



Please pray for Pope Francis who is ill in hospital.



Almighty and Eternal God, hear our prayers for your servant Francis for whom we implore the aid of your tender mercy, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Be Joyful!

This week we have focussed on the quotation from Psalm 100: 'Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.' We were also reminded that it is the feast of St David this weekend who reminded us to: "Be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things that you have heard and seen me do.' So in assembly, we have considered how small actions can have big impacts and what we can do to spread joy to others.

Our Head Students introduced the Catholic Social Teaching focus for this half term which is Community and Participation making the explicit link with this week's theme. There are several events happening this term for our students, staff and parents to be involved in, so do keep following updates in this newsletter!

*Kate Pereira, Executive Headteacher*

### The Big Lent Walk

This week the Sixth Form Leadership Team launched the Big Lent Walk to all students. The Big Lent Walk is a national event led by CAFOD to show solidarity with those who have to walk long distances for basic essentials like water. As a school, we will be raising money by walking in our Houses during Lent. Sponsorship forms and more information will come out next week.

### Reminder

Tuesday 4 March we will finish school at 2pm for our Year 7 and 12 Parents Evening.

*Mrs Wilmore, Head of School*

**Academic Tutoring**  
**Year 7**  
**24 February – 7 March 2025**

### Year 11 – Seneca Learning

In Assembly on Tuesday Year 11 were introduced to Seneca Learning. Seneca Learning is an online learning platform that provides revision materials across all subjects. All Year 11 have received an email with details of their log-in details.

If you require any support with logging in, please come and see me.

*Mrs Fieldhouse – Year 11 Progress Lead.*

### National Careers Week



St John Fisher Catholic High School is holding National Careers Week next week, and we will be

focusing on Careers and Apprenticeships over the next fortnight, finishing our fortnight with Focus Day. There will be activities during form time and opportunities for students to find out more about different careers, apprenticeship routes and visits to universities for some year groups.

We have invited in the following companies to join our careers bites lunch sessions. Students are encouraged to sign up to attend the talk if they have an interest in the industry, all year groups are welcome. Students need to sign up for the talk at the Careers Office.



- Tuesday 4 March – Law: Taylor Rose
- Thursday 6 March – Accounting: First Intuition
- Tuesday 11 March – Gas Network Industry: Cadent Gas
- Thursday 13 March – Royal Mail

### Year 7 Reports

Please note Term 2 reports for Year 7 can now be accessed via the documents section of EduLink.



Future Events	
04 March	Year 7 & 12 Parents Evening. School close at 2pm.
05 March	Ash Wednesday Service.
14 March	Focus Day.
25 March	Year 11 & 13 Parents Evening. School close at 2pm.



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## Extra-Curricular Activities 2024-2025

### Monday Lunchtime

All Years – Chorum Choir – Room 101  
All Years – Maths Help Club  
All Years – Film Club  
All Years – Boys Basketball – Sports Hall  
All Years – Chaplaincy Ambassadors – Chapel  
Year 10 – Italian Club - 209

### 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  
Ad-hoc – Production Rehearsal - 501

### Tuesday Lunchtime

All Years – Maths Help Club  
All Years – Girls Basketball & Benchball – Sports Hall  
Year 7 - Blooklet Club French – Room 211  
Ad-hoc – Production Rehearsal – 501  
All Years - Guitar for Beginners – Room 301

### 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  
All Years - String Ensemble – Room 101  
All Years - Guitar Club – Practice room 1

### Wednesday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities  
All Years – Badminton Club – Sports Hall  
All Years – Homework Club Study Centre  
Ad-hoc – Production Rehearsal - 501

### 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  
All Years - Pop Choir – Room 102

### Thursday After School

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

### Friday Lunchtime

All Years – Maths Help Club  
Blooklet Club Spanish – Room 211  
Years 8 & 9 – Drama – Room 501  
Year 9 – Italian Club - 209  
Year 10 – Product & Design Club – Room 305  
All Years - Pop/Rock Band – Practice Room 1

### Friday After School

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

## Lateness

The school day starts at 8.30am and students are expected to be in registration by 8.40am. Students that are late will receive an after-school detention until 3.45pm, persistent latecomers will have a detention until 4pm, further persistence will result in an extended detention until 4.45pm.

*Mr Bates, Deputy Headteacher*

## Safeguarding Reminder

A reminder to all parents that the school car park is only to be used by staff or parents that have been invited for booked appointments with staff members. Please do not drop off or collect students within the school grounds, for the safety of all students. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

## 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 [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) website below

## 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.