



# St John Fisher News

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## End of Term

Today we celebrated St John Fisher Day with liturgies and a school barbeque, which is always a wonderful family event for the school. Thank you to all who helped with the liturgies and took part, especially our readers, musicians and singers. Thank you to our catering staff for the tremendous barbeque and Mrs Goodfellow and Ms Pearson.

## Focus Day and Sports Day

It has been a very busy week. Yesterday we held the first full SJF sports day since the Pandemic as last year we had to cancel due to the high temperatures of 41 degrees. The students and staff worked very hard to gain house points towards the school cup. There was a good mix of healthy competition, fun and teamwork. In addition thank you to all involved in focus day on Wednesday.

## Paul Bristow MP

On Monday, our students were involved in a meeting with Paul Bristow to speak to him about the importance of Free School Meals and to inform him of the campaign for universal free School Meals for all children. Our students had a school lunch with Mr Bristow and had a very professional discussion with him about the issues surrounding the campaign. I want to mention in particular our sixth form leadership team, school council members and Ufuoma who organised the whole event. Ufuoma has written an article below.

## Staff leaving

We say goodbye to members of staff today. Ms Stevens is leaving us after sixteen years at St John Fisher to be an Assistant Headteacher at Haven High School. Also moving on are Mrs Khan, Mrs Harold, Mrs Moore, Mrs Haworth, Mr Zimmerman, Ms Lewis, Miss Viner, Mr Manning, Mr Stacey, Mr Hammond, and Miss Zimmerman. We thank them and wish them well.

Summer Holidays

I wish you all a good summer break. We return in September:

Years 7 & 12: Wednesday 6 September 2023

All Years: Thursday 7 September 2023

Kate Pereira



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

## Expressive Arts Award Evening



Thursday 13 July we hosted the Expressive Arts Awards evening. Students from Drama, Music and PE were awarded with trophies galore for all of their efforts in extracurricular activities.

We celebrated all of their wonderful work and contributions to the faculty. Students were awarded for their instrumental skills in Music, Backstage and Performance awards in Drama and lots of awards in Sport for Football, Netball, Cricket, Athletics as well as Sports Boy and Girl of the year for Years 7-10. Team of the Year was awarded to the Year 9 Boys Football in recognition for their fantastic run in the National Cup, this was a closely fought race as the Year 7 and 8's won their Netball Leagues as well as YDP achieving back to back league wins. Well done to all award winners!



Mr Plane, Head of Expressive Arts Faculty

## Paul Bristow MP

This Monday, students from our school took part in the national 'Food for Learning' campaign that encourages local decision makers to engage with young people on the topic of universal free school meals. Students met with MP Paul Bristow to discuss why free school meals are important and how the government should adapt this policy to the growing cost of living. We explored the topics of tax, funding and means testing and how they would impact any Governmental plans to extend free school meals. As well as talking with students, MP Paul Bristow promised to deliver a speech in Parliament about the campaign. He will also be writing letters to the school to deliver more of his views about the campaign meeting and inviting a few students to Parliament. It is exciting that



our school was able to contribute to national political action!



Ufuoma Ehwerhemuepha, 6<sup>th</sup> Form Student

## Focus Day Three

On Wednesday our students took part in the third Focus Day of the academic year. As part of our Wider Curriculum students were crafting in the Art corridor, the Environmental Focus and the RE mindfulness, Language Masterclasses and the ever popular Newspaper Fashion Workshops to name a few. This time around they took part in:

- Year 7 – God’s Creation and Stewardship
- Year 8 – Our School a Multilingual Community
- Year 9 – Recycling Day
- Year 10 – Macbeth and Escape Room
- Year 12 – University of Northampton visit

Overall, another engaging diverse range of extra-curricular experiences for our students.

*Mrs Lewis, Assistant Headteacher*

## Sports Day

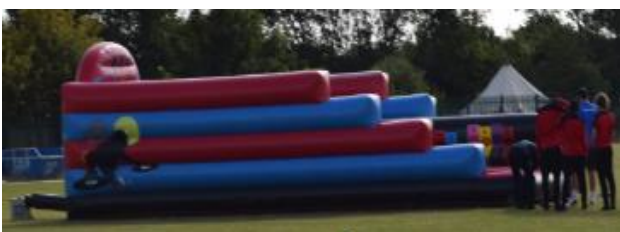
On Thursday 20 July we held our annual Sports Day with some great events taking place. We had some amazing inflatables which the students loved:

- Assault Course
- Basketball
- Bungee Run
- Dodgeball
- Relays
- Table Football
- Tug O’ War
- Volleyball

Everyone took part and points were counted and the winners are as follows:

- 1st Cambridge
- 2nd Westminster
- 3rd Beverley
- 4th Rochester

*Mr Plane, Head of Expressive Arts*



House Competitions	
Beverley	5220
Westminster	5212
Cambridge	4621
Rochester	3923

## House Competitions

A huge congratulations goes to Beverley House for winning this year's house cup for the 5<sup>th</sup> time.

It was a very close contest with only 8 points in it. The competition runs all year and includes:

- Maths in minutes
- Merits
- Literacy Quiz
- Inter-House competitions
- General Knowledge Quiz
- Sports Day

All the best for next year's competition which starts on the first day back with the new Year 7's.

## Uniform, Equipment and Standards

Standards at St John Fisher remain high. Please ensure all uniforms purchased and equipment present for the first day of term and the remaining year.

*Mr Bates, Assistant Headteacher*



## 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.

