



Theme of the week: Discernment

This week we have focussed on making good choices and been reminded of St Josephine Bakhita whose feast day was yesterday. St Josephine is the patron saint for those affected by modern slavery and trafficking. As a child, she was kidnapped and sold into slavery. She was sold five different times; the trauma made her forget her given name and she was named 'Bakhita' which means 'fortunate' in Arabic. Since being declared a free woman, she performed many good works and was canonised in the year 2000. Making good choices can range from relatively small decisions to ones that could have a huge impact on ourselves or others. Making good choices on what we say and how we behave; making good choices to use the internet and social media responsibly; making the choice to contribute to Cambridge Charity Blue Day today - either through giving up time to raise money or paying £1 to wear mufti.



Cambridge Blue Day

Thank you to all staff and students involved in running events and getting involved in order to raise money for the Cambridge Nazareth Trust and water Aid. Special thanks to Mrs Roe and Mr Cayley.

Year 11 PPEs

Well done to Year 11 for the smooth start to the exams which started today and continue until Friday 1 March. Please continue to support your child with their revision throughout this time.

Next Week

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter. We will be, as always, providing opportunities for students to take part in an Ash Wednesday service and receive ashes. Half term begins next Friday for students so students are not required to come to school on Friday 16 February. School reopens for students on Monday 26 February when it will also be the start of Year 13 PPEs.

Upcoming events

Year 7 and 12 Parents Evening Tuesday 5 March.

Kate Pereira

Baker Perkins Visit



On Monday, 15 students from Year 11 and 13, who have an interest in engineering and apprenticeships, were invited to visit the Baker Perkins site at

Manor Drive as part of National Apprenticeship Week. Our students met current apprentices and had an insight into Baker Perkins, including the machinery they manufacture as well as an overview of the whole company. Students had an opportunity to tour the production area and see the apprentices and skilled engineers at work. Students also looked at the products they produced machinery for and found out about the technology involved in making bread, crackers and sweets.



Mrs L Reeve, Careers Teacher

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

Year 10 Work Experience Update

Students now have access to the Work Experience database, they are able to 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://www.stjohnfisherschool.org.uk)

Academic Tutoring

Year 10

5 February – 15 February 2024



	
House Competitions	
Cambridge	1215
Beverley	1193
Westminster	1137
Rochester	1109

New to You Uniform

As a school we are aware that the current cost of living is a concern for many of us. We are hoping to trial selling good quality second hand uniform 3 or 4 times a year. To be able to do this we are asking for any uniform your child has grown out of be donated to school. This can be sent in with your child or dropped off at reception. Obviously, it will take time for us to build up a good supply, so when these sales take place will be dependent on how much uniform is donated. Hopefully this will benefit lots of our students and we will be very grateful for any items.

Mrs Reid and Mr Cowlin, Student Support Officers

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.

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

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.

