St John Fisher News

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Theme - Activity

The theme this week is links well with the different events we have had. The theme links to a quote from an address that Pope Francis has written to the young people which we share at the Year 11 and 13 Leaver's Liturgies to: 'Have courage. Go forward, Make noise.' Pope Francis' address encourages young people to find their gifts and to use them well; it promotes making positive impact on the world and being the best versions of themselves. This week, many of our students have experienced a different activity fir example knitting or crafts or paintballing. They will have also taken part in our Sports Day with activities for all to join in like tug of war. Finally we celebrated our St John Fisher feast day today, as we always do, with Liturgy and a BBQ. Thank you to all who helped and took part in what was a wonderful celebration.

Activity Day

What a fun day we have had! So many activities for students to be involved in: Alton Towers, Sea-Life Centre, Water games, writing and producing their own songs, Harry Potter Day, Nails, Orienteering, French day and so much more. My thanks to all the staff who led or were involved in the activities!

Goodbye

We say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Drummond, Ms Wilson, Mrs Walker, Mr Dobson and Mrs Bowles and wish them all well in their new roles.

Summer Holidays

We wish everyone: staff, students, parents and governors a very happy and safe holiday. We welcome Year 7 and 12 on Wednesday 4 September and all students on Thursday 5 September.

Kate Pereíra

House Competitions	
Beverley	3867
Cambridge	3785
Westminster	3657
Rochester	3288



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

House Competitions

A huge congratulations goes to **Beverley House** for winning this years house cup for the 6th time. It was a close contest with only 82 points in it. The

- competition runs all year and includes: Maths in Minutes
 - Merits
 - Flash Rewards
 - Literacy Quiz
 - General
 - Knowledge Quiz Sports Day
 - Octathlon Day
 - Inter-House



St John Fisher Day 2024

Competitions (Music, Darts, Christmas wrapping, Year 7 Challenges, Sing Assembly). All the best for next years competition which starts on the first day back with the new Year 7's.

Sports Day

On Thursday 18 July we held our annual Sports Day with some great events taking place. We had some amazing inflatables which the students loved:

- Assault Course
- Basketball
- Benchball
- Bungee Run
- Dodgeball
- Relays
- Table Football

Everyone took part and points were counted and the winners are as follows:

- Ist Cambridge
- 2nd Westminster
- 3rd Beverley
- 4th Rochester

Mr Plane, Head of Expressive Arts Faculty

Celebration Assembly

Each House celebrated the end of the year in assembly. Many students received individual awards as well as forms for best attendance, quiz masters and most merits. Congratulations to for being the 'best overall' forms!

- Beverley B4-GN
- Cambridge C8-WA
- Rochester RI-PN
- Westminster W2-ME



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Expressive Arts Award Evening

Thursday 11 July, we hosted the Expressive Arts Awards evening. Students from Drama, Music and PE were awarded with trophies galore for all of their efforts in extracurricular activities. We celebrated all their wonderful work and contributions to the faculty. Students were awarded for their instrumental skills in Music, Backstage and Performance awards in Drama and lots of awards in Sport for Football, Netball, Cricket, Athletics as well as Sports Boy and Girl of the year for Years 7-10. Team of the Year was awarded to the Year 7 Boys Athletics in recognition for their fantastic athletic performances. Congratulations to YDP for achieving their 3rd league win in a row. Well done to all award winners!

Mr Plane, Head of Expressive Arts Faculty

Year II Prom Photos

I really hope you are enjoying your long summer holidays and not missing school too much. For those of you that attended the Prom photos have been emailed to you on your normal school email address. Attached to the email is a link and a password. Hope you all really enjoyed the evening!

