

Anniversary Mass

The highlight of our week of events to mark the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the school is a Mass on **Thursday 16th July at 7.30pm**. This will be concelebrated by Bishop Michael and our deanery priests. We are inviting our feeder schools and the local parishioners to this Mass and so will need to know how many people to expect. For this reason we are asking you to let us know if you would like to accept our invitation to the Mass by contacting the school reception by Friday 3rd July. This can be done either in writing or by ringing the main switchboard on 01733 343646. Alternatively you may email enquiries@st-johnfisherschool.org.uk.

Return to the Forbidden Planet

Our school production is well under way and promises to be a highlight of our school year. It will take place from Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th July. Tickets are already available from student services.

Year 12 Induction Programme

Next week we welcome back many of our Year 11 students for our Sixth Form Induction Day, only a week after their final GCSE exam. But this timing is a reflection of our times as no sooner is one thing out of the way than the next challenge comes along. We do look forward to seeing our new Year 12 and I am sure that they are looking forward to not wearing uniform! These two days gives them an excellent introduction to Sixth Form life and enables them to be properly introduced to their courses and to each other. Students should already have the information they need but if there are any questions before the day please contact Mrs Weston (14-19 co-ordinator) at the school.

Year 7 Parents Evening

A reminder that this is on Tuesday next, 23rd June, from 4.30pm until 6.30pm. Students should have made appointments beforehand but it is often possible to see teachers if this has not happened. I would encourage all parents to make use of this opportunity to talk to their children's teachers.

Homework Survey

The questionnaire issued with last week's newsletter should be returned by today please. It can be handed in to student services or the front reception desk.

Sean Hayes

Healthy Packed Lunches

As we at St John Fisher strive to improve all aspects of our students learning we are looking at attaining Healthy School status. We believe that a healthy diet and lifestyle play a very important part in our students' concentration and ability to access learning at its best. As many of our students bring into school pack lunches we look towards Parents, Guardians and Carers for support with this. The school is looking at promoting more healthy options in the canteen to give our students the best opportunities for a healthier environment in which to learn and pack lunches will help with that promotion for those students who do not eat a canteen meal but share the same facilities at lunchtime.

Ideas to help with your child's lunch boxes could include:

- Exchanging chocolate or chocolate biscuits for fruit.
- Look for low fat crisps or use crisp bread snacks instead.
- Make sandwiches with bread higher in bran and choose low fat fillings.
- Replace fizzy drinks with fruit juice, flavoured water or naturally carbonated drinks such as sparkling mineral water.
- These small changes will help promote the students and the school in the fight for a better healthier diet and lifestyle.

Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award-Training day

12 Bronze D of E participants are off to Wakerley Woods this Saturday. They will learn to navigate their way around this large wood and hopefully find 21 concealed orienteering markers. They will be split into small teams each with a member of staff to help guide them. They will be learning navigation techniques which should stay with them for life. Half way through the day they will cook a meal outside for themselves on camping stoves (Pot noodles are banned - they are too easy!)

We are already very grateful to Mr Shaw, our caretaker, who has lent the group stoves and fuel.

Last minute reminder for D of E participants – Read the Kit checklist! Be on time this Saturday (09.30 am) outside the school gates, if you're late the whole group miss out!

J.Jones (Dof E Co-ordinator)

Parent Champion:

In his role as Parent Champion, Father David will be available to see parents on Thursday 25th June at 3.30pm. Father David may be contacted by phoning him direct on 01733-562528 ext 5, or emailed at frdavidallsouls@hotmail.com

Attendance

Please remember that family holidays should be taken outside term time. If parents need to take their children out of school during term time they must apply to the school for permission and do so at least four weeks in advance.

Green Day

On the 18th June we are planning a Green Day, which is a one day event to make students and staff more aware of climate change, sustainability and the built environment. Several sixthform students have designed and produced informative posters which will be displayed around the school. Assemblies, thoughts and some lessons will follow this theme. During registration students will watch video clips focused on 'Saving our Planet'.

By 2020 the government wants schools to be models of energy efficiency, renewable energy use and water management, with a culture of sustainable development embedded into all areas of school life.

We will invite students to wear a piece of green ribbon to signify our resolve to work together on this issue. Our school already has many environmentally friendly features including:

- a wind turbine that generates some of our electricity
- solar panels that help to heat the gym and dance studio
- ground source heat pumps which supply the main heat source for the main teaching block

Staff and students plan to work together in the future to further improve our environment and reduce the schools carbon footprint.

National School Sport Week

29th – 3rd July 2009

As part of our bid for 'Healthy Schools' status St John Fisher Catholic High School PE Department will be offering a number of new and exciting sporting activities for all students week commencing 29th June. The aim of Lloyds TSB National School Sport Week is to excite and motivate our students to do more sport by celebrating and profiling all that's been achieved in PE and by launching new sport based initiatives. By 2012 it is hoped that all young people will be regularly participating in five hours of high quality PE and sport.

During this week every student at St John Fisher will be invited to 'make a sporting pledge', by trying out a new and exciting activity every lunchtime. The PE Department will be offering the following activities at lunchtimes during National School Sport Week, based on the Astroturf:

Monday – Xtreme Golf – Nearest the pin challenge.

Tuesday – Ultimate Frisbee – Hit the target.

Wednesday – Skipathon – How many skips can your team do?

Thursday – Tug-O-War – Team challenge.

Friday – Multi-Skills – Crazy Olympics.

There will be prizes for the form who takes part in the most activities / challenges during the week and also the highest scoring boy and girl. For further details of how to get involved in National school Sport Week, please speak to a member of the PE Department. For full details of National School Sport Week please visit: www.schoolsportweek.org.

Year 10 Geography Visit to Wales

Year 10 Geography students visited North Wales as part of their coursework for GCSE and below is a short article:

The trip to Wales was very enjoyable, because we had a lot of opportunities to see the beautiful scenery, of Wales, which was very nice. Every night we did our coursework till 11.00pm, so it was easier for us to write it. We went on a steam train, we went to the coal mines and for long walks up the mountains. We also went to the beach. The boys went swimming in the sea and the girls were collecting shells. Basically, the trip was very important for us to do our coursework and it gave us a chance to see nature.

Sandra Widomska

