10

Coming this half term

Pop Pong final Monday 5 February

Dodgeball final Tuesday 6 February

Movie Quiz Friday 9 February

Students should have been practising with their red cups and ping pong balls and listening to movie theme tunes in preparation for the upcoming finals. We are looking forward to seeing you all support your house.



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Catenians Public Speaking Competition

We are looking for a year 12 or 13 pupil to represent the school in the annual Catholic Schools Catenians Public Speaking Competition in March of this year. In order to determine the best candidate for the role we will host our own public speaking competition here in school. A broad list of topics will be provided and candidates will prepare a three minute speech on one of their choice. Mr Chesham and I will hold lunchtime preparation sessions one week before the debate. You will be judged by a panel of senior school leaders. Public speaking is a hugely impressive item to include in any university or job application. You are developing critical thinking skills, fine tuning verbal and non-verbal skills and overcoming fear of public speaking. In short, finding your voice. It will be a lot of fun and great experience.

Looking forward to your entry.

Miss O' Connor

Youth Club Leaders Meeting 2018

Warm Greetings from St. Peter and All Souls parish in this New Year. I came into school and met with children from our parish and discussed the possibility of a Catholic Youth Club being set up in the school premises under the parish and diocesan umbrella.

In order to make this work we need support from parents. We will need to put together a team of adult leaders and have them DBS checked so they can supervise and support when needed. Mr Hayes and his team is very much in favour of this idea and ready to offer us help.

Therefore, I would like to invite you to a meeting to discuss it, which will be held at All Souls Church, Geneva Street, PE1 2RS on Friday, 2 February at 8pm. I hope you are able to attend and please let me know whether you are able to come along to the meeting. Thank you

Father Adam

SHROVE TUESDAY HALF TERM FAMILY PANCAKE DAY

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