



## Theme of the week: Pilgrimage

Our theme across school this week has been Pilgrimage. A pilgrimage is a special spiritual journey usually to a special religious place. The journey itself is full of prayer and self-reflection resulting in the people on a pilgrimage feeling renewed and refreshed. Our assemblies and thoughts this week have focussed on the idea that we are all pilgrims on a journey and that we travel together as people of Hope regardless of our background or beliefs.

*Kate Pereira*

*Executive Headteacher*

## First Full Week Back

At the end of the first full week back, we want to congratulate our students on a smooth start to the academic year and commend our new students who have made friends, learnt their way around the school and made such a positive start on their journey with us. Each Head of House led an assembly this week and introduced their theme for the year linked to our school theme of pilgrimage:

Beverley: Pathways, although we each have our own goals, we do not walk the pathway alone and can be a strength and support to each other.

Cambridge: Bridges, on our journeys we may encounter bridges which can vary in length and height slowing our journey down as we overcome them.

Rochester: The Raven, a seemingly unlikely figure but is chosen by God to support others on their journeys.

Westminster: Hot Air Balloons, the wind often determines the journey to our destination and like this, we must trust that that God will help us reach our goals.

## DofE

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh was launched with Year 9 this week. We encourage all our young people to participate in this exciting opportunity.

## Learning Leaders

Each Faculty will nominate two students in each year group to be their Learning Leaders for this year. If your child has a particular interest or passion for a subject, do encourage them to put themselves forwards for this prestigious position. Deadline is the 23 September.

*Natasha Wilmore, Head of School*

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

## Visit to St Oswald's Church for Education Sunday

Last Sunday, I attended the Mass as a representative of St John Fisher Catholic High School for Education Sunday, along with a couple of other students. We all wore our uniform as we would on a normal school day in order to show the congregation how smart and professional it is. Also, as a symbol of the school which makes us all equal but still unique. I was entrusted to read the second reading which was about how we shouldn't judge others for their wealth, which links to our values. During the last moment of the Mass, Mrs Pereira gave a speech to the congregation, promoting our school and informing them of the importance that education has on growing children. Clearly, it was effective as multiple people came to ask for further information on the school after Mass.



*Balinda, Year 11 student*

## Attendance

Outstanding attendance means not only maximising classroom learning, it 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, Deputy Headteacher*

**Academic Tutoring**

**Year 11**

**16 – 27 September 2024**



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





## School Information – Edulink One

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Guidance on SchoolGateway can be found on Pages 14-15 of the Information for Parents booklet

## St John Fisher Careers Fair

Students from Year 9 – Year 13 will have the opportunity to visit our careers fair on



Friday 20 September. There will be exhibitors from different sectors. Students will have the opportunity to find out information about Post 16 and Post 18 options, employment, apprenticeship and volunteering. Students will be able to log onto their Unifrog accounts next week and read about the companies and educational providers that are attending our careers fair.

## ARU – Construction Day

A team from ARU Peterborough spoke to Year 12 and Year 13 Business Studies students on Monday about the different careers within the construction industry to introduce their annual construction day event.

On 9 October 6 students will visit ARU Peterborough, to take part in a project, taking on the different roles with a construction company, to see how they can improve a building energy rating and considering environmental costs to maximise profits.



## Free School Meals

Is your child eligible for free school meals? We are keen to make sure they get the support they need, both short term with meals / vouchers but longer term in terms of schools support via the pupils premium. If you think you may be eligible please complete the form online at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals). Claiming Free School Meals not only provides your child/children with a meal allowance each day of £2.70 but also brings in valuable additional funding to the school.

Your child is entitled to Free School Meals if you are in receipt of one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). To apply for Free School Meals complete the Free School Meal Application Form on the website below [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)