



## Year 13 Leavers' Liturgy

We said goodbye to Year 13 today and wished them well as we held a prayerful liturgy followed by awards and a shared lunch. Thank you to everyone involved in the planning of this, especially Ms Ahmed and Mrs Goodfellow and we wish Year 13 the best of luck for the future. Year 13 are only expected to come in for exams from now on unless there is a specific revision lesson being provided.

## Year 11

Students have now completed two weeks of exams already, which hardly seems possible and are now at the half way stage. Half term is an opportunity to refocus and revise for the final few weeks of exams. Thank you for the support you are providing at home which is crucial at this time in making sure your child is at school on time and that they have had breakfast and enough sleep.

## Yellow Day

Yesterday was Yellow Day, which is Rochester House Charity Day. Thank you to Rochester House for providing exciting lunchtime activities and a non-uniform day to raise money for their House Charity Marie Curie.

## Eco Warriors Award

Congratulations to our Eco warriors for winning a very special award, which they were presented with yesterday. The hard work and dedication that they continue to show is evident in all they have achieved. Thank you to everyone involved and especially Ms Moins.

## Primary School Sports Festival

Yesterday we held a Sports festival for 16 Primary Schools. A huge thank you to all schools and children who took part. A special thank you to YDP and the PE staff and students involved in leading the day.

## Duke of Edinburgh Award

Congratulations to all students who took part in the expedition last weekend and achieved their Bronze Award. In addition thank you to all the staff who helped the students to achieve this, especially Mrs Foster.

## Half Term

Today we break up for Half term and we return on Monday 5 June when it will be Week 1.

Kate Pereira

## Year 13 Leavers Liturgy



Today we said goodbye to our Year 13 students after two years of study and hard work. The readings focussed on the Parable of the Sower, reminding us to take God's Holy Word with us

and spread His light through our talents and gifts. Each student received a candle with the school logo and motto both as a keepsake and a reminder to 'spread their light' for the benefit of others. Many thanks to the readers and everyone who was involved with this special occasion. We would like to wish them all the very best for their exam results and for the future.

*Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain*

## Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

On Friday 19 and Saturday 20 May, 21 students from Year 9 & 10 completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition. This included walking and navigating 15 miles over 2 days and camping overnight. The weather was wet



and cold on Friday which made it challenging for the students, but the sun came out on Saturday and they finished the expedition with big smiles on their faces. Congratulations to everyone who achieved the award and a big thank you to the staff who gave up their time to help out.

*Mrs Foster*

## Car Park Barrier

Please be advised that the replacement barrier at the entrance to St John Fisher and St Thomas More will be replaced during half-term. Be aware when driving on to site that there will be a barrier in place and you will have to stop and press the appropriate button to call either St John Fisher or St Thomas More to be let into the site.

*Mrs Austin, Business Manager*

## Academic Tutoring

### Year 7

**5 June – 16 June 2023**

Upcoming Events	
29 May	Half Term Holiday
5 June	School Term begins
13 June	Year 7 & 12 Parents Evening 2.30pm – 6.30pm. School closes at 2pm.

## Fostering Fortnight

### Thinking about making a change

Have you ever thought about being a Foster Carer to children who can't live with their families? Ever thought to yourself 'I'd love to care for a child' but then wondered how this would fit with your work commitments? Are you held back by thoughts of doubt that you could be a Foster Carer? If so, you could be denying a child or young person the opportunity to have a wonderful home with you.

There are children and young people who need a loving home, and you could be just what they need. If you would like more information about becoming a Foster Carer or know someone who could offer a safe, secure and loving home then please get in touch on: 0800 052 0078 or email [fosteringmarketing@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:fosteringmarketing@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering)

## Free School Meals

Is your child eligible for free school meals? We are keen to make sure they get the support they need, both short term with meals / vouchers but longer term in terms of schools support via the pupils premium. If you think you may be eligible please complete the form online at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals). Claiming Free School Meals not only provides your child/children with a meal allowance each day of £2.70 but also brings in valuable additional funding to the school.

Your child is entitled to Free School Meals if you are in receipt of one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

To apply for Free School Meals complete the 'Free School Meal Application Form' on the website below



[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals).

## YDP News

This week concluded the term, and also saw the year 13's spend their last week with us at YDP. With no fixture this Wednesday, we headed down to Powerleague where we held an in house tournament for our year 12's and 13's. It was a really competitive tournament, all the boys were in good spirits. Some excellent football and goals on display, and the weather didn't disappoint either!! Massive well done to the green team for winning the tournament. Oh Thursday, we held our annual YDP schools festival at SJF, with 16 primary schools entering. This tournament is massive for us, and we love bringing everyone together for this event. The second years played a massive part, helping us to referee the games, keep scores which is vital for tournaments like this. Finally, we'd just like to wish our year 13's the very best as they leave us after a brilliant two years. We thank you for your efforts and congratulate you for everything you've achieved whilst being part of the programme. We hope everyone



Connor Peters, YDP AllStars Manager

enjoys the half term and gets a well-deserved rest.

## Peterborough Parent Power

Peterborough Parent Power have been able to organise a visit to Anglia Ruskin University, Peterborough on Saturday 10 June 2023.

The day will include:

- opportunities for you to speak to other Peterborough parents and carers
- a campus tour
- chance to speak to current students and staff
- subject/course talks
- information sessions on the application process
- and more!

Free lunch and refreshments will be provided. It's a great opportunity to discover what ARU Peterborough can offer your young people when they leave school. Each university is different, so even if you have visited a university before there will be something new for you to enjoy!

This event is open to parents and carers of children aged 11-18. Please note that spaces are limited, so please do sign-up to attend the trip using this form by the end of Friday 2 June 2023 using [this form](#)

Due to number restrictions, we are limited to one parent/carer and one child per family group. Please note, children must be accompanied by a parent/carer. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please do email

[peterboroughparentpower@thebrilliantclub.org](mailto:peterboroughparentpower@thebrilliantclub.org) with any questions.