



More Good News

One of our Year 13 students, Mariana Mancellos, has been offered a place to study Law at King's College, Cambridge. This is fantastic news for her and another excellent boost for the school – it is only the second time that one of our students has gained a place at Cambridge. Very many congratulations to Mariana and a big thank you to the staff that supported her application.

Our School Day

I mentioned in last week's newsletter that we were trialling a change to break and lunchtime as the latter is proving too long. This is already proving to be a good move, although opinions may change when the better weather returns.

A bigger issue that we have been looking at is our starting and finishing times. This is mainly because Sixth Form students who have lessons in other schools, and those from other schools coming to us, find that the different start and finish times mean they are constantly missing parts of lessons. Although this could only be totally solved by all schools agreeing to the same times, it would be greatly helped if our school day was moved forward by 15 minutes. The possibility of finishing earlier could help with sports fixtures and after school activities, and I note that St Thomas More School finishes at 3.15 pm.

This week I introduced this idea to the staff and we will be discussing the pros and cons of it over the coming weeks. We will also discuss it with students via the school and year councils. I will pass on details of these discussions via future newsletters. If parents have any views on the issue I would willingly hear them.

A Level Exams

The bad weather has held off this week and meant that our A level students have been able to sit their exams as planned. These are important exams but the situation gives me the opportunity to remind parents and students that national exams like these, and GCSEs, are not organised by the school even though they are taken here: the school acts as an examination centre for the different examination boards and consequently has to adhere to their rules and regulations. Not only this, but spot inspections are carried out each year to ensure that everything is correct. The rules include the requirement for students to wear their uniform and a ban on mobile phones, even if they are turned off. Written details are issued to students at the start of the exam season.

Toucan Crossing

You may wonder why the toucan crossing at the school entrance remains out of action. The full explanation is lengthy and rather complicated, and relates to the adoption of the road and development of the land adjacent to the school site. However, there is some concern that students are crossing the road without the support of a proper crossing. We are currently discussing with the authorities the possibility of having the crossing turned on, but it seems that we may have to leave the gates across Park Lane permanently open as a result. At the moment there is no firm news either way but I thought it important to let parents know that we are investigating the situation and have the students' safety in mind.

Parent Champion

Since July 2008, when the IEB was established, Father David Jennings has acted as Parent Champion, making himself available each week as a communication channel between parents and the school. This role is due to cease in March when the IEB is replaced by the Shadow Governing Body. The governors are keen to continue to provide a similar opportunity for parents to communicate with them and the school if it is felt necessary, but are also aware that the school has moved on over the last eighteen months and the current situation is quite different. If parents have a view on whether or not a similar person is required I would willingly hear it.

Father David will next be available to speak to parents on Wednesday 20 January at 3.30 pm. He may be contacted by phoning him direct on 01733-562528 ext 5, or by email at frdavidallsouls@hotmail.com

Forthcoming Dates

A reminder that Year 9 students start their exams in the coming week. Once these are completed we will be starting the Options process during which they will select the courses to follow in Key Stage 4.

This coming week Year 11 Progress Updates will be sent home and their Parents' Evening is the following Tuesday, 26th January.

Our Latest Ofsted Report

The report written following the inspectors' visit in October was finally published on 30th December so is now available on the Ofsted website. A link can be found on our own school website – address below.

Sean Hayes

PE Uniform

School rugby shirts and polo shirts are now on sale in school at break and lunchtime through Student Services. Prices are:

New Style

Rugby Shirts	Size 30 – 36	£15.95
Rugby Shirts	Size 38 – 48	£18.95
Polo Shirts	Age 11 – 14	£6.95
Polo Shirts	S, M, L	£7.95
Gum Shield		£1.00

GCSE PE Polo shirt with lettering	£10.00
GCSE PE Polo shirt with lettering and number	£12.00

Old Style

Polo Shirts	Various Sizes	£4.00
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Youth Forum Meeting

Tuesday 19 January at 3.30 pm in the Atrium

We want to hear from you!

- What bugs you about where you live and go to school?
- How would you change things?
- What would you improve?

This is *your* opportunity to have *your* say to the Police Service and Peterborough City Council.

All welcome

FREE PIZZA AND DRINKS

Free School Meals

We are required to undertake a check of our free school meals register. We have written to some parents asking for them to provide information that we need for us to show that their child(ren) continues to be entitled to free school meals. We have not received a response from every family that we have written to and so we have written a second time. Please respond to this letter if you have been sent one or your entitlement will be lost. If you have any questions about this issue please telephone the school.

Achievement in Classics

This week we are celebrating the achievement of students in the Classics department.

Students of the Month:

Progress

Year 9	Norulhak Khan
Year 10	Daniel Tetnowski and Katherine Ager
Year 11	Zain Awan
Year 12	Sean Titchmarsh
Year 13	Leanne Barry

Achievement

Year 9	Sabah Hashmi
Year 10	Chynna Pascual
Year 11	Hafsa Javed
Year 12	Fenella Cook
Year 13	Mariana Mancellos

Congratulations and well done to all.

Mr Boyle



Congratulations

Congratulations go to Ellie Savill who passed her Grade 2 Flute exam with a Distinction. Well done!

St John Fisher Catholic High School presents 

Charity Concert

Thursday 11th February at 7.30pm



In the St John Fisher School Hall

Raising money for.. **Shelter**