



A busy week

As often happens at this time of year this has been a very busy week for the school. Exams have started for the practical subjects, including language orals, Art and Dance, and we have had another round of HPV vaccinations. There has been a trip to London to see *Wicked*, organised by the drama department and a visiting author worked with Year 9 and Year 10 English students on Tuesday (see right). We also had our monthly meeting of the Shadow Governing Body. Part of the agenda concerned planning for a new governing body to be established for September. As more details become available I will share them with parents via this newsletter, but we will need to elect some parent governors in the traditional manner this time, so you might like to be thinking about whether or not you could give time to this valuable role.

Learning Spaces Showcase

The secondary schools in Peterborough are working together on an exciting project to bring more ICT into our schools. One of the nationally recognised ICT companies, RM, offered to set up an example of a 'Learning Space' to demonstrate what is possible with the latest technology. We have been fortunate in being selected to host this exhibition for two weeks from today. As a result our Atrium has been converted into a vibrant learning space which students, staff and governors of the city's schools will be visiting during this period. One advantage of being the host is that we get first pick of the available slots and our teachers have been booking these for their classes this week. It is also a good opportunity for the other schools to come and see our new buildings and our school community at work during the day. Unfortunately the nature of the exhibition means that we cannot open it to parents but the students will be able to tell you their impressions of what they see.

School Photos

We have again used Ward-Hendry to take photographs of Year 7 Tutor groups and 'Celebrity Squares' leavers' photos of Year 11. These have proved very popular and the final order went off yesterday. This is the firm that provided the large photoboard around the school and these class photos are not in the conventional style: instead of standing in a line facing the camera the students are arranged as a group of people would naturally stand if they were just talking to each other. I hope you like them.

Sean Hayes

Author Visit

"How d'ya expect 'a get respect from eve'yone,
When ya neva eva gonna show respect 'a anyone?"

St John Fisher had a visitor. 'Well, this visitor inspired us through his astonishing poetry' wrote Sabbah Hashmi in Yr 9, 'he was a poet – but not just any poet... he was Donavon Christopher'. Ruby Loveridge added 'I thought he was very entertaining and communicated to the audience very well – it was superb how he mixed rap with poetry, mixing learning with fun. I thought he was a great role model and made a big impact on the audience'. Natalie Smith said 'he was outstanding- everyone was clapping and laughing. He also taught us about respect'. Kaylee Birdsall agreed 'People listened to his messages and I think they will always remember them'.

Some unique and creative poetry was produced during the workshops and will become part of a book of creative writing produced by the school in the near future. An example of which is below, written by Iziah Robinson and Liam Kehoe in Year 10:

Here we are in John Fisher
My goal in life is to get real far
We learnt to listen so I can listen and learn
I don't want my life to crash and burn

I want to be what I can be
By getting 'A's in my GCSEs
Maths, Science and History
I don't want to live in a dos house-
So I'm not gonna act like Amy Winehouse!

Donovan met students throughout the day and signed copies of his book. If you want to find out more – visit the library!

Ms Verity



This week we celebrate the success of students in the Art/Technology Department

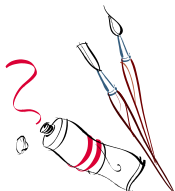
The students listed below have made a consistent effort, a particular achievement or improvement in Art or Textiles this term.

Improvement

- Year 9: Amy Kemp
- Year 8: Emma Johnson

Achievement

- Year 7: Marcelina Klupiec
- Year 8: Karen Jones
Mahaliah Meriales
- Year 9: Harriet Ayling
Clarissa Phillips
Nina Sandorova
- Year 10: Shannon Harrison
Sadie Hutchings



Effort

- Year 7: Anita Bulak
Rui Santos
- Year 8: Olivia Murfitt
Lukas Anusauskas
David Crunkhorn
Raja Sahil Malik
Ihtisham Ul-Haq
- Year 9: Manjoht Kaur
- Year 10: Nikki Birdsall
Rochelle da Silva

We would also like to congratulate all Year 11, 12 and 13 students in Art and Textiles for their exam work. We wish them well in their future artistic endeavours.

School Uniform

Please make sure students adhere to the school uniform regulations. Skirts should be knee length and shoes should be sensible, black shoes.

At St John Fisher Catholic High School we pride ourselves on the smart appearance of our students. This is largely due to the pride which the students themselves take in their own appearance and in ensuring that they meet the uniform requirements of the school.

Exciting opportunity for young people and their families!

Get Creative are seeking between 3 and 7 families of any size, ages, needs and abilities - from younger siblings to grandparents - to take part in the **Families Count Project**. The goal of the project is to enhance the families knowledge of basic IT, music appreciation, and multimedia skills, through creating a unique family collaboration such as a song, while exploring what makes their family "tick". This is a fantastic way to engage all family members, and the project has brought many families closer together. The Families Count Project is completely free; all that is needed is a space to deliver the project. The course runs over 5 days (either in a row or scattered) for three hours a day – whenever is most suitable for the family, or most convenient for the venue.

For more information contact **Adrian Semerene**, the **Get Creative Project Manager**, on:

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Or visit the **Families Count Project website** <http://young-lives.org.uk/>.

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Greetham Expedition

Last weekend 18 DofE students braved the elements and participated in a 2 day walking and camping expedition as part of their training.

What a challenge it was on Saturday to put up tents in torrential rain and very strong winds and then cook a meal!

The whole group learnt so much throughout the weekend and we now look forward to being assessed on our skills later this term, on 26 and 27 June.

Thank you very much to all the staff who supervised the group throughout the weekend.

*Mr Jones
D of E Co-ordinator*
