



End of Term

As we prepare for the Christmas break, we reflect on the first term of this academic year. It has been a full and positive term with much to celebrate. We have welcomed our new Year 7 students with a liturgy, presented them with a Bible and launched the Year 7 Prayer Group led by the Sixth Form Leadership Team. We have celebrated Mass each week and with both Cambridge and Rochester Houses led by Father Karol. We were fortunate to attend the annual diocesan school's mass in Norwich, the first since the pandemic. Finally we were able to host the annual Peterborough Catholic Schools Carol Service with five Catholic schools coming together for the first time. We have raised money through the Beverley Charity Day, mufti day and presented creatively decorated hampers to the residents of Friary Court Care Home. All noteworthy events which link to our theme this year of Belonging - not only belonging to our school community but a local, national and international community too.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, peaceful Christmas and hope that you enjoy spending time with family, friends and loved ones over this festive period. We look forward to seeing all students on Thursday 4 January when school will re-open.

Kate Pereira

Upcoming events:

School reopens for all students on Thursday 4 January. It will be Week 1. On the 4 January, we welcome back our ex-Year 11 and 13 students to collect their certificates from 3.30-4.30pm in the atrium. Enter via reception.

Charity

A huge thank you to all students and staff who contributed the £1 donation for mufti day on Tuesday 19 December. All donations will be given to our school charity, CAFOD.

Last day

Aswell as gathering for our Christmas liturgies, we also come together to share a Christmas meal complete with crackers and bad jokes! With thanks to our wonderful catering team for preparing and serving a hot meal with a pudding for all staff and students and thanks to our Sixth Form helpers who serve drinks and tidy up!

Mrs Wilmore, Senior Deputy Headteacher

Christmas Liturgies

Today we celebrated our Christmas liturgies. We had two services to accommodate 800 students plus staff. They were a fantastic way to celebrate our school Christmas day,



which was followed by Christmas dinner, provided by the school for all to enjoy. With grateful thanks for all who were involved; the readers, the candle lighters, the drama group and the band and choir who led the carols. Thank you to everyone who made this such a special day! Happy Christmas to you all and blessings for 2024.

Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain

Uniform Update

At St John Fisher, we have the highest expectations for our students in the pursuit of excellence and supporting students in becoming the best version of themselves. Correct uniform is one of the basic expectations that we have for students. Students are greeted on the gate each morning and reminded about uniform. This is then followed up during form time, where students are again reminded of the expectations. From Thursday 4 January 2024, any student that is found to have not met the basic expectations for uniform after form time will be sanctioned with a 15-minute Afterschool Detention. This includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Shirt untucked
- Top button undone
- Tie undone/not being worn
- Trousers rolled up
- Not wearing school blazer
- Incorrect footwear
- Skirt being rolled up

Following this, any repeat offenders will be given a further sanction and could potentially result in a student being placed into lunchtime seclusion. This is in line with our Uniform Policy and the Code of Conduct, which can be found on page 4 of the student planner.

Mr Bates, Assistant Headteacher

Cashless System

From January 2024, SJF will be totally cashless. All payments must be made via Schoolcomms. Please ensure you download the School Gateway app.

Mrs Austin, Business Manager

Hampers to Friary Court

Last Friday some of our Chaplaincy Ambassadors delivered the Christmas Hampers to the Longhurst Group, Elderly Care at Friary Court. The residents were delighted with their gifts and the kindness of our students. Many thanks to all who contributed and to each form for creating such amazing and imaginative hampers, I know they have been well received!

Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain



A great experience of spreading, kindness to the community. I am proud to be part of this event.
Natasha Dony, Year 10 student



It brings us happiness to see the joy these boxes bring on the faces of the elderly and the kindness being spread throughout our community.
Ebenzer and Adam, Year 10 students

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| Beverly | 860 |
| Westminster | 799 |
| Rochester | 789 |
| Cambridge | 782 |