



## Advent



Sunday was the beginning of Advent and this week assemblies have focussed on the meaning of Advent for us today. Advent has 29 days in it this year because Christmas Day is on a Sunday

this year. Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and continues up until Christmas day. It is a time of awakening and preparing ourselves for the coming of Christ. One of the ways we prepare is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation which took place in school on Tuesday this week. The first candle of Hope has been lit at each assembly this week as we prayed for hope and action in our world to work together for the Common Good. Thank you to all readers and helpers this week and especially to our Drama group who performed brilliantly at our Reconciliation Liturgies on Tuesday morning. Thank you to all members of staff who helped to organise things.

## Carol Service

Next Thursday, 8 December, our Peterborough Catholic Schools Carol Service is taking place at 6pm in the school hall. It is free to attend, so please do attend if you would like to listen to some Christmas carols and take part in singing them. Staff and students have been practising very hard for this and it will be a great pleasure to welcome children from the Catholic Primary schools including the newly opened Catholic school, St John Henry Newman. Again, a huge thank you to all those who are helping.

## Visitors in school

Visitors always comment on how welcoming and calm St John Fisher is when they come to visit which is a real credit to students and staff. This week we have welcomed people who are training to become teachers into school to see examples of good teaching and support for students with additional needs and we have also welcomed the Heads of RE from across the Diocese today to look at the way we teach RE. Thank you to all involved.

### Academic Tutoring

Post 16

5 December – 16 December 2022

## School Council

Today we held our first main School Council meeting following the election of our new Sixth Form Leadership team. Mr Chesham and Mr Zimmerman are facilitating the school council activities this year and I know are looking forward to all the new ideas that this years' council will bring to the school. Student voice and action is incredibly important as you all know and having reps on the council means that everybody gets a chance to have a say.

*Kate Pereira*

## Sixth Form Elections

This week elections took place for the Sixth Form Student Leadership Team. Following a student and staff vote, interviews and presentations, our new Sixth Form Student Leadership Team for 2023 are pictured below: Congratulations to the new

- Head Boy: **Qasim Iqbal**
- Head Girl: **Ellie Hutchings**
- Deputy Head Boy: **Conal O'Shea**
- Deputy Head Girl: **Rhonda Pane**

We are looking forward to hearing what ideas they have for the school in 2023.

*Mrs Reay, Assistant Headteacher*



## School Photographer

Photographer in school on Friday 9 December. It is time to update all our school photos that we use on the website, around school and in the Prospectus. To do this, we will have a photographer in school all day on Friday 9 December to take photos on our behalf. We will arrange a timetable for the day and only take photographs of students if we have permission on Sims. If you do NOT wish your child to be photographed, please email [enquiries@stjohnfisherschool.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stjohnfisherschool.org.uk)  
*Mary Austin, Business Manager*

### Upcoming Events

8 December	Carol Service
9 December	School Photographer
16 December	Terms ends, school closes @ 2pm

## Culture Heritage



Hello, my name is Carolina Figueiredo and I'm Portuguese. I come from Coimbra, Portugal. My favourite food is Bacalhau à brás. My favourite places to

visit whenever I go to Coimbra is cafes to eat Natas (pastry). I also support the football team Benfica. I speak Portuguese which is the main language in my country and the 9 most spoken world-wide.



If you want to feature your culture in the newsletter, please email Ufuoma at [ehwerhemuepha.u@sjfchs.net](mailto:ehwerhemuepha.u@sjfchs.net) with a paragraph that answers the following questions: what is your cultural heritage, what do you call someone from the country of your cultural heritage, what is the language spoken in this country, what is your favourite cuisine from this country, what is your favourite landmark from this country?

## Career of the Future



Over the next fortnight as part of Career of the Fortnight students will be looking at and discussing jobs that might exist in the future. It will be an

opportunity for them to think outside the box and consider jobs that at present might not exist! Here are a few examples of what they will look at a Space Tour Guide, a Drone Manager and a 3D Printer Chef

Mrs Maudsley, Career Lead

## Basketball News

The basketball leagues have started this term. We have been involved in 2 very close defeats to Kings and TDA in the U12 and U14 competitions. The U16 team had more success in their competition winning their first game against COPA 25-16. Zaamin Mahmood was the star performer scoring over half of the teams points, Ali Sultane also scored a great 3 pointer. The boys play Kings School next in the hope of qualifying for the semi-finals.

Mr Plane, Head of Expressive Arts

## YDP AllStars

The YDP AllStars came up against One Touch in the local derby. YDP took the lead with Jowapu Mutendi midway through the first half. YDP doubled their lead in the second half with a finish from defender Ashton Haslam. The 2-0 lead didn't last long as One Touch pulled it back to 2-2. However, a last minute set piece from Jiri Jassa set up for Finn Hatcher to score a fantastic bottom corner finish to put YDP 3-2 up and win. In the other game, YDP played F2 at home and comfortably won 4-1 thanks to another hat-trick from Matteo Perkins and an excellent finish from Josh Duffy. A superb week for the YDP AllStars with a double win week!

## 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 Netball  
All Years Boys/Girls Football (Astro)  
Drama – Shakespeare for Schools rehearsals  
All Years Homework Club Study Centre  
All Years – Stem Club – Lego League

### 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

### 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 Bench ball  
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  
All Years Girls Fitness Gym  
CCF  
YDP Scholars Futsal  
All Years Homework Club Study Centre

### Friday Lunchtime

Key Stage 3 Boxing  
All Years - Drama Backstage and Technical Club  
All Years Futsal  
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