

St John Fisher News

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Thick and fast

Events are still coming thick and fast, as now happens this time every year. On Tuesday we had The Great Get Together, which is now an annual event to enable us to celebrate the unity of the school. This national event came about after the murder of MP Jo Cox, and our event was organised by our School Council, and a great job they did.

Today is the final GCSE exam and this evening Year II will gather for their Prom. I hope the students have an enjoyable evening and thank those who have organised the prom. They approached their exams very maturely and I hope that this will be reflected in the results in August.

All week we have had the World Cup Football Competition occupying students at lunchtime: thank you to the PE department for organising this.

Next Tuesday we have our annual Celebration of Achievement evening when we award students from across the school for progress and achievement, as well as presenting other cups and trophies. I am delighted that we will this year have our MP, Fiona Onasanya, as our guest of honour. This is the first time that we have had our MP for this event so I am pleased that she was able to accept my invitation.

The following evening we have this term's governing body meeting when we will again be discussing academy status and when we might want to consider joining the Multi-Academy Trust, although a decision is not expected to be made at this meeting.

Friday next week is the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul so we will have Mass at the start of the day for those students that wish to attend.

Parent Governor Election

We have had more nominations for parent governor than we have vacancies and so will be holding an election. We will issue voting papers next week and are asked that these are returned promptly to school. I will announce the outcome in a future newsletter.



Charity Fundraising

Each year our four houses identify charities that they wish to raise funds for and for several years now we have raised about £3500 in total. This year our students have far exceeded this: the final figure is a very impressive £4300. This is a huge achievement and reflects the extent to which our students care for others

The charities that have benefited this year are:

Beverley: £1281 shared between Peterborough

Special Baby Unit and Educaid

Cambridge: £975 shared between WaterAid and

Cambridge Nazareth Trust

Rochester: £1151 shared between Marie Curie

and the Teenage Cancer Trust

Westminster: £893 for Cancer Research UK. These charities all write letters of gratitude afterwards and really do appreciate our students' efforts.

Sean Hayes

The Great Together

Student Leaders organised the third Great Get together to feed over 200 students and staff. Great thanks to everyone who supported and served. Thanks to Glenver and Vanessa and their student leadership team for their fantastic organisation.



Academic Tutoring Year 8: 25 June - 6 July



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100% Attendance Award

Congratulations to Rhonda Pane for winning the prize draw for students who had 100% attendance last half term.



The Five Rs - Responsibility

Over the next couple of weeks we are looking to reward students with merits for being responsible in and out of lessons.



To help you do this consider these few tips:
I have my equipment
I work in a team and help others
I think ahead and avoid distractions
I clear up after myself and others
I take responsibility for my actions and the effect I have on my friends

Year 9 & 10 Law Taster Day, Cambridge University

On Wednesday, a group of years 9 and 10 students visited the Law Faculty at Cambridge University, to take part in a taster day organised by NEACO. The students had a talk on Higher Education and were then taken through a series of activities by a post-graduate law student, focusing in particular on case studies linked to human rights law. Students were encouraged to think like lawyers and consider how moral and legal considerations fit together or conflict. Students had lunch at Newnham College and were taken on a tour by a student. This enabled them to gain an insight of undergraduate life at Cambridge and ask lots of questions. The students were very engaged throughout the day and what impressed me was their developing confidence in speaking in front of larger groups of people and not being afraid to express opinions and take risks. Well done to all.

Sixth Form Induction

Our sixth form induction took place on Wednesday. We were delighted to see so many of our year 11 students returning and a pleasing number of new faces too. The day began with an assembly from Mr Reilly and students then had the opportunity to experience taster lessons as well as thinking about skills such as communication and independent earning. After lunch, the afternoon was dedicated to team-building activities. We were also pleased to welcome the Youth Dreams Project as our Scholarship students also had an Induction. Both Luke Kennedy and Luke Steele, the coowners came in to support the venture. We are very excited about this new partnership and the opportunities it can give to more of our young people.



Peterborough Pupil Referral Service

proudly present the second Citywide

Safer Together Event

Tuesday 17 July 6.00 - 8.00pm

This event offers a unique opportunity for parents, carers and professionals to meet people working together within your community to keep your children safe. Targeted at activities relevant to secondary age pupils, there will be a mix of stands to visit, staff to speak to and workshops which will explore topics in more detail. Workshops will run for 30 - 40 minutes starting at 6.15pm and include:

- Educate against Hate: Preventing radicalisation
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- E Safety : On Line Safety, know your friends
- Drug Awareness
- Beating Bullying
- Preventing Knife crime

There will also be the opportunity to speak to other professionals about: National Citizen Service, Drugs, Health and Wellbeing, Fire Prevention, Home Security, Behaviour Support Service, Tricky Times project / HMP Whitemoor, Community Connectors, Local Safeguarding Children Board, Solutions 4 Health

Light refreshments and limited parking available

CITY LEARNING CENTRE, WILLIAMSON AVENUE, PE3 6BA



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