



Lent

Wednesday was the beginning of Lent which is the 40 days leading up to Easter and is a time of fasting, prayer, Reconciliation and giving to charity. We held Ash Wednesday services on Wednesday with each House and students who wished to receive ashes. Thank you to everybody involved in the services.

Citizens UK

Thank you and well done to our students involved in Citizens UK, particularly Ufuoma who led the team that secured £20,000 from the council for solar studs to improve safety in Central Park. This is a brilliant achievement and great example of Catholic Social Teaching in practice to improve the safety and dignity of people. Thank you also to Mrs Reay who oversees this and has written in more detail about this below.

Kate Pereira

Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday services were attended by the whole school, followed by the opportunity to receive the Ashes. As always the Chapel was available at break and lunch for private prayer. A selection of drama students gave a short performance on 'spring cleaning' our hearts and minds. Many thanks to all the students for their respect and prayerful manner and to the readers who reminded us that Lent is a time to **give** – both to charity and of our time, to

fast from unhealthy treats or behaviours and to **pray** – for each other and all who are in need.

Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain

Academic Tutoring

Year 7

20 February – 3 March 2023

Duke of Edinburgh - Tesco

I wanted to thank all of you who voted for our school in the local Peterborough Tesco's in recent months. We came second and have received a donation from Tesco which will be put towards Duke of Edinburgh. As you know, all students in Years 9 upwards can take part in the Award free of charge with the school covering all costs therefore this donation from Tesco will come in very handy.



Big Lent Walk

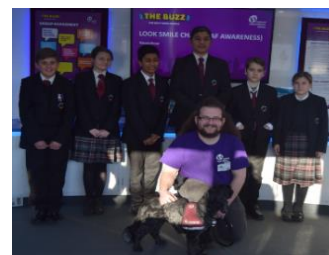


Before half term, we informed you that we will be taking part in the Big Lent Walk with CAFOD who are donating all proceeds to the tragic recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Your child will be bringing a sponsorship form home today and we ask that all students contribute to this event. We will be walking the school field during tutor time but welcome any extra walking that students do, to add to the House Competition measuring the longest distance. Many thanks for your continued support for those who are in need.

Mrs Wilmore, Senior Deputy Headteacher

National Deaf Children Society

On Wednesday 8 February we welcomed the National Deaf Children Society's roadshow bus to our site. This roadshow highlights what it is like to be deaf and how deaf people communicate. We were very lucky to have been chosen as a school to benefit from these workshops. Our visitors split the workshops showing us what it is like to be deaf, the equipment and



technology used by deaf people and even taught us some sign language. The bus itself was fully interactive with screens and seating, it was much bigger and impressive than we anticipated.

Mr Stanford, HLTA Deaf Hub



Peterborough Citizens Delegates

On Tuesday, St John Fisher Catholic High School were



represented at the Peterborough Citizens Delegates Assembly at Nene Park Academy, where over 150 guests were in attendance. Badejo Adebunoyi, Carolina Figueiredo (Year 12) and Ufuoma Ehwerhemuepha (Year 13) represented the school. Ufuoma shared the listening work that she had done in school with over 40 students in the Sixth Form to find out what they would like to prioritise in the city. Her findings were that students wanted to prioritise littering, the environment and homelessness. During the evening, over 10,000 listening results were shared and a vote was held to establish the priorities for Peterborough Citizens over the next year. These were decided as:

1. Homelessness
2. Crime and Safety
3. No small voice

The Year 12 students have signed up to one of these campaigns and look forward to working on making change in the next year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ufuoma on her work on the Crime and Safety campaign last year. Alongside other members of the group, Ufuoma has been fundamental in securing £20,000 for solar stud lighting in Central Park. Well Done Ufuoma- a great achievement.

Year 10 Work Experience

As a reminder, Year 10 will take part in Work Experience between Tuesday 9 May and Friday 12 May 2023. The deadline for students to find their own placement has been extended to Thursday 23 March. If students have their own links from family or friends and have approached them to check that they are willing to offer a placement, they are welcome to complete an 'Own Placement' form. These can be collected from Miss Reeve in the Careers Office. All other students will be placed through our work with the Employability Partnership to secure a variety of placements across the city. These placements will be matched with students based on their Careers Interviews last year. All students should have been allocated/have chosen a placement by Friday 24 March 2023. More information regarding Work Experience can be found on the school's website:



<https://stjohnfisherschool.org.uk/careers-education-information-advice-and-guidance/>

Mrs Reay, Assistant Headteacher



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

Career of the Fortnight



Career of the Fortnight



Over the course of the next month students will be learning about labour market information. The focus will be on work and skills opportunities in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It will highlight the main employment sectors as well as specific companies within these sectors.

Mrs Maudsley, Career Lead

Westminster Charity Day



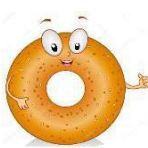
On Friday 3 March Westminster will be hosting its annual Charity Day. This will involve a non-uniform day plus food, drink, fun and games! Tickets will be on sale for the non-uniform day from Monday and will cost £1. On Friday students will also

be able to buy a range of food and drink items which will cost 50p or £1. Westminster students and tutors will also be competing in a Wheel of Fun and Custard Pie game. This year Westminster will be supporting The Teenage Cancer Trust and Little Miracles. Students are reminded to ensure that their non-uniform outfits are appropriate for school and that they have a bag with all of their equipment, books and PE kit if required. We look forward to letting you know how much we raise.

Mrs Maudsley, Head of House and Mrs Reid, Student Support Officer.

Upcoming Events	
27 February – 3 March	Year 11 & Year 13 PPE
3 March	Mufti day

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.

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