



Reflection

It has been a full week at St John Fisher this week. On Tuesday, we welcomed our new Year 7s into our community with a liturgy. Using the symbol of light, the students brought their talents and gifts forwards to join the one body that is St John Fisher community. In the evening, we held our Year 7 'Meet the Tutor' evening. It was joyful to see so many in attendance. We also held our first prayer group with Year 7 students led by our Sixth Form Leadership Team on the theme of Belonging. Every Year 7 student will be invited to attend throughout this year.

Careers Fair

Our careers team organised an informative Careers Fair with representatives offering advice on different universities, further education and careers such as the police, RAF, LNER and Navy. Students found this an interesting and useful event in considering their options post-16 and post-18.

Accord

Our theme for this week has been Accord: living in peace and harmony. We have considered how peace is active and something we have to work for individually as well as locally, nationally and globally.

Kate Pereira

Learning Leaders

We launched our invitation for all year groups to become Learning Leaders in a subject for 2023-2024 this week, with the deadline for applications Wednesday 27 September. This is a wonderful opportunity to be more involved in subjects that are of particular enjoyment and interest to our students.

Bikes/Scooters

For the safety of everyone please can we remember to disembark from our bikes and scooters along the pathway to and from the school crossing. Electric scooters are illegal to ride on public highways, therefore, are banned from school site.

Open Evening

We will be welcoming Year 5/6 students to our open evening on 3 October. We will have activities and information about the school and subjects throughout the evening with staff and students showcasing the many things that we offer. We will close early at 2pm to all students on this day.

Ambassador School

We are proud to be awarded an Ambassador School for the second year by the SSAT for our use of Formative Assessment. Using Formative Assessment is an essential tool in staff ensuring that they adapt their lessons so that all students are able to be successful. It is a huge achievement and a testament to the staff at SJF.



Mrs Wilmore, Senior Deputy Headteacher

Academic Tutoring

Year 11

18 September – 29 September 2023

Liturgy Year 7

Light is full of symbolism: life, energy, warmth, love, security, peace, goodness and truth. And, ultimately, God, is all of these and we can shine that light out to everyone.

On Tuesday we celebrated our **Year 7 Welcome Liturgy** with the theme of Light, with readings and prayers reminding us that each of us are given the spirit of light by God. During the liturgy, beautiful prayers were read as the students brought forward their candles, representing their light, which joined our large school candle. With thanks to our musicians, the Student Leadership Team for reading and all involved with the Liturgy.



Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain

Upcoming Events	
3 October	Open Evening 7pm – 9pm
17 October	Year 11 Options Evening 7pm – 9pm.

Appointments

Medical appointments for students need to be made outside of school hours and proof of the appointment should be provided.


Mr Bates, Assistant Headteacher

Student Prayer Group

This week our student leadership team lead the first prayer group. We talked about what belonging meant to the students and where they felt they belonged, whether it be in or outside of school. We then discussed scriptures and looked at how it ties in with our mission statement and in Christianity and other faiths. The students were then given a paper sheep to write a bidding prayer on based on what was discussed. Overall, it was a great experience for the students and the Student leadership team.



Qasim Iqbal, Conal O'Shea, Student Leadership Team

	
House Competitions	
Rochester	351
Beverley	255
Cambridge	233
Westminster	176

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.



New to You Uniform

As a school we are aware that the current cost of living is a concern for many of us. We are hoping to trial selling good quality second hand uniform 3 or 4 times a year. To be able to do this we are asking for any uniform your child has grown out of be donated to school. This can be sent in with your child or dropped off at reception. Obviously, it will take time for us to build up a good supply, so when these sales take place will be dependent on how much uniform is donated. Hopefully this will benefit lots of our students and we will be very grateful for any items.

Mrs Reid and Mr Cowlin, Student Support Officers



"Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader"

Extra-Curricular Activities 2023-24

Monday Lunchtime

Key Stage 4 – Drama – Optional Studio Time
All Years – Maths Help Club
All Years – Boys Basketball
All Years – Film Club
All Years – Chaplaincy Ambassadors - Chapel

Monday After School

All Years - Boys/Girls Football
All Years - Girls Netball
All Years - Homework Club Study Centre

Tuesday Lunchtime

Year 7, 8 & 9 - Drama Club
All Years – Maths Help Club
All Years – Girls Football

Tuesday After School

All Years Homework Club Study Centre

Wednesday Lunchtime

All Years – Maths Help Club
All Years – Indoor Mixed Cricket

Wednesday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities (Selected Students)
STEM Club - Lego League
All Years - Badminton – Sports Hall
All Years – Homework Club Study Centre

Thursday Lunchtime

All Years - Maths Help Club
Key Stage 3 – Art Club
All Years – Girls Benchball
All Years – Girls Basketball

Thursday After School

Combined Cadet Force
All Years – Fitness - Gym
All Years – Homework Club Study Centre

Friday Lunchtime

Years 8 & 9 - Inter Catholic Quiz Team
All Years – Maths Help Club
All Years – Gardening Club

Friday After School

All Years – Homework Club Study Centre

