



## Mission

Our theme in school this week has been Mission which linked with the feast day of St Peter and Paul yesterday. In assemblies this week students have been reflecting on our collective mission to be a *People of Hope* and to bring hope and joy to others through genuine acceptance, respect, dialogue and encounter. We have seen this in action this week in a number of ways such as Blue Day today and the sports extravaganza which you can read about below. However, I would like to mention a quieter one which we heard about on Monday from a member of the public who phoned the school to say that he had been visiting Ferry Meadows on Monday to visit his dad's bench because it would have been his birthday. He said that when he got to the bench there were a number of our Year 7 students there who were on a Geography trip. He wanted to ring and say how well behaved and welcoming the students were and how they made his visit more bearable. He just wanted to say thank you and that we should be proud of our students. Thank you to those Year 7 students.

## Celebration of Achievement

On Tuesday we held our annual presentation of prizes for students who have gone above and beyond this year in a variety of areas. The evening was a wonderful celebration of the individual talents of each student nominated for a prize. Our guest speaker, past Student Shanwayne Stephens who is an Olympian Bob sleigh champion and a member of the RAF, spoke about the importance of not giving up and always following your dreams by telling us his personal story. Our Chair of Governors finished the evening by reminding students about the importance of taking up opportunities at school especially extra-curricular clubs such as the Duke of Edinburgh award. Congratulations to all students who received prizes and thank you to all staff who helped.

## Sports Extravaganza

St John Fisher hosted a fantastic sports extravaganza for children across the city who have Special Educational needs yesterday. It was a really spectacular day with children and teachers thoroughly enjoying themselves. A special mention must go to our incredible Sports Leaders who supported the children in such a professional and caring manner. They were a real credit to themselves, YDP, and the school. Very well done to all. Thank you also to all of our staff from SEND and PE who organised and ran the event, especially Mr Stanford, Mr Dobson, Ms Sennett, Mrs Brown.

## Year 11 Prom

Thank you to all staff who organised the Year 11 Prom last Friday, especially Ms Reid. There is an article below where you can read about it in more detail. It was a brilliant evening and a pleasure to see all of the students so happy having finished their exams!

## Year 6

Next Tuesday is Year 6 evening followed by Year 6 Welcome Day on Thursday 6 July with. We look forward to welcoming our new students from our primary schools. The evening on Tuesday is from 5.30pm with an opportunity to view and purchase uniform in the Atrium and the presentation will start promptly at 6pm in the hall.

## Other Events

Thank you to all staff involved in the Cambridge Blue Day and Student Wellbeing week. More details in next week's newsletter.

*Kate Pereira*

## St Peter and St Paul Mass

On Tuesday we celebrated the Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul in honour of their martyrdom. St Peter was one of the twelve apostles who was tasked by Jesus to set up His church as the first Bishop of Rome, or Pope. **'And so I say to you, you are Peter and upon this Rock I will build my church.'** Matthew 16:18

St Paul, originally known as Saul, is well known as the man who was converted on the road to Damascus. Like Peter, he was an early Christian and wrote nearly half the books in the New Testament bear his name.

Bishop Peter kindly gave us permission to celebrate the Mass two days early for pastoral reasons. This fulfilled the Holy Day of Obligation. Our thanks to Fr Karol for celebrating this special Mass, for our readers and to all the students who attended this voluntary Mass

*Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain*



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## Prom 2023

On Friday 23 June the "event of the year" took place.... The annual Year 11 Prom.

This is always a fabulous



evening where our Year 11's celebrate with their friends and staff the end of exams and 5 years of hard work.

This year did not disappoint. It was a lovely warm evening for very proud parents and staff to watch the students arrive in some very fancy cars looking absolutely gorgeous in lovely dresses and very smart suits.



After drinks on arrival, a meal and an awards



ceremony, the dance floor was

full all night.

There was a unanimous vote for Prom King and Queen.

A special thank you to the amazing group of year 11 girls that helped plan the prom and the Year Book, and to all the Catering Staff, Art Staff who made items, Cadets and staff who helped to clear up afterwards.



A fun time was had by all and we wish the Year 11's a great summer and excellent exam results in August. Plans are already starting for next year .....

## Cricket Festival



Well done to our 10 Sport Leaders who helped to run a Year 5/6 cricket festival at Orton Park Cricket Club on Tuesday 27 June. The leaders did a fantastic job umpiring and scoring the matches and were fantastic role models to the younger students. Well done all.

Mrs Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> in PE

## Celebration of Achievement

On Tuesday evening, we held our annual Celebration of Achievement evening with students, parents/carers, staff, governors and our guest speaker, Mr Shanwayne Stephens. Shanwayne is a former student and head boy of SJF. He has competed at the Olympics and is a member of the RAF - a true inspiration! It was a pleasure to have him present the awards for attainment, progress and commitment to many aspects of the SJF community including House, Subjects, Enrichment and Wider Community. Congratulations to all our winners!



Mrs Wilmore, Senior Deputy Headteacher

Upcoming Events	
4 July	Year 6 Parents Meeting
6 July	Year 6 Welcome Day
11 July	Year 7 & 12 Parents Evening. School will close at 2pm.

## YDP News

Just an update from the Plymouth trip, we are all having a brilliant time. For the first time since we've done this we trip we managed to win our fixture vs Plymouth Argyle which is an excellent achievement. A 6-3 win and a fantastic come back after being 2-0 down. We then visited the local beach for a walk & some food. This morning we are visiting Footgolf which all the boys are excited for.



Mr Jarvis, YDP AllStars Manager