



Food, Glorious Food

The present catering contract ends next week. Earlier this term the contract was advertised and almost a dozen bids were made for it. The shortlisted firms then presented to a panel of senior staff, students and governors. The contract was awarded to *CaterLink*. The company takes over the catering service in January and we will be providing more information about the new service after Christmas.

There were many reasons why this firm was successful. These included the use of locally-sourced produce, different ranges of sandwiches at different prices and donations to charity from each bottle of water sold. We were also impressed with a pricing system that included a drink in the meal deal.

We will be monitoring the new service carefully over the coming months and hope that the students notice improvements; their views will of course be important to our monitoring. *CaterLink* are retaining the current staff to deliver the new service.

End of Term

A reminder that term will end on Friday at 2.15pm. Sixth Form students are again serving Christmas Dinner to all the students on Friday after the Christmas Liturgy. The last day is not a non-uniform day; that was held a few weeks ago in aid of Children in Need.

Year 11 Exams

Congratulations to Year 11 students on the way you have approached your mock exams. We hope that you have found the experience useful practice for the real exams which are now only a few months away. Once all the papers have been marked and the results collected and analysed we will be updating our predictions for the final results and targeting further help for those who need it. This has been the first year group for whom we have provided individual tutoring for every student and we are hoping that this, as well as other strategies that we introduced last year, will prove valuable in the coming months.

Achievement Tea

In previous years we have held an Achievement Tea at the end of this term to reward those students who have worked particularly hard. We have felt that this has gradually lost its status in the eyes of the students and attendance at the event last year was not as good. The staff have been discussing alternative ways of recognising achievement and one of these will be to publicise it in the newsletter each week from January.

New School Council

We announced the new prefects some weeks ago. Since then each form group has elected representatives for the School Council. We are planning to alter the way the council works this year with a view to making the decision making process clearer and more in the hands of the students. More details of this will be provided by the council members in the coming weeks.

Carol Service

Last night we had our annual Carol Service at St Luke's Church, a combined event with Sacred Heart and St Thomas More primary schools. This was a wonderful occasion and all the students who participated were a credit to themselves and their schools. My thanks to all who helped plan and rehearse for this event and to Father John for accommodating us.

Sean Hayes

Parent Champion

In his role as Parent Champion, Father David will be available to see parents on Wednesday 16 December at 3.30 pm. Father David may be contacted by phoning him direct on 01733-562528 ext 5, or by email at frdavidallsouls@hotmail.com



School Council Elections

Over recent weeks, students have been busy applying for the new and improved School Council representative roles. Each tutor group nominated 2 students who will form the new 'Year council'. The 'Year Council' will meet and discuss issues pertinent to their year group. They will decide agenda items that they wish to feed into the School Council.

All 50 form reps then competed against each other for places on the School Council. Students had to make a presentation to their year prefects and faced some tough interview questions. Students were awarded points for their performance. They then faced the public vote through a Year election. Each Year Group had an election during tutor time where they selected three students from the Year that they felt would best represent the Year Group on the School Council. The students were awarded points for the number of votes they received.

The public vote point and the judges points were then added together. The three students from each year group with the highest points will now go forward to represent the ideas discussed at the Year Council meetings on the School Council.

Congratulations to these students who have been elected as School Council representatives:

Yr 7 - Thomas Chapman, Zoe Menzies, Sandro Fonseca
Yr 8 - Giovane Azevedo, Federica Fumicello, Grace Murfitt
Yr 9 - Jordan McCormack, Michael Baker, Elsaída Memaj
Yr 10 - Ewa Strycek, Catherine Brooks, Claudio Marques
Yr 11 - George O'Hara, Hannah Bidwell, Zain Awan

The Year Council members are:

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| 7MS | Danae Larham, Shaun Szapajko |
| 7WD | Heidi Bidwell, Kieran O'Reilly |
| 7AK | Phoebe Kuc, Sandro Fonseca |
| 7KI | Thomas Chapman, Zoe Menzies |
| 7VY | Victoria Kelly Gobuiwang, Patrik Bunczik |
| 8VE | Talent Nkob, Giovane Azevedo |
| 8JO | Aleksadra Tetnowski, Harun Ishfaq |
| 8BE | Kaiz Hussain, Amy Pragnell |
| 8AD | Federica Fumicello, Haseeb Mohammed |
| 8WK | Grace Murfitt, Jordan O'Flynn |
| 9DR | Charlotte Philips-Clarke, Ahmad Moradi. |
| 9VV | Daina Meggo, Jordan McCormack |
| 9PL | Michael Baker, Elsaída Memaj |
| 9CB | Amy Godleman, Elena Cickova |
| 9WM | Ruby Eric, Michal Bulka |
| 10HD | Ewa Strycek, Gjergi Baca |
| 10CK | Ricardo De Passos, Tanveer Faisal |
| 10QU | Soraia Figueiredo, Kyle O'Sullivan |
| 10GW | Hena Helani, Umair Hussain |
| 10BY | Catherine Brooks, Claudio Marques |
| 11GR | Zain Awan, Callum McAlinden |
| 11AN | Zygimantas Pukas, Amy Gilbert |
| 11HA | George O'Hara, Ilona Vitkauskaitė |
| 11PC | Rebecca Coombe Boxall, Marko Strbak |
| 11BT | Shannon Thompson, Hannah Bidwell |

Learning Resource Centre

We are having an amnesty on overdue loans in the run up to Christmas. Students are asked to return all overdue school library books and DVDs in time for new year stocktaking. We have a long waiting list for popular titles that students would like to borrow. Unfortunately, many of these are now overdue.

Textiles

The Textiles Department would be very grateful to receive donations of fabric that you no longer need. Please bring any donations to reception. Thank you.

Sports News

On Friday 4 December, 48 students from Years 7 to 11 represented St John Fisher at the Peterborough Schools Cross-Country at Bretton Park. There were some excellent individual performances from Rowena Cook Year 8 (42nd), Lourdes De Souza Year 11 (36th), Frank Cook Year 10 (37th) and Victoria Gobuiwang Year 7 (29th). Well done to all who took part.

Carol Services

The Christmas Service at St Luke's Church in Orton was strongly attended by nearly 100 singers from our school, St Thomas More and Sacred Heart Primary Schools.

The Christmas story was told through readings, carols, anthems and pictures. Thank you to all the singers who worked so hard to create some truly beautiful singing and thank you to the many staff who supported us by singing with us or coming to support this event.

The choir and some musicians will be performing at the Cathedral next Thursday night (17 December) with students from The King's School joined by some of the local primary schools. This promises to be a spectacular event and tickets usually sell out very quickly.

Tickets are available from the Peterborough Tourist Information Centre.
