



Weekly Theme: Togetherness



Our theme in school this week has been Togetherness reflecting the Church's focus on Christian Unity and communities. Houses have led assemblies on the theme this

week. Well done to all involved in planning and delivering these. A special thank you to Mr Goakes' form group (R6) who planned an exceptional assembly together and it was really well delivered. The form group had clearly worked together to come up with the ideas and practised their parts. It was thought provoking and far reaching and applied the concepts of the Feeding of the 5,000 to our world today focussing on personal acts of kindness and global social responsibility to clean up our planet and improve the world. Very well done!

Lent 2023

Still on the theme of Social Responsibility, Lent will start on 22 February with Ash Wednesday and will



finish on 9 April which is Easter Sunday. Lent is a period of 40 days when we focus on turning back to God through Prayer, fasting, Reconciliation and Charity. During Lent we will be raising money and awareness for those living in poverty around the world as a result of war, climate change, displacement, cost of living and homelessness. This is something that we all do together in unity. All world religions work hard to help those in need and it is a key area that we can all work together on. As a Catholic school it is part of our mission to help others in need and to make the world a better place to live in for everybody, regardless of background or belief. As part of this we will be taking part in CAFOD's Big Lent walk. More details can be found at walk.cafod.org.uk. We will let you know the details over the coming weeks as we gather ideas from students and staff about how and when we take part.

Year 11 and 13 Proms Mufti Days

The date for the Year 11 Prom is currently being finalised and the Year 13 Prom will be on 30 June. It is a wonderful occasion for students to celebrate the end of exams and all the hard work they have put in. It also marks an important milestone in students' lives as they reach the end of Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 and get ready for Post 16 and Post 18 courses and opportunities. As we always do, we aim to keep the costs of the Prom as low as possible for our students which we have managed to do again but in order to do

this we will also be fundraising by having mufti (non-uniform) days to support students and families even more. This is something we have done for many years across the whole school because every year group will benefit from these funds when it is their turn for their Prom. The first of these days will be this Monday (23 January.) Students may come to school in their own clothes and pay £1 to do so. My thanks to the Prom committees for their work they are about to do and to Mrs Reid and Ms Ahmed.

Year 9 Parents Evening and Options Information

If you have a child in Year 9 you will need to come to school on Tuesday 24 January for Parents



Parents

Evening

evening. You will need to make appointments to see your child's teachers to discuss their progress and their options for the next two years. Appointments can be made in the afternoon or early evening to fit in with your commitments. When your child starts Year 10 in September they will follow a slightly different curriculum which will include some subjects that your child will have chosen themselves with guidance from school, yourselves and a careers advisor. There are a set number of core subjects that have to be taken and then three subjects that can be chosen from a large choice. Full information will be given on Tuesday via presentations and a booklet and through one to one discussions with your child's teachers. There will be plenty of people there on Tuesday to help you. School will close at 2pm on this day.

Kate Pereira

Work Experience

Hello, I am a year 12 student who is currently studying Health and Social Care. A group of Year 12 & 13 students have chosen St Thomas More for their Work Experience as part of the course. We engage with the children in many different ways depending on year groups. We help children with their reading and record what they have done well and what they need to work on, we engage in play activities and help teachers get children ready for the end of the day. We help with activities and engage with the children using different games and other strategies, this benefits the children and St John Fisher students who are looking to become teachers. Work Experience is very enjoyable, helping the children to learn and gained valuable knowledge.

Lucia Osifo, Sixth Form Student

STEM Club – Lego League



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On Saturday 14 January the STEM Club competed in the regional LEGO League Tournament, hosted by Park Air Systems in Market Deeping. Our students showed great maturity and resilience, coming 5th overall on their first ever attempt. They are all keen to be ambassadors, recruiters and coaches for next year's competition, having learned so much from this year's event.



We are very grateful to the Institute of Electrical Engineers (IEE) for their generous Bursary.

The competition was in four parts:

- **Robot Challenge** – Teams pit their robots against each other, against the tasks on the table and against the clock in a battle to get as many points as they can
- **Robot Design** – Teams explain and defend the design of their robot to a panel of engineers.
- **Innovation Project** – A team presentation on a problem and their solution to it
- **Core values** – Teams provide evidence of how the Core Values (Discovery, Innovation, Impact, Inclusion, Teamwork) have been embraced throughout the season.

It was wonderful to watch every member of the team fully engaged, participating, speaking confidently to adults, supporting each other and really working together towards a common goal. Stem Club and Lego League will meet after the Easter break. Many thanks to Mr Manning and Mr Zimmerman for supporting us on the day.



Mr Johnson, Teacher of Science.

Academic Tutoring

Year 9

16 January – 24 January 2023

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Date: - 11th February 2023
Time: - 10am -2pm
Location: - The Fleet, High Street, Fleetton, Peterborough, PE2 8DL

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

Upcoming Events	
23 January	Mufti Day
24 January	Year 9 Options & Parent Evening School closes at 2pm.
25 January	Beverly House Mass

Career of the Fortnight: Forest/Woodland Manager

Each fortnight our Careers team focus on a different job to help students explore the many career opportunities that are available. During tutor time they will have the opportunity to discuss, as a group, the career of the fortnight looking at the skills required, roles and responsibilities involved, working conditions, qualifications needed, annual salary plus more!

To find out more about the Career of the Fortnight please visit the school website.

Mrs Maudsley, Careers Lead

YDP News

SCHOOL	DATE	TIME
WILLIAM LAW PRIMARY SCHOOL (PE4 5DT)	10TH FEB	9AM-3PM
ST JOHN FISHER HIGH SCHOOL (PE3 5AN)	10TH & 14TH FEB	9AM-3PM
FOOTBALL ONLY ST JOHN FISHER HIGH SCHOOL (PE3 5AN)	10TH & 14TH FEB	9AM-3PM
FOURFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL (PE7 3ET)	16TH & 17TH FEB	9AM-3PM
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