

St John Fisher News

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Announcement from Chair of Governors

"As you will be aware, Kate Pereira will be leaving us at the end of this school year to take up a role as Director of Education for the Diocese. (We will celebrate Kate's contribution to the School in due course). The governors initiated the process to recruit a new headteacher. We were lucky to have some outstanding applicants for the role and conducted an exacting interview process on 19 and 20 May. I am delighted to inform you that we appointed Natasha Wilmore (our current Deputy Head), she will be an excellent headteacher-please join me in congratulating her."

Eastertide: Standards

Our assemblies this week have been focused on being the best version of ourselves. In other words, using our God given individual gifts and talents to flourish and to encourage others to flourish and live life to the full. Thank you to Claudia and Nana who both gave their own testimony of being the best they can be and what has encouraged and inspired them to do this. They both gave advice to each House as Year 13 students who are about to leave SJF. Very well done.

Headship

As you already know I will be leaving St John Fisher at the end of the summer term. I am delighted that Mrs Wilmore has been appointed as Headteacher from September following interviews earlier this week. Congratulations to her.

Year 13

Today we held our Year 13 Leavers' liturgy and formally said goodbye to them. We wish Year 13 well and the best of luck for the future. There are still some exams left to sit but they will only be in school for their exams.

Half Term

Today we break up for half term. Years II and I3 will still be revising during this time for their exams which continue when we return. I wish you all a safe and restful break. We return on Monday 2 June.

Kate Pereira, Headteacher

(0)	Future Events
3- 13 June	Year 10 Work Experience
20 June	Year II Prom
24 June	Celebration of Achievement
3 - 4 July	The Three Musketeers Production

The Finish Line

Well done to all our students who have sat their terminal exams over the last few weeks. We hope that they take the time to rest and refresh over half term (as well as some revision) so that they feel ready to continue after the break. Keep going - the finish line is in sight!

Half Term

A reminder that we break for the half term at 3.15pm today and will return at 8.40am on Monday 2 June 2025.

Celebration

It was wonderful to welcome St Thomas More to join our Spring Concert this year. It was an evening where we enjoyed and celebrated the musical talent within both schools! We also said 'goodbye' to our Year 13's today. We wish them all the very best as they take the next steps in their lives and hope that they keep in touch.

Mrs Wilmore, Senior Deputy Headteacher

Liturgy Leavers

Today we said goodbye to our Year 13 students after two years of study and hard work. The readings for the Liturgy focussed on the Parable of the Sower, reminding us to take God's Holy Word with us and spread His light through our talents and gifts. Each student received a candle with the



school logo and motto both as a keepsake and a reminder to 'spread their light' for the benefit of others. Many thanks to the readers and everyone who was involved with this special occasion and to Sean for playing the piano for us for the final time! We would like to wish them all the very best for their exam results and for the future.

Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain

Academic Tutoring

Year 12

2 June - 13 June 2025



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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 - Tennis - Courts

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 - Girls Rounders- Field

All Years - Homework Club Study Centre

Year 9 - Food Club - Room 306

Ad-hoc - Production Rehearsal - 501

Tuesday Lunchtime

All Years - Maths Help Club

All Years - Guitar for Beginners - Room 301

Year 7 - Blooklet Club French - Room 211

Ad-hoc - Production Rehearsal - 501

Tuesday After School

All Years Homework Club Study Centre

Wednesday Lunchtime

All Years - Guitar Club - Practice room I

All Years - String Ensemble - Room 101

All Years - Maths Help Club

All Years - Tennis Club - Courts

Year 7 - Drama Club - Room 501

Year 8 - Blooklet Club French - Room 211

Wednesday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities

All Years - Fitness - Gym

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 - Pop Choir - Room 102

All Years - Maths Help Club

All Years - Cricket Club - Astro

All Years - Optional Studio Space - 501

Year 9 - Blooklet Club French - Room 211

Thursday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities

All Years - Cricket Club - Astro

All Years - Homework Club Study Centre

All Years - Music Theory Club

Friday Lunchtime

All Years - Maths Help Club

All Years - Pop/Rock Band - Practice Room I

Years 8 & 9 - Drama - Room 501

Year 9 - Italian Club - 209

Year 10 - Product & Design Club - Room 305

Key Stage 4 - Darts - Gym

Blooklet Club Spanish - Room 211

Friday After School

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

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze

Last Friday and Saturday a group of 20 Year 9 students successfully complete their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition. This involved them walking 25km over 2 days through the



countryside, carrying everything they needed with them; including a tent which they stayed in overnight. Each group also set themselves an aim for their expedition such as taking pictures of all the animals they saw, recording the group's mood at regular intervals and even making a human pyramid! All of the participants showed outstanding determination, resilience and teamwork, supporting one another through the tough moments, as well as some shining though as leaders. I'm sure all of the students gained a lot from the experience, and I would like to congratulate them for taking on and completing the challenge as well as being excellent ambassadors for our school. Finally, a huge Thank You to the staff who gave up much of their weekend to support the expedition, it is very much appreciated.

Miss Bennett, Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Lead

Prom Year II

Year 11 Prom will be on Friday 20 June 2025. Payment for Prom is now available on the School Gateway app, price is £10.00. Dress to impress. Come and celebrate with Food, Dancing and Awards.



Mrs Reid, Student Support Officer

The Three Musketeers

A performance of The Three Musketeers will take place on Thursday 3 & Friday 4 July 2025. Tickets are now on sale via the School Gateway app, prices are £5 adult, £2.50 concessions.





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