



Theme: Compassion

Our thoughts and prayers have centred around the theme of Compassion this week. During the season of Lent, we try to be more compassionate towards others in our thoughts, words, and actions. One way as a school we have been putting faith into action this Lent is by taking part in the Cafod Big Lent Walk which has been organised by the Sixth Form Leadership Team. Thank you and well done to all involved.

'Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you' (Ephesians 4:32)

Kate Pereira, Executive Headteacher



Big Lent Walk



Not only did the weather warm up this week but so did the Big Lent Walk House

competition. Westminster was determined to make up for last week by getting in an additional lap as well as a couple of students running into a third and even fourth lap! A reminder that you can sponsor our staff and students with all proceeds going to CAFOD.

1st Westminster – 496,500m

2nd Rochester – 414,000m

3rd Beverley – 400,000m

4th Cambridge – 388,000m



Upcoming events

A reminder that we will finish at 2pm on Tuesday 25 March for Year 11 and 13 Parents Evening. Y10 Pre-Public Exams start w/c 24 March.

Mrs Wilmore, Head of School

Academic Tutoring
Year 11
24 March – 4 April 2025

Catholic Care for Creation

As Chaplaincy Ambassadors, we planted 30 trees, donated by the Woodland Trust, in our school grounds. By planting the saplings, we showed one of the Catholic Social Teachings of Care for Creation. We planted various trees with thoughtful prayer to support their growth.

Year 10 & 11 Chaplaincy Ambassadors



The Best Netball Season to Date!



We have finally received confirmation of the Netball League results for this year. SJF have surpassed any other season to date! The Year 11 girls were crowned

champions of their league which is a fitting way to end their Netball career at SJF. The girls have already celebrated as a team with a pizza party. The Year 7, 8 and 10 Netball teams all finished second in their leagues which is a fantastic achievement. All of the girls have shown a huge amount of commitment and dedication and we are already looking forward to what next year brings. As a department we could not be prouder of the girls achievements on the court this year. Well done.

Mrs Maudsley, Teacher of PE



Future Events	
The Big Lent Sponsored Walk	
24 March	Year 10 PPE's begin.
25 March	Year 11 & 13 Parents Evening. School closes @ 2pm.
4 April	End of term.

Focus Day – Experiencing Our Learning in Different Ways

On Friday 14 March we had our second focus day of this academic year. Staff had worked really hard to provide students with a variety of fun and engaging activities throughout the day. The theme for Year 13 was 'Preparing to leave home' and students took part in mock employer interviews, understanding student finance and budgeting and learning how to cook a healthy meal. Year 12 focussed on 'Ultimate Life Skills', focusing on road safety, planning their CV and finished with a visit to ARU Peterborough. With GCSE exams fast approaching Year 11 spent the day preparing mind and body for the rigours of the exam period, learning how to plan a meaningful revision timetable, mindfulness and physical exercise. Year 10 had the opportunity to visit ARU Cambridge and ARU Peterborough, where they were given tours of the campus and sampled taster sessions of some of the courses on offer at the respective universities. Back at SJF Year 9 spent the day using their maths skills, including problem solving in a maths escape room and then using maths in a more creative and artistic way. Good weather provided students in Year 8 with a wonderful visit in Spring sunshine to Wimpole Hall. Finally, Year 7 spent half their day on a retreat where they explored the concept of 'One Body' and then made models to demonstrate what it means to have a sense of 'Belonging'. Year 7 spent the second part of the day with the MFL faculty deepening their understanding of the geography, gastronomy, sports and the arts of Spain and France. All in all a very enjoyable day. Well done to all the students who engaged so well in their learning and a huge thank you to all the staff for making the day so successful.

Peterborough Parent Power

Peterborough Parent Power will be meeting on Tuesday 1 April, 17:45-19:45 at ARU Peterborough. This meeting will include an information session on how to support your child with their revision. Further and higher education can help your child to their dream career. Parent Power listen to parents and works with parents to support their children on their educational journey.

If any parents would like to attend this meeting please use this link to sign up:

<https://forms.office.com/e/vfd1aHGvVVK>

For further information please contact Sophie Waring on 07398182824 or email

peterboroughparentpower@thebrilliantclub.org

A representative from Peterborough Parent Power will be attending Parents Evenings throughout the academic year.



Year 12 and 13 Focus Day

Last Friday, Year 12 had a useful day preparing for their future. They attended a Road Safety session to learn about the dangers of driving for young people, a CV and cover letter session to prepare for employment and a session delivered by Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) about considering whether or not to go to University. In the afternoon, Year 12 visited ARU for a session about 'A day in the life of an undergraduate student' and had a tour of the Peterborough campus. A really useful day that will prepare students for their next steps at SJF and beyond.



Meanwhile, Year 13 also learnt some important life skills. Students cooked a 'budget friendly' dinner of Spaghetti Bolognese, attended a student finance and budgeting session delivered by the University of

Hertfordshire and took part in a mock interview with local employers including the NHS and ASL. The Sales Account Manager from ASL commented: "What an inspiring bunch of young people! Credit to themselves and the school". All in all a great day.

Year 10 Visit to ARU

The whole of Year 10 visited Anglia Ruskin University on Friday 14 March as part of Focus Day. The aim of the day was to expose students to what it is like if they chose to go to university in the future. The students who visited ARU Cambridge heard about Degree Apprenticeships, completed an Ice Breaker activity called Mission Impossible and had a tour of the University Campus. They were also able to speak to Student Ambassadors about their experiences of going to university. The students who visited ARU Peterborough also heard about Degree Apprenticeships, had taster sessions in Computing and Construction and a tour of the University Campus. It was a great opportunity for students to be given the information needed when deciding on their future career choices and to ask any questions they might have.

