St John Fisher News

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Holy Week

Today is Maundy Thursday and we begin the three days of the Triduum leading up to Easter Day. Our Easter Liturgies this morning were all the more pertinent this year as they have taken place during Holy Week itself.

This evening, in churches across the country, priests will wash the feet of twelve parishioners just as Jesus washed the feet of the disciplines. Pope Francis is intending to break with tradition and conduct his service in a young offenders institution where he will wash the feet of twelve young people. Doubtless there will be much coverage of this in the media and I would urge our students to look out for this. Within a month of being elected we have seen a very different style to the papacy and it gives us much to reflect on. Tomorrow is Good Friday and we commemorate the death of Jesus, traditionally falling silent at 3pm. It is significant that this remains a national holiday in our country. Then on Saturday we have a day of quiet without church services, the only day of the year that mass is not celebrated.

Lent will formally come to an end with vigil services after dark on Saturday to announce the resurrection and the seven week celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

I pray that you all have a peaceful and Holy Easter.

Farewell

Today we say Farewell to Peter Morgan, Head of Technology Faculty, as he moves to a new position in Corby. We wish him well and thank him for his work with us over the last two years.

Summer Term

A reminder that the Summer Term begins on **Monday 15 April**, which will be timetable Week 1. Please note that this is a normal day for students and not a staff training day, as it is in many other city schools.

Lenten Charities

Throughout Lent the students have again been raising money for charity in a variety of ways, including the mufti day on Tuesday. There seems to have been much healthy competition and one or two rather dramatic events such as the one mentioned below. It is an important aspect of Lent that we do good for others but I have been especially encouraged by the extent to which students have embraced this in the current economic climate.

Details of the amounts raised and where the money has been sent will be announced after Easter. Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way.

SJF at the Town Hall

RE is a compulsory subject in all schools and this remains the case despite the government's attempts to downgrade its status. In non-faith schools a locally agreed syllabus is taught and a new one for Peterborough has been written. This was formally launched on Tuesday afternoon at the Town Hall and our students were invited to provide music for the occasion. This was very well received as another Headteacher said in an email to me that evening:

> *I just wanted to let you know that you should feel proud of the way your children represented your school tonight at the RE revised syllabus launch. They sang beautifully and livened up a long evening.*
> *Can you pass on my congratulations both to the children and your staff.*
> *Mary Foreman*
> *Headteacher - Dogsthorpe Junior School*

Beverley Barber

Over this Lenten period students in Beverley house have been running a number of fundraising events at break and lunchtimes. Although we are proud of all the students who have taken the time to raise money in a variety of ways, I would like to draw attention to one in particular. Corey Buckley has raised over £260 by offering to visit the Beverley Barber in assembly to have his long blonde hair cut off. This is a fantastic amount of money for one student to raise individually, well done Corey.

Sean Hayes

Year 11 Easter Revision 2013

Day	Subject	Time	Room(s)	Staff
Tuesday 2 April	Art	9.00 am – 3.00 pm	302, 303, 304	Mr Quilty / Mrs Rawlings
Wednesday 3 April	Art	9.00 am – 3.00 pm	302, 303, 304	Mr Quilty / Mrs Rawlings
	BTEC Sports	10.00 am – 1.00 pm	108	Mr Baron
Thursday 4 April	Music	10.00 am – 4.00 pm	102	Miss Bird
	RE	11.00 am – 1.00 pm	208	Miss O'Connor
Friday 5 April	iGCSE English **(selected students only)**	11.00 am – 2.00 pm	112	Mr Sargeant / Miss Henderson

Cambridge House News

On Friday 22 March Cambridge House celebrated the achievements and successes that the students have worked so hard for this term.

Best In Form certificates were awarded to the following students:

C1- Vanessa Abankwa C2- Taisha Peplowska
C3 – Cheyenne Guest C4 – Emily Gardner
C5 – Hassan Ayoub C6 – Lukasz Pinkowski
C7 – Meghan Sullivan C8 – Shai Brown
C9 – Zeeshan Waseem

Students in all tutor groups have been working hard to raise money for our Lenten charities. C8 have all engaged in a sponsored silence for four lessons. Mrs Shaw, their form tutor, also completed the equivalent amount of hours of sponsored silence but not during lesson time! C5 have been selling creme eggs during lunch and break times and Jake Michael Neal braved the very cold weather last week and raised money by being the target for some very soggy sponges! Special mention has to go to Zeeshan Waseem, who has given up every break and lunchtime to sell cakes. He is aiming to exceed his Advent total of £65. Although we have not finalised the final amount before the newsletter goes to print he is well on the way to achieving this. It is for this reason that Zeeshan has been awarded the certificate for "Pride of House". Well done to all students! *Mrs Helcoop*

Congratulations also go to Ryan New (C2) who won in his category, playing the piano at the Peterborough Music Festival.

"When I was told about the Music Festival and that I had been entered, I was terrified, although I had been practising for months. The day of the Festival I left school early and I thought that it was all going to go horribly wrong. I was first in my category which was grade 4 piano piece and I won and now have a trophy on display at home on my piano."

Very well done Ryan. *Miss Bird, Head of Music*

British Summer Time

Don't forget the clocks go forward one hour at 1.00 am on Sunday 31 March.

Duke of Edinburgh News

Our new team of DofE candidates have started their expedition training in earnest. They have been attending after school sessions each Wednesday and have learnt basic map reading skills, distance estimation skills and pacing techniques. They don't just go for a walk! They can now cook a substantial meal using only camping stoves. The group have learnt about the dangers of cooking on camping stoves, how to store the stoves, how to use them correctly and, very importantly, how to wash up all the pots and pans!

Our next activity is on Saturday 20 April when the team will enjoy a full day of orienteering in Wakerley Woods. They will also cook their own dinner on the stoves they have already demonstrated they can use!

Well done! *Mr Jones*

Student Social Worker

Who I am?

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Nicola Woodard and I am a Student Social Worker with Anglia Ruskin University. I have many interests, but when I am not studying and working I love to spend time with all my pets, because I love animals. I also like to draw so I sometimes draw pet portraits... when I get time!

What will I be doing?

My job here will be to work with students, families and staff to try and make sure that students are getting the support they need to achieve well at school and overcome any problems they may be having, in or out of school. I will be based at the school for the next year, working every morning and based in the workroom in block 3, please feel free to approach me if you see me around if you have any issues that concern you, or if you just want to say hi!

Nicky Woodard

Library Word of the Week:
~~ Delegate ~~
Entrust (a task or responsibility) to another person