



One Body

Our theme this week has been Cultural Diversity and we have been exploring our rich and diverse school community and looking at the things we all have in common. At St John Fisher we are all one community, like a family where all backgrounds and cultures are celebrated because we believe we all have a unique dignity given to us all by God. We held our Year 13 Leavers' liturgy today which was a wonderful celebration and end point for students leaving us. Thank you to all who helped.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Celebrations

Well done to all students who took part in the Bronze award expedition at the weekend and thank you to all staff who helped.



On Monday, 13 May I was invited to represent St John Fisher at Buckingham Palace for the national celebrations because we are a successful provide of the Duke of

Edinburgh award. It was a great privilege to go to Buckingham Palace and be part of the Celebration of so many young people who had achieved their Gold Duke of Edinburgh award. The gardens were full of young people, parents/carers and other school representatives and we heard speeches by Prince Edward, Tim Peake and other key contributors.

Prince Edward spoke passionately about how Duke of Edinburgh makes a difference to your life and gives us the power to "make a difference to others in their lives". He also spoke of the sense of achievement participants experience throughout life when a challenge comes along, "not to duck it and accept it". Tim Peake also shared his experiences of being an astronaut and the importance of following your dreams and not limiting yourself. The motto for Duke of Edinburgh is "Youth Without Limits" and is a fantastic way to develop lifelong skills such as leadership and communication and have fun and develop confidence and self-esteem. We also heard



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Exams

Exams have been running very smoothly. Thank you for your support with revision and ensuring students are ready for their exams and arriving on time. Exams continue after the half term holiday.

Half Term

We break up for half-term today and will return on Monday, 3 June when it will be Week 1.

Kate Pereira

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh



On Friday and Saturday, we took 19 students to Northamptonshire to complete their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition. Throughout the year they have completed various tasks which

allowed them to complete the expedition. A massive well done to all the students involved a great achievement from all. Also, a enormous thank you to the staff involved and for giving up their time as without them this great opportunity could not happen. In the next few weeks we will be taking our Silver Cohort to complete their expedition in the Peak District.

Mr Cayley, DofE Coordinator



Year 13 Leavers Liturgy



Today we said goodbye to our Year 13 students after two years of study and hard work. The readings for the Liturgy focussed on the Parable of the Sower, reminding us to take God's Holy Word with us and spread His light through our talents and gifts. Each student received a candle with the school logo and motto both as

a keepsake and a reminder to 'spread their light' for the benefit of others. Many thanks to the readers and everyone who was involved with this special occasion and to Chris for playing the piano for us for the final time! We would like to wish them all the very best for their exam results and for the future.

Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain

Upcoming Events	
27 – 31 May	Half Term
21 June	Year 13 Prom
28 June	Year 11 Prom

Career of the Fortnight: Dog Groomer

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

Academic Tutoring

Year 10

3 June – 14 June 2024

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.



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

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