Mrs Reid, Student Support Officer

Activity Day

Back in September, students chose which activity they would like to do. The choice was vast with trips out of school to:

- Ferry Meadows
- Banham Zoo
- Burghley House
- Hunstanton
- Paintballing
- Alton Towers

Also in the activities were:

- Nail painting
- Orienteering
- Cooking
- Harry Potter
- Strategic games
- Knitting
- Crafts
- Music
- Water games
- French experience

Cashless System

We are now a cashless school. All payments must be made via Schoolcomms. Please ensure you download the Schoolgateway app, see details below. *Mrs Austin, Business Manager*

Culture Week

Culture week was a huge success, with the school taking part in form activities such as creating posters and competing in the Interhouse Music Quiz. We ended the week with the Great Get Together, celebrating the memory of Jo Cox, and her legacy, everyone dressed in cultural clothes and enjoyed foods from around the world. We would like to thank everyone involved in



making this week happen and would like to thank all students for participating, it was great to see everyone trying new things and taking an interest in others.

Sixth Form Leadership Team

Exchange Students

This week we have had a group of twenty-one Chinese students visiting us in Key Stage Three. They say they have really enjoyed their week, going into tutor time



and class with a 'buddy', learning to make shortbread, and spending a day at Burghley. They have joined tutor groups

for Sports Day, and on Friday they organised a presentation for their buddies and joined us for our end of term celebrations. We wish them all a safe journey home to China and lasting memories of their visit. A big thank you to all the St John Fisher students who volunteered to make our guests' time with us so enjoyable!

Ms Roberts, Subject Leader for EAL

National School Attendance Awards



We are proud to announce that we have been awarded the National Schools

Attendance Award and we are within the top 25% of all the Secondary

School in England. Outstanding attendance means not only maximising classroom learning, but it also means creating positive habits that will stand our young adults in good stead when it comes to employment. The link between high attendance and high achievement is clear and the role of parent and carer in this process is every bit as important. Please continue to support your child in maintaining outstanding attendance. To maintain excellent attendance medical/dental appointments for students need to be made outside of school hours, where possible and we ask for proof to be provided if students attend appointments during school hours. If you have any concerns or require further support; please get in contact with your child's House Pastoral Team.

Mr Bates, Assistant Headteacher





Learning Leader: Hannah Myszka

As preparation for the visit of Janie Dee, Year 7 RE created poems and posters centred on the theme 'A Beautiful World'. The students did



such a great job and Janie was so grateful for their hard work. Janie was so impressed that she has chosen to use the poem of Hannah Myzska in her upcoming cabaret shows in Edinburgh and London. Hannah is one of our RE learning Leaders and for her to have her work performed by a two time winning Olivier Actress is an amazing achievement. Well done Hannah, I am very proud!

Ms James, Head of Rochester House

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Exam Results Days

Exam results are being released to candidates this summer on the following dates:

A Level Results Day: Thursday 15 August 2024

- GCSE Results Day: Thursday 22 August 2024 The school will therefore be open from 9am to 11am on these dates for exam results to be collected. Members of teaching staff will be on hand to give advice and help students who have any queries or issues relating to their results. They will also be able to advise students who are not happy with their results the next steps they can take.

Please note it is essential Year 11 students meet with staff to confirm their destinations post Year 11 as this is the allocated day during school holiday time to finalise these choices.

If student's are unable to attend Results Day this year, we will post out their results. Alternatively, they can email <u>kevin.martyn@stjohnfisherschool.org.uk</u> from their school email address and ask for their results to be emailed to them. Please note these will only be emailed back to the student's school email address and cannot be sent to a personal email address due to data protection.

If students cannot attend in person to collect their results but would like someone to collect them on their behalf, they should click on the following link:

https://stjohnfisherschool.org.uk/wp-

content/uploads/2024/06/Collection-of-Results-by-3rd-Party.pdf

This permission letter should be printed and completed in full. On the relevant results day the person collecting the results on behalf of the student should report to Reception and will need to present the fully completed form along with their photo ID.

If you have any questions regarding the results days, please speak to the Exams Officer before the end of the summer term.

Kevin Martyn, Examinations Officer

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.





