



Theme: Autonomy

Our assemblies this week have focussed on the importance of Freedom. This Saturday is the Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita who was taken and sold into slavery, and it is a time for us to pray for and remember the victims of modern-day slavery and victims of trafficking. We have been reflecting on the dignity of the human person as made in the image of God and how precious our freedom is.

Visit of Rt Rev Peter Collins, Bishop of East Anglia

On Tuesday Bishop Peter visited St John Fisher to bless our new stations of the cross and to commission the new Caritas ambassadors. We had a beautiful Mass in the chapel with Bishop Peter and Fr Karol which included the individual blessing and commissioning of each Caritas ambassador by the bishop and the receiving of an official diocesan certificate presented by David Livesey the diocesan coordinator for Caritas East Anglia. Bishop Peter talked with the students and pupils from St Thomas More about the importance of their new role as instruments of justice and peace in school and in the local community. Congratulations to the Caritas ambassadors.



Stations of the Cross

As reported in an earlier newsletter the new Stations of the Cross were designed by our chaplaincy ambassadors and made by Mrs Goodfellow and Mr Griffin in school and are displayed in our school hall. They are stunning! Now that Bishop Peter has blessed them, they will be used for prayer and liturgy as we move into the season of Lent.

Kate Pereira, Executive Headteacher

Year 9 Options

Choosing what to study for GCSE is an important decision. Year 9 have attended an assembly, option evening and teacher meetings to ensure that they make the right choices for next year. They have been issued with option booklets which give an additional overview of the process and the subjects. The deadline to make these options is Thursday 13 February. Any questions, see Mrs Helcoop.

Revision

The second round of Pre-Public Exams started today for the next two weeks. We encourage all Year 11 and Year 13 to revise and wish them good luck.

Reminder

School is closed to students on Friday 14 February for staff training. Half term is the following week and all students to return on Monday 24 February.

Mrs Wilmore, Head of School

Future Events	
14 February	Training Day, school closed
24 February	PPE's Year 13
04 March	Year 7 & 12 Parents Evening. School close at 2pm.

Holocaust Memorial Day Service 2025

On Monday 27 January, Mr Chappel took five Year 9 students to participate in St John Fisher Catholic High School's annual contribution to Peterborough's Holocaust Memorial Day Service. Battling the cold weather, the students managed to perform a highly moving performance depicting the extraordinary journey of those who were part of the Kindertransport, that rescued children from the Nazi-controlled territory. The performance was an amazing opportunity to show St John Fisher's Catholic High School's understanding and sympathy for those who suffered and died during this awful tragedy. The performance was nerve-racking due to the amount of people coming to watch. This included some highly prestigious individuals in the community as well as the Mayor of Peterborough himself. Nevertheless, the narration of 'The Feeling of Sympathy and Heartbreak' was shown throughout the day with our performance, as well as speeches and music from others during the service. Overall, it was an educational and enlightening experience which we were glad to be a part of and proud to represent our school for such an important event.

Ellie, Kitty, Grace, Sofia, and Isla, Year 9



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

House Competitions	
Beverley	2394
Westminster	2375
Cambridge	2343
Rochester	2052

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. 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

Academic Tutoring
Year 10
3 February – 14 February
2025

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.