



Ascension

With the Holy Day of Obligation on Thursday, our theme this week has been about the Ascension of our Lord. This links well with our word of the week, Rise. With Jesus ascending into heaven 40 days after his death, we are reminded of his compassion, peace and love. He wanted his disciples to go out and 'proclaim the good news everywhere' (Mark 16) - a message that we deliver each day at SJF.

Rochester Charity Day

We held our Rochester Charity Day last Friday with lots of activities for staff and students in school to raise money for the two House Charities.

Holy Day of Obligation Mass

We were fortunate to have Father Karol join us to celebrate the Holy Day of Obligation yesterday, the Ascension.

Deaf Awareness Week

This week is Deaf Awareness Week. As a Deaf Hub, including all students in school life is very important to us. In order to do this, all students having an understanding and appreciation of each other is fundamental to being inclusive. Each morning, students have been learning about what it means to be deaf and a little bit of sign language to help communicate.

Examinations Year 11

Year 11 started their external terminal exams this week. We wish them good luck as they continue to complete these exams over the coming weeks.

Kate Pereira

May Day Concert

On Wednesday 1 May we held our first 'May Day Concert', we hope this will be an annual event. Students who play a variety of instruments got to showcase their amazing talents, whilst proud parents watched in awe. Many thanks to the Peripatetic teachers for their continued support:- Michael Firko, Stan Hansel, Leon King, Sandra Long, Joel Kew.

Mrs Pearson, Teacher of Mus

Academic Tutoring

Year 9

6 May – 17 May 2024

Ascension

Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord with a voluntary Mass in the Hall. The Ascension marks the occasion when Jesus physically departed from Earth to join his Father in Heaven. Our thanks to Fr Karol who celebrated this Mass and to our student readers and all involved.



Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain

Sixth Form Star Students



April's Star Students are Holly Marriott and Mabeline Noronha - Year 13. Holly is a wonderful student who is always willing to

help both staff and students. She has been a real asset to the St John Fisher Sixth Form since joining at the beginning of Year 12 and her confidence in her own abilities has grown over the two years. Her subject teachers speak highly of her efforts in and out of lesson and we wish Holly every success in her summer exams. Mabeline is a brilliant Year 13 student. She is a positive role model to other students and is proactive in her approach to everything that she does. She always uses her time productively and pushes herself to achieve the best that she possibly can do. Her subject teachers comment on her positive attitude to learning both inside and outside of lessons. Well done Mabeline we wish you every success in your summer exams. Congratulations to both students, keep your eyes peeled for May's Star Students.



Mrs Reay, Assistant Headteacher

Upcoming Events	
14 May	Year 10 Parents Evening 4pm – 6pm
17 – 18 May	DofE Bronze Expedition
27 – 31 May	Half Term
21 June	Year 13 Prom
28 June	Year 11 Prom

Prom Year 11

Year 11 Prom will be on Friday 28 June 2024. Gates open at 6.30pm. Celebration from 7.00pm – 10.30pm. Payment for Prom is now available on the School Gateway app, price is £10.00. Dress to impressed. Come and celebrate with Food, Dancing and Awards.



Mrs Reid, Student Support Officer

Yellow Day

Rochester House had their Yellow Charity Day on Friday 3 May to raise money for Marie Curie and St Vincent De Paul Society. I spoke in assemblies so that student knew exactly how their money would make a difference. Students wore mufti and bought treats throughout the day. Staff had the chance of entering a raffle to win some great prizes. A massive thank you to Mrs D'Ambrosio, all the form tutors and form groups for their hard work. A huge thank you to Spice Affair Peterborough and Smuk Skin Wellbeing for their donations of prizes for the staff raffle. I am super proud to say we raised £872 altogether which will really help these to worthy charities. Please do research the charities to see the amazing work they do.

Ms James, Head of Rochester House

Webinar 'Perfect Personal Statement'

Year 12 parents are offered the chance to attend a webinar for students who intend to apply to university from September. This webinar will take place on Thursday 9th May 2024 between 7-8pm. It will last roughly 45 minutes with an opportunity to ask questions at the end. The topic is "Words that Wow - Crafting the Perfect Personal Statement" and will be delivered by Paul Hughes, founder of the Parent Guide to Post 16 as well as a 6th form tutor and lead UCAS tutor for 16 years. He has spent much of the last 5 years mentoring parents and their teens through the university application process.

The webinar will cover:

- The key information that needs to go into each paragraph
- How to ensure you 'hook' the reader with your application
- Common pitfalls to avoid
- Top tips for having a polished statement
- What your teen could (should!) be doing now to prepare.
- Why getting it finished (or VERY nearly finished) is so important to a good start to yr 13.

To sign up for your free ticket, click here:

<https://events.parentguidetoeducation.com/words-that-wow>

On signing up you will receive a link to your email that will give you access to the session. If you can't make the session live, then by having a ticket, you will get access to the replay link soon after the session has finished.



Extra-Curricular Activities 2023-24

Monday Lunchtime

All Years – Maths Help Club
All Years – Film Club
All Years – Chaplaincy Ambassadors - Chapel

Monday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities
All Years - Boys/Girls Football - Astro
All Years – Rounders Club - Field
All Years - Homework Club Study Centre

Tuesday Lunchtime

All Years – Keyboard – Room 102
All Years – Maths Help Club
All Years – Tennis Club – Tennis Courts
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 – Tennis Club – Tennis Courts
Year 8 - Blooklet Club French – Room 211

Wednesday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities
STEM Club - Lego League
All Years – Tennis Club – Tennis Courts
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 – Tennis Club – Tennis Courts
Year 9 - Blooklet Club French – Room 211

Thursday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities
All Years – Fitness – Gym
All Years – Cricket Club – Astro
All Years – Homework Club Study Centre

Friday Lunchtime

Years 8 & 9 - Inter Catholic Quiz Team
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.

