



Bishop Peter's Pastoral visit to SJF

On Tuesday we welcomed The Right Rev Bishop Peter Collins to our school and Dr Andy Stone, Director of Schools. We celebrated Mass together in our chapel followed by an 'Ask the Bishop' session with a group of students. Bishop Peter then blessed our Fitness Suite which was opened relatively recently by MP Paul Bristow. Thank you to Bishop Peter and Dr Stone for spending the day with us and a huge thank you to Father Karol, Mrs Goodfellow, our Chaplaincy ambassadors, SJF champions and all students and staff who made Bishop Peter feel so welcome.

Lent: Theme

The theme for this week has been linked to time. We are in the middle of the season of Lent and are reminded of the importance of prayer and contemplation. With the key word being to 'contemplate', we have thought about how we use our time and considered our future plans. In assembly, we have shared stories about inspirational people who have given up their time to help others such as Kevin Sinfield who has supported and helped his friend who suffers with Motor-Neurone Disease. Linking to the quote from Bernard of Clairvaux 'Action and contemplation are very close companions; they live together in one house on equal terms'.

National Careers week

As it is National Careers Week, we have also had time to contemplate our futures and the different opportunities that are available to our young people. This has culminated in our Focus Day on Friday with many external visitors with the Sixth Form, Year 10 university visits and Year 7 learning about the fashion and business worlds! A full article on our Focus Day will be in next week's newsletter. Thank you to all involved in Focus Day today, to Mrs Helcoop who coordinated the day and to Mrs Maudsley, Mrs Reeve and Mrs Ahmed for their hard work in setting the Careers week up for us.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the Year 7 and 12 evening on Tuesday. If you were unable to attend and would like to discuss an issue please contact your child's Head of House or Student Support Officer. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school and is ready to learn.

Kate Pereira

Bishop of East Anglia



On Tuesday we welcomed our Bishop, the Rt Reverend Peter Collins, Bishop of East Anglia and Dr Andy Stone, the Diocesan Schools' Service Director to our school. Bishop Peter and Fr Karol celebrated a special Mass in the Chapel with our Chaplaincy Ambassadors, some of our SJF Champions and the Sixth form Leadership Team. It was a lovely day, which also included a tour of our school, the blessing of our Fitness Centre and an 'Ask the Bishop' session. Bishop Peter answered questions about his role, including being God's servant, the importance of dialogue with people of faith and our daily journey with God walking with us and accompanying us at all stages. The students commented that they were delighted to be part of this special day. Our grateful thanks to all involved including the readers and Chris D'Souza for playing the piano and Mrs Pearson for leading the music and to Mr Plane and the students in the gym. We are blessed to have such strong Parish links with our Priest Chaplain Fr Karol from St Peter and All Souls and grateful for the time he gives to our school.

Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain



Fitness Centre Blessing

'Ask the Bishop'



Academic Tutoring

Post 16

11 March – 22 March 2024

Science News



Competition outline:

You will need to create an A3 or A4 poster showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or even the advancement of time-telling technology itself. You could also go futuristic showing how you think the world might look in years to come, or perhaps look at nature – lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and hibernation – nature is full of timely topics. Add content, but be creative in your approach.

How to submit entries:

You must submit your completed poster to Mr Greenhalgh (Head of Science) by Monday 18th March (All years can enter).

Potential prizes:

- STEM books
- Mega Watt games and jigsaws
- My Science club membership
- Space themed play sets
- Annual subscription to save my exams and Allfresco learning



House Competitions

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| Cambridge | 1424 |
| Beverley | 1419 |
| Westminster | 1337 |
| Rochester | 1311 |

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Future Events

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| 26 March | Year 11 & 13 Parents Evening 2.30-6.30pm. School closes at 2pm |
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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
 Year 7 - Blooklet Club French – Room 211

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
 Year 8 - Blooklet Club French – Room 211

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
 Year 9 - Blooklet Club French – Room 211

Thursday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities
 Adventure Training (Courtyard)
 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



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

