



St John Fisher News

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Diocesan School Mass

This week all the Catholic schools in the Diocese gathered together for our annual Mass in Norwich cathedral. It was an uplifting experience to be able to unite our young people and staff in prayer and worship.

Catholic Life

This week's theme has been focussed on Good Works. We have discussed the following quotes 'encourage one another and build each other up' (Thessalonians) and 'do not forget to do good and to share with others' (Hebrews). We learnt about both St Vincent de Paul and his many charitable works such as establishing organisations for the poor and setting up hospitals and an orphanage. We also learnt about St Therese or Lisieux who reminds us that nothing is small in the eyes of God as long as we do it with love. The school is proud to own a book written by St Therese which was donated to us last year.

Open Evening

We look forward to welcoming families of Year 5 and 6 children on Tuesday 3 October and remind parents that students will leave school at 2pm on this day.

Kate Pereira

Silver DofE

We have launched the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award with students in Year 10 who have completed the Bronze Award. Completing the Silver takes even more determination and resilience than the Bronze and will provide many new opportunities and experiences for our students.



School theme

Our School theme this year is Belonging – to our families, our school family and our community. Belonging to God. 'For just as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ 1' (Corinthians 12:12) Cambridge continue this theme with the symbol of a house -belonging to our homes, our school home and to community. *Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' (Matthew 22)* Beverley are embedding the theme through the symbol of apples: Fruits of the tree, belonging together as one family. 'I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food' (Genesis 1:29)

Rochester are using the symbol of wings and raising one another up. Working as individuals and a community to help one another. *'Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.'* (Isaiah 40:31)

Westminster have chosen the symbol of leaves representing how we are all different but belong to the same tree. *'He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season'* (Psalm 1:3)

Mrs Wilmore, Deputy Headteacher

Peterborough Parent Power Update

A large number of our parents have remained active members of Peterborough Parent Power. Since our launch in February, the group have enjoyed 6-weekly meetings at ARU Peterborough where they have attended sessions on student finance, UCAS and personal statement workshops. They have also attended the ARU Peterborough open day and visited the University of Suffolk. The group have been discussing the provision of work experience and the challenges young people face in organising this. They have recently had a meeting with ARU staff with whom they are working to design a pilot scheme of work/volunteering experience at the university. They have been working with Trinity College, Cambridge, to organise a bespoke open day which will be taking place next month.



The next meeting at ARU Peterborough will be on Tuesday 14th November and will focus on work experience. The agenda is not yet confirmed but we are hoping to have a workshop on organising your own work experience (delivered by Take Your Place) and then further discussion with the member of staff from ARU who is leading on the pilot programme. Any parent or carer who is interested in attending or joining Parent Power are very welcome to email Harry Twohig and Vicki Kay Price at peterboroughparentpower@thebrilliantclub.org for further information. Parents can read more about Parent Power on their website: [Parent Power - The Brilliant Club](#) and sign up to the programme [here](#).

Mrs Helcoop, Assistant Headteacher



Protect your child this winter

Flu season is coming

i Did you know there is a gelatine-free alternative flu vaccine available for your child this season?

Why should your child be vaccinated against flu?

- 1** **Protect your child from being seriously ill**
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
- 2** **Gelatine-free injection option available**
This option is gelatine-free and may be the preferred vaccine of choice for vegans. See our website for more information.
- 3** **Protect you, your family and friends**
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family.
- 4** **Avoid costs**
If your child gets flu you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare.
- 5** **It's better than having flu!**
The vaccine helps protect against flu and has an excellent safety record.



www.schoolvaccination.uk

Sports News

We have made a fantastic start to the year in school fixtures. The Year 7 boys team beat QKA 12-2, Year 9 also beat QKA 3-0, they followed this up with another 3-2 win over Ken Stimpson.

Mr Plane, Head of Expressive Arts

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 – Gardening Club
All Years – Maths Help Club

Friday After School

All Years – Homework Club Study Centre

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WE BELIEVE IN YOUTH!

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FOOTBALL CAMP

at St John Fisher Catholic High School, PE1 5JN

WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER
THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER
(9-2PM)
£15 PER CHILD

This camp is for Year 1 – Year 6 elite footballers wanting to improve their skills. Qualified FA coaches will work with the children to learn new skills and work on all aspects of the beautiful game.

Complete the online booking form at www.youthdreamsproject.co.uk/half-term

Contact Us: 07532 488112, www.youthdreamsproject.co.uk, @youthdreamsproject, Youth Dreams Project Ltd, 2023

Upcoming Events	
3 October	Open Evening

Academic Tutoring

Post 16

1 October – 12 October 2023

