



This week we have focussed on the theme of Remembrance. During Assembly and Thoughts for the Day, we have remembered and honoured those who lost their lives through armed conflict leading to our two-minute silence on Friday for Armistice Day. On Tuesday, our Remembrance Mass was for all those who had departed: 'For I thank my God every time I remember you.' (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

As we come to the end of our first exam series for Year 11 and 13 PPEs as well as post-16 re-sits, I would like to congratulate the students on their excellent conduct and attitude. Year 11 will receive their results on Tuesday 28 November during assembly.

I would like to remind you that we will be closing at 2pm on Tuesday 14 November for our Year 8 and 12 parents evenings. Students will leave school at 2pm.

*Kate Pereira*

## Armistice Day

At 11am on Friday 10 November the whole school stopped as a mark of respect and remembrance for all those who have lost their lives through armed conflict for two minutes. Our cadets joined us as we laid a wreath, joined in prayer and listened to Mrs Chambers play The Last Post on the bugle.



## Duke of Edinburgh

Students have now been registered for either Bronze or Silver Award onto eDofE. Information has been given to students and sent home via SchoolComms. Please support your child in logging onto eDofE and adding all the details. Participants will then be sent extra information through the post. Activities need to be logged for approval. Any questions, please direct your child to either Mrs Wilmore or Mr Cayley.

*Mrs Wilmore, Senior Deputy Headteacher*

## Remembrance Mass

On Tuesday we held our Voluntary Remembrance Mass in memory of all who have died. On display was our Book of Remembrance for all the departed. Before Mass, there was an opportunity to record additional



names, which were placed before the altar in an offertory basket. There was prayerful reflection during the hymns and moments of silence. Many thanks to our student readers and all involved and grateful thanks to Fr Karol for celebrating this special Mass.

*Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain*

## Year 7 Prayer Group in the Chapel

When visiting the Chapel with my Year 7 form members, we were told what we were to do during our reflection. We began with our school prayer and then answered some questions about 'belonging'. We then wrote our own prayers and read them out.

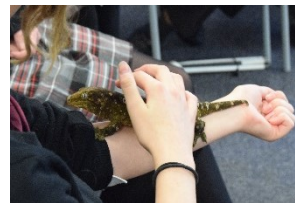
The sixth form students helped by explaining in detail how to do our task and simply just being helpful and bringing us into the right mind set.

It was an important visit, as SJF has a strong Catholic Ethos, and prides in its religious activities, like Prayer and Mass.

*Hannah Myszka, Year 7, R5, Learning Leader for RE*

## Snakes in the Study Centre

On Friday 3 November we were visited by ZooLab to look and touch the animals. There was a snake, rat, tarantula, cockroach and a gecko. The



students all enjoyed the animals and the experience, being able to ask Chris from ZooLab questions and receiving some surprising answers, learning some fascinating

facts. Thank you to ZooLab for the experience.

*Imogen Diamond, Year 9, B5*

## Uniform

At St John Fisher we hold our students to the highest standards, encouraging an atmosphere that promotes students becoming the best versions of themselves. Within this, uniform is one of the easiest ways for students to show a readiness to learn. It is imperative that all students are attending school in full uniform, found on page six of the student planner and on the website. Please can you ensure that students leave in the morning in the correct uniform. Additionally, as we enter the winter months, it is vitally important that students are coming to school with a coat in order to keep warm, and not a sports hoodie. If you have any issues with uniform, please do not hesitate to contact your child's respective house team.

*Mr Bates, Assistant Headteacher*

## Year 10 Football Team

The Year 10 Boys football team played against Ratcliffe College in the National Cup on Wednesday. The boys dominated from the off with some lovely passing football, they had all of the possession, territory and chances but couldn't turn their dominance into any



goals in the first half as it remained 0-0. The second half started slowly, but the boys soon found their rhythm with

Kacper Dziubczyk opening the scoring. After this the floodgates opened and the boys blew Ratcliffe away with some fantastic football. Kacper added a further 2 to get a hat trick with Alistair Nago and Jayden Munikwa also netting to complete a 5-0 win. That makes it 3 out of 3 teams into the last 32 of the competition with the Yr7 and 8 teams also through. Well done to all involved.  
*Mr Plane, Head of Faculty*

| Upcoming Events |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 14 November     | Year 8 & 12 Parents Evening<br>2.30pm – 6.30pm. School closes at 2pm. |
| 23 November     | Rochester House Mass.   |

## 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.



## Combined Cadet Force (CCF)

### Adult Volunteers

Do you have some free time that you could spend on a Thursday evening with assisting our Cadets in school?

No experience needed; training will be given. Training will require your time over a few weekends and is run by the MOD.

If interested, please see school website, in the vacancy section.

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## Extra-Curricular Activities 2023-24

### Monday Lunchtime

All Years – Maths Help Club  
All Years – Boys Basketball  
All Years – Film Club  
All Years – Chaplaincy Ambassadors - Chapel

### Monday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities  
All Years - Boys/Girls Football  
All Years – Girls Netball  
All Years - Homework Club Study Centre

### Tuesday Lunchtime

All Years – Keyboard – Room 102  
All Years – Maths Help Club  
All Years – Girls Football

### Tuesday After School

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

### Thursday Lunchtime

Key Stage 3 – Art Club  
All Years – Choir – Room 102  
All Years - Maths Help Club  
All Years – Girls Benchball  
All Years – Girls Basketball

### Thursday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities  
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

Duke of Edinburgh activities  
All Years – Homework Club Study Centre

## Academic Tutoring

### Year 10

**6 November – 17 November  
2023**



“Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader”

