



## Anniversary Preparations

I have mentioned before that the school will have been open for 60 years next April. Among the ways that we will be marking the event is the creation of a Sensory Garden, and for that we need to raise money. This is the reason for next Friday's Christmas Fayre. Please do come and support this. It is intended to be an enjoyable event as well as providing a much needed boost to funds.

## Rochester House Mass

This takes place on Thursday morning next week. We pray for the students and staff of Rochester House, and thank in advance all those who have prepared and will contribute to the Mass.

## Winter is coming

The weather has turned somewhat colder this week. Although snow is not forecast this is probably a good time for me to remind everyone of the process we follow in case of very bad weather. The simple version of this is that if the school opens in the morning it will stay open all day: we do not finish early once we have opened. If the weather is bad and we are unable to open the school, we will inform parents via text message or email, post a message on the school website, and inform local radio stations.

Please do not ring the school to ask if we are open, or to ask if we are going to close early, as this jams the phone lines. We will intend to be open every day unless there is a good reason why we cannot be.

## Short Story competition

The competition is now open to students. You are invited to write a story of between 400 and 750 words which begins with 'I remember the Christmas when...'

The competition is open to all students and there are prizes to be won! Completed entries should be handed in to Student Services by 13 December – don't forget to include your name and tutor group.

Sean Hayes



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## Mock Bar Trial

We were delighted to be part of this event last Saturday. Our team did very well and found the experience challenging yet rewarding. Although we didn't make it to the next round we did find out that it takes some schools years to get through so we were quite happy with how we did this year and intend to build on this next year. Congratulations to Eromu Ehwerhemuepha, Erin O'Shea, Urte Cibityte, Matas Baranauskas, Sabina Strug, Jade Lewis, Faaizah Akhtar, Bruno Walewski, Viorel Cercel, Razvan Cercel. Very many thanks to Miss O'Connor, who worked tirelessly to get the students ready.



St John Fisher School  
**Winter Fayre**  
Friday 30 November  
3:30 - 5:00pm

<b>Games and Prizes to suit all ages:</b>	<b>A Range of Stalls to get your Christmas Shopping:</b>
* Winter Raffle	* Cakes
* Chocolate Tombola	* Crafts
* Pin the Horn on the Winter Unicorn	* Bric - a - Brac
* Football Darts	* Plants
* Bottle Roulette	* Children's Toys, Books and Games
* Hoopla	* Refreshments
* Colouring Competition	
* Build your own Marshmallow Snowman	



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Raising money for our Sensory Garden Appeal

## Interhouse Multistage Fitness

Last week saw the houses compete in the multistage fitness Interhouse competition. On each day a different year group competed, taking on various students from the four different houses each lunchtime.



The overall results were very tight and saw Cambridge take the win! Well done to all the students who participated and to all the students who supported their house.

**Academic Tutoring  
Year 8: 26 November -  
7 December**

## Humanities Visit to Snowdonia Monday 8 - Friday 12 July 2019

What could be more invigorating than running down a forest trail or hiking to a pristine waterfall? How about watching a vintage steam train chug to the top of Wales' highest mountain or birds hover over a sparkling sea? In Snowdonia, each day will bring a new adventure. Craggy mountains give way to ancient woodland, moorland, estuary and cliffs. Brooks burble under mossy bridges. Folded into these lovely landscapes are pretty stone cottages and welcoming market towns. The perfect place to get outdoors and enjoy a week with the Humanities Faculty!



We still have number of places left on this visit which is open to all students in years 7-13, please return permission slips and the £50 deposit to guarantee your spot.

## Sixth Form Applications

Year 11 students are reminded that the deadline for 6<sup>th</sup> form applications is 19 December. Any students requiring individual support or advice need to speak to Miss Wilson.

## Charity Assemblies

This week we are having assemblies on Charity and charitable acts. The main fundraising this year is for the sensory garden. The other focus for this year is for all students to be involved in charitable acts. This is not necessarily to fund raise but to develop our students to take part in activities either as a group or individually where they make a difference to people's lives. This can be as simple as doing something at home or being involved in a community project such as bringing in items for a food bank. In the run up to Christmas there is Green Day (7 December) and Cambridge House and Rochester House will be looking for students to engage in charitable acts. Look out for the items in future newsletters where we will publish what students have done.

## Winter Warmer Soup Challenge

Four of our students got through to the finals of the Food and Farming 'Winter Warmer Soup Competition'.



The four students designed a spicy chicken soup recipe which was selected for the preliminary judging round. On Wednesday this week Daniel Czarnik, Adham Zaroob, Oliver Kandrac and Alishaan Hussain went to the East of England Showground to cook their recipe. The boys wrote a menu, made table decorations and got their chefs hats on to compete with other schools. All four boys worked really hard and impressed the judges with their flavours and style. We eagerly await to hear whether they have got through to the next round. Thank you to Mrs Brown and Mr Stanford who accompanied them.



## Year of Reading

This term has seen a renewed focus on reading in form time and students have been encouraged to complete their reading passports every time they finish a book. Please encourage your child to read regularly and get their passport completed. We are looking forward to handing out the first certificates at the end of term.



*'A year of reading ... a lifetime of memories.'*