



Theme: Valued

Our assemblies this week have been around the theme of Values. Students have been reflecting on what a value is and why we have shared values. We have been exploring our shared school aims and values which are rooted in the Gospel and thinking about how these values help us in our everyday life. One of our aims for all students is for them to be people of Hope and to work for the Common Good, caring for Creation and all who live in our world. Today is the feast day of St Francis of Assisi who is famous for his care for creation, especially animals.

'Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it, and we use it for the benefit of all' (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*)

Stations of the Cross

A huge thank you to Mrs Goodfellow and other members of staff who helped to make the beautiful new handmade Stations of the Cross which are now displayed in our school hall. These have been the result of months of careful planning and work and are now ready to be blessed by Bishop Peter in the Spring. You can see pictures of a few of them here:



Kate Pereira

Open Evening

Despite the wet weather, we welcomed many children and parents to SJF for our annual open evening on Tuesday. Staff and current students showcased our school and the impressive facilities that we have such as boxing in our new fitness suite, awakening your senses in English or watching live experiments in Science. It was a wonderful, enjoyable evening. We followed this by opening our school on Wednesday and Thursday morning to parents and pupils to see the school in action.

Examination Preparation

Each Year 11 student received a 'Candidate Information' booklet created by JCQ today. Please take the time to read and understand it as it details the regulations and expectations for those taking examinations this academic year.

Mrs Wilmore, Head of School

Diocesan School Mass

Last Friday, we took our Chaplaincy Ambassadors and Sixth Form Leadership Team to Norwich Cathedral to attend the Diocesan Schools Mass, celebrated by Bishop Peter Collins. During his homily, he reminded us of the good works of St Vincent de Paul, whose feast day occurred that day. He also explained how he was transformed to serve others and 'inspired people to become servants to attend to those in the greatest of need.' Bishop Peter sent back a message to each of our schools, asking us 'Will you play your part in being servants of the poor?'. We were presented with an icon of St Vincent and prayer cards, one for each student.



Bishop Peter also talked about our 'Great Diocesan Family of East Anglia' and how we are a 'school family in a very real way'. Adam and Ebenzer in Year 11 wrote 'Bishop Peter's homily was well received and shed light on many issues in our daily school lives. Andre in Year 13 said 'It was nice to see so many different schools come together at the Mass. It was a great opportunity to see people representing different areas from the community we are a part of.'

Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain

SJF is now a CASHLESS school

The majority of schools in this area operate a totally cashless system. This ensures that students are not bringing any money into school. As parents you will be able to put 'money' onto your child's catering account and pay for trips by using the SchoolGateway app.

In order for this to work effectively, ensure that school has your correct email and mobile phone number. If you change any of these during the school year, you must inform us of these changes so that you continue to receive information from school. Email enquiries@stjohnfisherschool.org.uk stating your name, your child's name and form and the email or mobile number to be amended.

Thank you for your cooperation with this and for helping us on our sustainability journey with reducing reliance on paper.

Mrs Austin, Business Manager



"Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader"

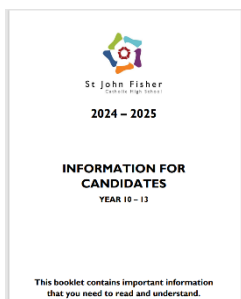
Upcoming Events	
7 October	Cambridge Blue Charity Day.
15 October	Sixth Form Open Evening 6 – 8pm.
18 October	Focus Day.
21 October	Year 11 & 13 PPEs begin.

Written Examinations & Coursework

Examination Boards apply strict criteria for the conduct of examinations and assessments, it is therefore essential students read and fully understand the important information issued annually by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ). JCQ's Information on written examinations, non-exam assessments and discussing exams online was emailed to all students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 last week. This information can also be found on the exams section of our school website and can be accessed via the following link:

<https://stjohnfishersschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Information-for-candidates-2024-2025.pdf>

Year 11s should have received a hard copy of this booklet today via their tutor in advance of their upcoming Pre-Public Exams which begin on Monday 21 October 2024. Please check with your child they have read and understood this important information because any candidate who is suspected of breaching these rules will be investigated for malpractice. The exam boards have numerous sanctions for malpractice these include loss of all marks gained for a unit and disqualification from all qualifications taken in that series. Please do not hesitate to contact me should there be any questions regarding malpractice or any other exam related issue.
Mr Martyn, Exams & Assessment Officer



Academic Tutoring

Year 7

**30 September – 11 October
2024**

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.



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

Appointments

Medical appointments for students need to be made outside of school hours and, if unavoidable, proof of the appointment must be provided.

Mr Bates, Deputy Headteacher