



Mission and Vision

Jesus said: "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

St John Fisher Catholic School is a learning community striving to live the gift of life that God gave us:

- we know through our spirituality that everyone is a loved creation of God and that every person has a lesson they can teach someone else.
- we will take every opportunity to help each other and those less fortunate than ourselves.
- we will do our best to reach our aspirations, and celebrate our successes.

Our school values: Faith, Love, Celebrate, Unity and Growth, enables each person to live out our mission statement. The school rewards system recognises students who act and/or behave in ways that live out these values.

At St John Fisher Catholic High School we pride ourselves on being an inclusive, safe environment for all our students promoting aspirational excellence. We believe that all students should be able to partake in a full range of activities from Duke of Edinburgh to enrichment trips to regular sports clubs. We believe that having these experiences will enhance their opportunities and elevate their prospects when they leave us at the end of Year 11 or 13. Raising aspirations is fundamental to our success and careers information starts in Year 7. There are opportunities for work experience in Years 10, 12 and 13 as well as university visits from KS3.

We are proud that many of our Year 11s decide to continue their post-16 education with us and that the majority of our Sixth Formers still decide to continue with their education post-18 whether through an Apprenticeship or University.

Trust

Since the 1 February 2026, we have joined the St John the Baptist Catholic Multi-Academy Trust. The Trust mission is to 'Prepare the Way' aligning with our own mission statement.

Oscar Romero Award

We are proud to be the only secondary school in our Diocese with the Participator Level Oscar Romero Award. This recognises the embedding of Catholic Social Teaching in the school community and charity work.

Collective Worship

There are a variety of opportunities for staff and students to take part in collective worship.

Daily: Each day we have a 'Thought and Prayer' in Tutor Time. These 'Thoughts' follow the liturgical year and often include contemporary issues that may be relevant for that week. The 'Thoughts' embed scripture, discussion and awareness of our impact on the world e.g. Global Learning.

Weekly: Every week each House comes together during Tutor Time for an assembly which could be led by their Head of House, a member of the Senior Leadership Team or a Tutor group. Again, the themes for the assembly are scheduled and follow the liturgical year, embeds scripture, Catholic teaching and time for reflection and prayer.

Every Tuesday morning: we have voluntary Mass in our Chapel led by a Deanery Priest. Staff and students are welcome to attend.

Using the Chapel: Every Tutor Group attends reflection and prayer on a rota basis. Prayers and themes for the Chapel programme follow the liturgical year. This is led by our Lay Chaplain and involves Form Tutors and students.

Year 7 Prayer Group: The Sixth Form Leadership team plan and deliver a prayer session with every year 7 student. They meet in the chapel during tutor time. The theme is on 'belonging.'

Each House celebrates Mass led by a Deanery Priest at least once during the academic year. Students are actively involved through the choir and music, readings and offertory.

We always welcome our new Year 7 students with a Liturgy where they are presented with a Bible and Prayer card. In addition, as part of the Welcome Liturgy, they bring forward a small light that joins our School Candle, this symbolism represents the light they bring to the school in the form of their individual gifts and talents. Similarly, we bless our leavers at the Leavers Liturgy and present them with a special badge of a dove to bestow them with peace as they leave our school family. Our Year 13s complete the cycle by leaving with a commemorate candle; the light they brought to the School in year 7, is then taken out with them to the wider world.

Liturgical: We celebrate Mass on Holy Days of Obligation and special Feast days. The school follows the Church's liturgical calendar and always encourages students to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation particularly during the seasons of Advent and Lent. The school gathers together for Christmas and Easter liturgies and to celebrate our patron Saint at the end of the year.

Special Events: We contribute to the wider community significantly by taking part in special events such as Holocaust memorial, Day commemorations, Remembrance Day, Peterborough Schools Mass, Peterborough Catholic School Carol Service, Diocesan Schools Mass and the Peterborough Faith Walk. Our Student Leadership teams, Drama Groups and Choirs have contributed significantly to these. We have been presented with an award by the Mayor for this work.

Chaplaincy

Our Chaplaincy Team consists of staff, governors, school priest and the sixth form leadership team who meet to discuss Catholic Life at St John Fisher Catholic School.

We also have a team of students from Year 7-13 who are Chaplaincy Ambassadors. As well as this we have a different group of students in the SJF champions and in the Student Council. Terms of Reference for all these groups can be found on the website.

- Daily Thoughts are organised by our Lay Chaplain using the liturgical year to guide the content. All students start the day with this with the message carrying through the day and reinforced throughout the week.
- The Chaplaincy Ambassadors meet at least once a week.
- There is a voluntary Prayer Meeting every Tuesday break in the Chapel for students with our Chaplain. The Angelus is often said together at this time.
- Full staff briefings occur three times which open with a prayer led by different members of staff. Similarly at the start of meetings including Governor meetings, a prayer is said. This opportunity for collective prayer reminds us of our purpose and mission at the school.

Catholic Social Teaching



DIGNITY

- Links to our values of Faith, Love and Unity
- Policies have been written in consideration of respecting each person's dignity
- Year 7 and 12 retreats planned and delivered by the Lay Chaplain and RE department



COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION

- Links to our values of Faith, Unity and Celebrate
- Spring/Summer Concert
- Diocesan Schools Mass
- Peterborough Catholic Schools Carol Service
- Holocaust Memorial Day
- Katharine of Aragon Mass
- The Great Get Together
- Culture Week
- Family Bingo Evening
- Celebration Assemblies and events
- Hampers for Friary Court during Advent



CREATION

- Links to our values of Faith, Love and Unity
- Eco-Warriors
- Zoolab
- Commitment to reduce Food Waste
- Commitment to recycle
- Sensory Garden
- Raising funds for CAFOD World Gifts – helping people around the world with their environment



SOLIDARITY AND PEACE

- Links with our values of Faith, Unity and Love
- The Big Lent Walk
- MacMillan Coffee Morning
- Christmas Jumper Day
- Peterborough Faith Walk
- Holocaust Memorial Day



OPTION FOR THE POOR

- Links with our values of Faith, Love, Unity and Growth
- House Charity Days x4 supporting local and international charity raises approx. £800 each day
- Additional whole school charity – CAFOD raises approx. £500
- Year 11 Prom – low cost and support for students
- Breakfast bagels every day for all
- Financial support for enrichment opportunities
- A vast range of free extra-curricular activities at lunch time and afterschool



DIGNITY OF WORKERS

- Links to our values of Faith, Love and Unity
- School policies and procedures ensure that staff are treated fairly and justly.
- Fair Trade Products

Diocesan Links

- Our Diocese reaches Cambridge, Ipswich and Norwich. There are regular meetings between the Headteachers, Heads of RE and Chaplains of these schools so that communication is sustained and the expertise in each school can be utilised to support each other.
- There is an annual Diocesan Schools Mass which we actively take part in. Several staff and students travel to take part in the Mass with the other schools and it is always a wonderful way to celebrate the start of the new academic year.
- We followed Pope Francis' proclamations such as The Year of the Word or The Year of St Joseph. We were also Pilgrims of Hope during the Jubilee Year last year.

RE Curriculum

The RE Curriculum follows the Bishop's Conference Curriculum Directory with a focus on Revelation, Church, Celebration, Life of Christ and the Bible. Students in KS3 follow the RED. At GCSE Level the school follows the Edexcel Catholic Christianity syllabus and Judaism. At A Level the school follows the Edexcel syllabus teaching Philosophy of Religion, Ethics and New Testament Studies. Schemes of Learning can be found in the Curriculum section of the website.