



Advent: Love

This week the theme has linked to the second candle of Love on the Advent wreath. Scripture was taken from 1 John 3:1 'See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.' In our first Thought for the Day this week we considered how love is a gift from God and that each of the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching is underpinned by love.

Christmas Hampers

We held our annual Christmas hamper competition and delivered them to Friary Court Care Home. Providing each resident and worker at the Care Home with a personalised filled hamper has become a tradition at St John Fisher and one which the residents anticipate and are happy to receive. It links with our focus this week on Catholic Social Teaching of the Common Good - caring for others especially during the Advent season.

Celebration Assemblies

Each House came together for the end of term Celebration Assembly. A range of awards are presented: 100% attendance, Bronze Merits, Effort and Achievement in specific subjects and special awards from the Form Tutor, Student Support Officer and Head of House. It was wonderful to see so many winners on the stage! Well done to all who received recognition for their commitment to school.

Kate Pereira

Non-Uniform

Tuesday 19 December will be a non-uniform day. Students and staff will contribute £1 to wear non-school uniform with all proceeds going to CAFOD.

Inter House Competition

There will be a Inter House Music Quiz on Tuesday 19 December in the dining hall at lunchtime.

Advance Notice

School will close for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday 20 December. School will close at 2pm to all students.

Mrs Wilmore, Senior Deputy Headteacher

Upcoming Events	
20 December	Christmas Liturgy
20 December	End of term, school closes at 2pm
4 January	Term begins

Sixth Form Leadership

Our Sixth Form students have been taking part in the selection process for the positions of Head Student and Deputy Head Student. This process has taken place over several weeks. The candidates have had an interview, made a presentation to the Senior Leadership Team about the initiatives that they intend to develop during the next year and last week took part in their annual hustings. Staff and students took part in an election and we are now pleased to announce that the Head Students for 2023-24 are Sean O'Shea and Claudia Rodrigues Pires and the Deputy Head Students are Andre Acquaye and Jasmin Lewis. Congratulations to all of them. We would also like to thank our outgoing Student Leadership Team - Qasim Iqbal, Ellie Hutchings, Conal O'Shea and Rhonda Pane for their dedication and service to the student body and the school over the last academic year.

Mrs Helcoop, Assistant Headteacher

Inter House Competition

This week the Inter House Competition was Wrapping Presents. Students had great fun wrapping as many cones as they could, it was a very competitive event enjoyed by all. Here are the results:

SJF INTER HOUSE
Wrapping Competition Results

1. Westminster

2. Beverley

3. Rochester

4. Cambridge

SEN Pantomime

On Thursday a small group of students embarked on a magical adventure to the Aladdin pantomime, a journey filled with laughter, awe and shared delight. With vibrant performances and dazzling sets, the theatre transformed into a realm of enchantment. Congratulations to students involved who represented SJF in an admirable fashion. A big thank you to staff who made this memorable experience possible. Here's to more magical moments in our school community.

Mrs Sennett, Deputy SENCO



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



Beverley Celebration

On Wednesday, Beverley had their Celebration Assembly. It is always a great occasion as the students come together to celebrate each other's successes. Overall Best Form award is B9 with excellent attendance. The Head of House award went to Beatrice Adrego Ferreira and Maria Rocha. The Student Support Officers award went to Jakub Kwiatkowski. Thank you to all the Staff and Students for their continued hard work.

Mr Cowlin, Student Support Officer

Rochester Celebration

It was a pleasure to celebrate the successes of Rochester students. We saw a flurry of 100% certificates and subject awards. A special well done to R7 for winning overall Best Form and to our Head of House and Student Support Officers award winners Seanna and Ethan. We had a visit from former student, Zara MacIntosh who shared her experience as a Rochester pupil. She spoke highly of her time at St John Fisher and how it was an integral part of her life that has now led to her being a West End performer. This year we decided to not buy each form chocolates for their end of year treat and instead we are using that money to give to charity to make sure someone gets a hot meal this Christmas. When announced the house cheered and clapped and this just goes to show how amazing and giving the house is. I am super proud of all the students and thank them, their tutors and Mrs D'Ambrosio for all of their hard work this term.

Ms James, Head of House

Cambridge Celebration

Friday morning we all came together to celebrate the achievements of the Cambridge House as a whole. Congratulations to C9 who won the Best Form. Student Support Officers award went to Zina Ringler-Berisha and Mr Cayley chose Abulfazal Walizada for his Head of House award. Well done to all the tutors and staff linked to Cambridge House for their committed hard work and support for our students. Special thanks to Mrs Roe for her care and support of us all.

Mr Cayley, Head of House

Westminster Celebration

Westminster had a fantastic Celebration Assembly at the start of this week. Students were commended on their outstanding work through the autumn term. The following students received awards from their form tutors for their efforts in tutor time Amelia Lewandowska, Robert Baranski, Isla Staton, Nicola Wnek, Ansley Ferdandes, Harry Seaton, Samia Singh, Farhad Tariq, Aya Hakeem. Two students were recognised by the House for their outstanding commitment to the whole school Zainab Mirzad and Lucia Osfio. W2 were crowned winners of the Westminster Cup. All students in Westminster should be proud of what they have achieved so far this year. Mrs Reid and myself would like to wish everyone a fantastic Christmas break.

Mrs Maudsley, Head of House

Exam Certificates

On Thursday 4 January we welcome back students who sat GCSE and A level exams in the summer as they come to collect their certificates along with our current students currently in Year 12. This is a very informal event but it is always good to see students who have left and hear how they are getting on. It will be held in the Atrium between 3.30 - 4.30pm.

Mr Martyn, Exams Officer



House Competitions	
Beverley	800
Cambridge	762
Rochester	749
Westminster	719

YDP News

This week YDP hosted a Primary School Sports Festival and had 12 schools and over 100 children participate. Congratulations to St Thomas for winning the trophy but a massive well done to all children that took part as they were all fantastic. Thank you to the schools and staff for bringing the children and playing in this festival. Competing in competitive sports teaches children so many important life skills. Thank you to the AllStars students that supported the younger players.

Wednesday we had just short of 50 children join us at Glo Golf for our YDP end of term Rewards Afternoon.

Well done to all the children selected to attend this and hopefully these kinds of trips will inspire all children within all the schools we work with.

Luke Kennedy, Managing Director



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Youthwatch

Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough who are currently conducting an independent survey aimed at young people aged 11-25 to explore the effects of vaping. Their goal is to gather perspectives and valuable insights to better understand the experiences of young individuals with vaping. Survey link is below: <https://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/form/young-healthwatch-vaping-project>

