

St John Fisher News

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Welcome back!

Welcome to a new year and a new term and a special welcome to our new students in Years 7 and 12. We have had an excellent first week back with many induction activities taking place and a number of assemblies. Our theme this week has focussed on the new year and making a new start and remembering the import role our school motto, aims and values make to everybody flourishing.

'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full' (John 10:10)

Kate Pereira

Executive Headteacher

Congratulations Results 2024

Well done to all our year 11 and 13 students who received their exam results over the summer holidays. We are incredibly pleased that our GCSE Basics 4+ measure has increased to 66% and 100% of our students at Post-16 passed their courses. This reflects the hard work and dedication of both students and staff to ensure such achievements.

Duke of Edinburgh



In June and July, many of our students completed their Bronze and Silver Expeditions. All students participating in the award need to ensure that they have uploaded any evidence for their

activities so that they can achieve their certificate and badges in the coming weeks.

The Bronze Award will be launched with Year 9 next week. We encourage all students to participate in this widely recognised scheme which develops numerous skills and is a lot of fun! Information will be provided to parents next week however you can find out more here: What is the DofE? - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Natasha Wilmore Head of School

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.



"Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader"

Staff Mass



On Monday, we began our training days celebrating Mass with all our staff in the hall. It was a lovely occasion with beautiful readings and

uplifting hymns! Our school

theme this year is Pilgrims of Hope and Fr Karol, from St Peter and All Souls, referred to the Jubilee year (2025) during his homily. Our thanks to Fr Karol for celebrating Mass, our readers and to Mrs Pearson for leading the music.

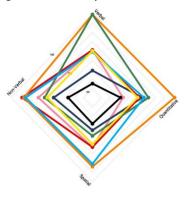


Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain.

Cognitive Ability Tests

Next week, Year 7 students will be sitting Cognitive Ability Tests. These are a type of baseline assessment which many schools use to assist in providing work that is at the right level for students. The test results can provide a snapshot of a child's potential, what they could achieve and how they learn best. The results can help teachers to set the right learning pace for each child, monitor their progress and identify areas where

might they extra support. They should be thought of more as tests of natural ability than of what they have learnt so far. For this reason, there is no need to practice or revise for the tests. The dates and times of the tests are shown below:



- Thursday, 12 September Period 2
- Thursday, 12 September Period 4
- Friday, 13 September Period I

Please ensure your child knows they need bring a sharpened HB pencil and an eraser along to the tests. *Mr Martyn, Examinations Officer.*

Upcoming Events		
24 September	Year 7 Tutor Parents Evening 4pm-	
-	5.30pm	
I October	Open Evening 6pm–8pm	n



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How SJF Communicates with parents!

Two apps or websites are needed from the day your child starts at school for communication between school and home and vice versa. Please download and use **Edulink One** for all school information and **SchoolGateway** to pay for your child's catering requirements and paying for activities and trips.

School Information - Edulink One

- Provide all information in one place
- Reduce amount of paper produced
- Easy to use for parents
- Parents can pay for activities and trips
- No need for students to bring cash into school
- Parents evening bookings available on your mobile, no need to print appointment sheets
- Student reports available for you to view
- Easy for parents to provide details of absences and communicate changes to personal details with us

If you have not already done so, **download the app called Edulink One** on your Android or IOS device and register

Or

For Laptop / computers

Sign up by visiting the following website: https://edulinkone.com/

Guidance on **Edulink One** can be found on Pages 7-8 of the Information for Parents booklet



Catering - SchoolGateway

- Easy to use for parents
- Parents can pay for catering via the app
- No need for students to bring cash into school
- Details of your child's food choices available for you to see

For Laptop / computers

Sign up by visiting the following website: https://schoolgateway.co.uk/



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