



# St John Fisher News

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## Freedom

Our theme across school this week has been Freedom as we remembered the sacrifice of St Josephine Bakhita. Freedom to make our own choices is something very important to us and sometimes it can be difficult knowing which choices to make when there are a lot of things to choose from. As you know we are always trying to improve our environmental footprint as a school and our Eco Warriors and other members of the school are very passionate about doing this and are doing great work. Making the active choice to recycle, use less plastic and to put litter in the bin are all things we can all do personally, as a family, as a school and as a community.

## Plastic Bottles

One simple way of making a positive choice is to make a conscious effort to bring a reusable drinking bottle into school for water instead of having a plastic bottle of water. We have water fountains in school and we will be investing in more of these over the coming months. Please encourage your child to bring a refillable water bottle into school instead of buying plastic water bottles.

## Attendance matters

Please ensure your child attends school every day as this is crucial for their learning and personal development. Missing just one day of school mounts up to four lessons and over the course of five days that is twenty lessons. This can be very disruptive for a child as they are likely to fall behind and will need to catch up which can create extra stress for them. Thank you for your support in this.

## Exams

Years 11 and 13 will have Pre Public Exams after half term so it is very important that they continue to revise thoroughly for these over the half term holiday. Students have received their exam timetable and will continue to be supported in their revision.

## Diocesan Youth Service

The Diocesan Youth Service are advertising an event which will take place in London at Wembley Arena called Flame. It is a usually a great event of prayer and celebration in a lively environment especially for young Christians. If your child is interested and they are in Year 9 or above you can find out more by clicking on this link.

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/flame2023.png>



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## Half Term

Today we finish for half term as tomorrow is a training day and students are not required to be at school. We will return on Monday 20 February when it will be week 1.

*Kate Pereira*

## Duke of Edinburgh



We are now in the process of planning the Expeditions for Bronze and Silver Awards. Students must complete their eDofE by 1 April so that we can select the students for the first Expedition.

Mrs Foster and Mrs Wilmore will be in Room 211 after school on Wednesday 22 February and Wednesday 1 March to support students with eDofE.

*Mrs Wilmore, Senior Deputy Headteacher*

Upcoming Events	
13–17 February	Half Term
22 February	Lent begins

## Punctuality

Please can you ensure that your child leaves home in time to get to school for registration. Students must be at school by 8.35am before the bell, to give them time to settle well. The majority of our students are very punctual and we thank you for your support in this. Students who are late to school will receive a sanction.

*Mr Bates, Assistant Headteacher*

## Academic Tutoring

### Year 7

**20 February – 03 March 2023**

## Breakfast - Free Bagels

Why not start the day with a filling breakfast. Our Breakfast club runs every day between 8.10am and 8.30am all students are welcome to come and join us in the Dining Hall for a free bagel.



**CAFOD**  
Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

**Sponsored walk - after half term**  
This year, to raise money for CAFOD, we be taking part in the **BIG LENT WALK**.  
Each House will walk 200km around our school field between now and the end of term.

## Punctuality to lessons

### Punctuality

BEING PUNCTUAL TO SCHOOL AND TO YOUR LESSONS IS ESSENTIAL TO BEING SUCCESSFUL  
SJS WILL NOT ACCEPT LATENESS WITH THE FOLLOWING SANCTIONS:

Number of late to lesson	Sanction	Number of late to school	Sanction
1 or 2	Lunch detention - parents contacted after second ASD 4pm	1 or 2	ASD 1.45pm - parents contacted after second ASD 4pm
3	Extended detention - 5pm parents contacted This will include some community service	3	Extended detention - 5pm parents contacted This will include some community service
4	Seclusion - parental meeting Punctuality report This will include removal from any extra-curricular school activities that you do	4	Seclusion - parental meeting Punctuality report This will include removal from any extra-curricular school activities that you do
5	Loss break and lunch time	5	Loss break and lunch time so can be escorted to lessons

Extenuating circumstances will be considered

**SPEAKERS for schools**

## Ready to open doors to their future?

Virtual Open Evening

Join our 45-minute virtual open evening on 1<sup>st</sup> March to hear about fully funded work experience

- 6.30pm-start
- Meet top employers

**INTERESTED? CLICK HERE >>>**  
To book your place!

**BENTLEY NHS TESCO**

We know it's hard to help your child weigh up future careers when the job market has changed so massively, and there are so many different pathways you might not be aware of.

Speakers for Schools are a youth charity offering FULLY FUNDED work experience with big-name employers like Tesco, the NHS and Bentley Motors - with 1000s of placements across the UK.

We're passionate about giving every young person from a state school or college the chance to face their future with confidence - wherever they live, at no cost.

During our session we'll intro virtual, in-person and hybrid options, and clearly signpost how your child can access eye-opening work experience.

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Stay fully connected to your child's life at school, wherever you are.  
Download from your app store.

App Store  
Google Play

## Extra-Curricular Activities 2022-23

### Monday Lunchtime

All Years Boys Basketball  
Key Stage 4 - Drama - Optional Studio Time  
All Years - Guitar, Rap, Song writing  
All Years - Maths Help Club, 1.10 - 1.30pm  
All Years - Film Club room 301  
All Years - Gardening Club

### Monday After School

All Years Girls Trampolining  
All Years Boys/Girls Football (Astro)  
Drama - Shakespeare for Schools rehearsals  
All Years Homework Club Study Centre

### Tuesday Lunchtime

All Years Girls Football  
Year 7 & 8 Drama Club  
All Years - Maths Help Club, 1.10 - 1.30pm  
Years 8 & 9 - Inter Catholic Quiz Team  
Year 11 & 6<sup>th</sup> Form - Dungeons and Dragons

### Tuesday After School

Years 12 & 13 Girls Self-Defence Class  
All Years Homework Club Study Centre

### Wednesday Lunchtime

All Years Indoor Mixed Cricket  
All Years - Maths Help Club, 1.10 - 1.30pm  
Shakespeare for Schools rehearsals  
Year 9 - Blooklet room 211

### Wednesday After School

All Years Badminton  
All Years Fitness Gym  
Years 9 -13 Drama - Shakespeare for Schools.  
Duke of Edinburgh activities  
All Years Homework Club Study Centre

### Thursday Lunchtime

All Years Girls Benchball  
Key Stage 4 - Drama -Optional Studio Time  
Year 8 - Blooklet room 211  
All Years - Maths Help Club, 1.10 - 1.30pm

### Thursday After School

Key Stage 4 - Drama Intervention  
CCF  
Year 11 & YDP Scholars - Futsal  
All Years Homework Club Study Centre

### Friday Lunchtime

All Years - Drama Backstage and Technical Club  
All Years - English Creative Writing Club  
All Years - Maths Help Club, 1.10 - 1.30pm  
Year 7 - Blooklet room 211  
Years 8 & 9 - Inter Catholic Quiz Team  
Years 10/11 - Art Optional GCSE Catch Up

### Friday After School

All Years Homework Club Study Centre  
Eco-Warriors



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