



Candlemass

The theme this week has been Candlemass with scripture from Luke 2:28 'Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God., saying - For my eyes have seen your salvation...a light for revelation.' During our daily Thoughts, we learn about St John Bosco whose ethos was reason, religion and loving-kindness. He worked to help impoverished boys through education and apprenticeships eventually he headed a large establishment containing a grammar school, a technical school, and a church. Recognising the good in one another links with our school mission statement and Catholic Social Teaching of the Common Good.

Options

On Tuesday 30 January we held our Year 9 Options and Parents Evening. We are pleased at the high attendance and comments from students and staff about the information provided regarding choosing their options.

Future Events

Friday 9 February is Cambridge House Blue Charity Day. This will be a multi-day for all staff and students who contribute £1 towards the two House Charities - WaterAid and the Nazareth Trust.

Year 11 start their PPEs. On Friday 9 February.

Friday 16 February is a Staff Training Day and closed to students.

Kate Pereira

Safeguarding Reminder

A reminder to all parents that the school car park is only to be used by staff or parents that have been invited for booked appointments with staff members. Please do not drop off or collect students within the school grounds, for the safety of all students. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

Upcoming Events	
16 February	Training Day
19-23 February	Half Term



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

Year 10 Work Experience Update

Students now have access to the Work Experience database. Students can log in and select 6 placements they are interested in. Please speak to your child about places they have selected and transport to these placements. The database will be locked on Friday 1 March. Students will find out where they have been placed on Tuesday 23 April. Students can still find their own placement as long as it is not a company on the database. Information is on our website

[Year 10 Work Experience 2024 – St John Fisher Catholic High School \(stjohnfisherschool.org.uk\)](http://stjohnfisherschool.org.uk)

Career of the Fortnight: Air Traffic Controller

Each fortnight our Careers team focus on a different job to help students explore the many career



opportunities that are available. During tutor time they will have the opportunity to discuss, as a group, the career of the fortnight looking at the skills required, roles and responsibilities involved, working conditions, qualifications needed, annual salary, plus more!

To find out more about the Career of the Fortnight please visit the school website.


Mrs Maudsley, Careers Lead

Non Uniform DAY £1 | PICK AND MIX | CAMBRIDGE CHALLENGERS | Hot Chocolates | DONUTS

CAMBRIDGE BLUE DAY
Friday 9th February

Academic Tutoring
Year 10
5 February – 15 February 2024



	
House Competitions	
Beverley	999
Cambridge	979
Rochester	959
Westminster	942

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

Free School Meals



Is your child eligible for free school meals? We are keen to make sure they get the support they need, both short term with meals / vouchers but longer

term in terms of schools support via the pupils premium. If you think you may be eligible please complete the form online at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

Claiming Free School Meals not only provides your child/children with a meal allowance each day of £2.70 but also brings in valuable additional funding to the school.


Your child is entitled to Free School Meals if you are in receipt of one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

To apply for Free School Meals complete the Free School Meal Application Form on the website below www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

Schoolgateway

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