



Theme of the Week: Shrine

Our assemblies and thoughts this week have been around the theme of Shrines. It was the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham on Tuesday. Walsingham is our Diocesan shrine. It is a special place of pilgrimage for Christians who physically journey to the shrine to give thanks, pray for their needs, and deepen their relationship with God. This reminds us of our theme for this school year which is Pilgrims of Hope.

Kate Pereira

Executive Headteacher

Busy Week

It has been a busy week at SJF. Year 7 Beverley and Cambridge House had their first singing assembly with Mrs Pearson - it was full of enthusiasm and joy! Our Year 11s continued into the second week of their 'Preparation for the Future Fortnight' with mock interviews and an assembly with representatives from Peterborough Regional College. We also invited Year 7 parents to meet their child's tutor which was very well attended and all felt it was a positive evening. Today some of our staff and students are going to Norwich Cathedral for the annual Diocesan Schools Mass. Finally, we held our staff Macmillan Coffee morning with home-baked and bought treats for staff to enjoy and contribute to a worthy cause.

Open Evening

Tuesday 1 October is the annual SJF Open Evening. This is an opportunity for parents and children in Year 6 to visit the school. We will close at 2pm with Open Evening starting at 6pm and finishing at 8pm. Many of our students have volunteered to help on this evening and should return to school at 5.45pm, in full school uniform (or full PE kit if in PE) and go to the Faculty where they are supporting.

Natasha Wilmore, Head of School

Academic Tutoring
Year 7
30 September – 11 October
2024

Year 11 Mock Interviews

Well done to Year 11s, they completed a mock interview with an employer. They were able to prepare some questions during their Aspire, Aim, & Achieve day but some questions were unseen. Employers and Governors offered their time to come into school to help with the interviews. Companies included Cross Key Homes, The Passport Office and Industrial Signs. We are grateful to interviewers helping our students with interview techniques, they commented that our students spoke well and were polite and they enjoyed meeting our students.

Manufacturing Day



On Thursday 26 September, Year 10 Product Design students had the opportunity to visit a local company. 'Shoplight' based in Fengate, opened their doors to local schools to visit on manufacturing day. Students had the opportunity to find out more about their business, including meeting the managing director, Mark Shortland. They visited different departments and found out about the sustainability of their products. The highlight was watching the 3D printers making products and how they are assembled on the production line. The product design students had a go at putting together some of the components. Students also entered in a competition by answering questions about the business.

Careers Fair

St John Fisher Annual Careers Fair was a massive success. Over 30 exhibitors attended, giving students in Year 9 to Year 13 an insight into different Careers and Options at Post 16 and 18. Students had the opportunity to play careers bingo, where they engaged with exhibitors to find out more about them, the winner of the gift voucher was Keisha in R5. Wilson in W7 was the winner of air-buds from Bakkavor, having the highest score in their competition.



 Upcoming Events 	
1 October	Open Evening 6pm–8pm. School closes at 2pm.
7 October	Cambridge Blue Charity Day.
15 October	Sixth Form Open Evening 6 – 8pm.
18 October	Focus Day.

Extra-Curricular Activities 2024-2025

Monday Lunchtime

All Years – Maths Help Club
All Years – Film Club
All Years – Boys Basketball – Sports Hall
All Years – Chaplaincy Ambassadors - Chapel

Monday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities
All Years - Boys/Girls Football - Astro
All Years – Netball Club – Courts
All Years - Homework Club Study Centre
Key Stage 4 – Basketball – Sports Hall
Year 9 – Food Club – Room 306

Tuesday Lunchtime

All Years – Choir – Room 101
All Years – Maths Help Club
All Years – Girls Basketball & Benchball – Sports Hall
Year 7 - Blooklet Club French – Room 211

Tuesday After School

All Years Homework Club Study Centre

Wednesday Lunchtime

All Years – String Ensemble – Room 101
All Years – Maths Help Club
All Years – Girls Football – Sports Hall
Year 7 – Drama Club – Room 501
Year 8 - Blooklet Club French – Room 211

Wednesday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities
All Years – Badminton Club – Sports Hall
All Years – Homework Club Study Centre

Thursday Lunchtime

Key Stage 3 – Art Club
All Years – Choir – Room 101
All Years - Maths Help Club
All Years – Cricket Club – Sports Hall
All Years – Optional Studio Space - 501
Year 9 - Blooklet Club French – Room 211

Thursday After School

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

Friday Lunchtime

All Years – Maths Help Club
Blooklet Club Spanish – Room 211
Years 8 & 9 – Drama – Room 501
Year 10 – Product & Design Club – Room 305

Friday After School

All Years – Homework Club Study Centre
Key Stage 4 – Drama Intervention – Room 501

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.



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