# St John Fisher News

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## Celebration of Achievement

Next Tuesday evening we have this annual event to celebrate all of the various achievements of students over the last year. Our guest of honour is Bishop Alan Hopes, the new bishop of East Anglia, on his first visit to Peterborough. I am delighted that he has accepted our invitation and we are all looking forward to welcoming him to our school.

GCSE and A Level certificates will be presented in a separate ceremony in January, as we have done for the past few years. We do this mainly so that students who have started university are able to attend but also because examination boards do not issue the certificates until later in the term.

Tuesday looks set to be a sparkling occasion with a more celebratory tone than in recent years perhaps as we continue to enjoy this summer's exam results.

## Electronic Cigarettes

Smoking has not been allowed on the school site for many years now and we have very few issues with this policy. Indeed, smoking seems to be less fashionable with teenagers, perhaps because they know the health risks or perhaps because smoking is now so expensive. Whichever is the case, this is good news. Recently there has been a growth in the use of electronic cigarettes in society and the question has been asked about whether or not these are covered by our smoking ban. The answer is that they are and should not be brought into school.

### Word of the Week

**~~ Aberration ~~**
**the act of departing from the right, normal or usual course**

*From a Year 7 student:*

## My two weeks at St John Fisher

When I started at St John Fisher, I didn't know what was going to happen but now I have realised there is nothing to worry about. It took me a while to know my way around the school. The first two weeks have been amazing and I have learned lots of new things and have met lots of lovely people. I thought all the lessons would be hard but they are not now. I know that in the first couple of weeks we just cover everything we learnt in primary school.

I think St John Fisher is a great school and I can't wait for all the exciting experiences I will get in the next years I am here.

## A Change of PCSO

Today we say goodbye to PCSO Luke Kennedy as he leaves to become a police constable. I know that this has been Luke's intention for some time so we are pleased that he has been accepted by Cambridge Constabulary but we will miss him a great deal. He has been very much part of the school for the last few years and we have all, myself especially, benefitted from the work that he has done for our students. One of the most successful weekly events that he runs is the Friday evening football session which occupies many students at a time when they might otherwise be at a loose end. I am pleased to be able to report that this event will be continuing.

I am sure that the students will miss Luke too and doubtless today will be filled with goodbyes, but I am sure that Luke will be cheered by this and he knows that he has been very much appreciated.

I am pleased to be able to say that we have been allocated a replacement and **PCSO Jane Gibson** joined us on Monday and is very welcome. In this time of cuts to services this is very good news but I think it partly reflects the fact that the police value the service that a PCSO brings to the school.

## Industrial Action

Industrial Action by two of the main teaching unions means that the **school will be closed to students** on Tuesday of next week. All parents should receive a copy of this newsletter, which is your written notification of the closure, but we will also send out a text message. This is an example of why it is so important that the newsletter reaches parents each week.

**Please note that the Celebration of Achievement evening will be proceeding as planned.**

## Welcome Father Thomas Walton

Father Thomas took up his new post as parish priest of Sacred Heart and St Oswald's Parish last weekend. We welcome him to Peterborough and hope he will be very happy here.

Details of our Open Evening on 8 October will be in next week's newsletter.

Sean Hayes

## Enrichment Activities

Below is a list of our day-to-day enrichment activities. Our aim this year is that every student will be involved in at least one enrichment activity throughout the year. We also have Focus Days, field trips, visits planned for Geography and French, as well as our speaker programme. Please encourage your son/daughter to take every opportunity to be involved in our rich and varied programme.

*Mr Reilly*

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| **Monday** | **Lunchtime** | |
| | Art & Textiles Clubs | Art/Textiles area |
| | ICT Club – KS3&4 | Room 113/105 |
| | Multi-Sports Club (Year 7) | Sports Hall |
| | Rowing Club | Sports Hall |
| | Westminster Games Club | Room 110 |
| | Year 11 Work Room | Room 103 |
| | Concert Band | Room 102 |
| | EAL Homework Club | Room 209 |
| | **After School** | |
| | Art (KS3) & Textiles Club (KS4) | Art/Textiles area |
| | Maths P5 | Room 201/202/203 |
| | Duke of Edinburgh - Silver | Room 104 |
| | Drama – Arts Award | Rooms 101/501 |
| | Football & Rugby Clubs | Field/AWP |
| | Grammar Clinic (EAL) | Room 209 |
| **Tuesday** | **Lunchtime** | |
| | English Faculty Newspaper | English area |
| | Art & Textiles Clubs | Art/Textiles area |
| | Technology Modelling Club | Technology area |
| | ICT Club – KS3&KS4 | Room 113/105 |
| | Year 11 Work Room | Room 103 |
| | Multi Sports Club | Sports Hall |
| | History Society | Room 106 |
| | Westminster Games Club | Room 110 |
| | Cambridge Uno League | Room 201 |
| | Choir | Room 102 |
| | Justice and Mission Group | Chapel |
| | Guitar Club | Practice Room |
| | EAL Homework Club | Room 209 |
| | **After School** | |
| | Science P5 | Science area |
| | Textiles Club (KS4) | Textiles area |
| **Wednesday** | **Lunchtime** | |
| | "What's New?" Languages Club | Room 204 |
| | Poetry, songs and rap Languages Club | Room 206 |
| | Carnegie Book Club | English area |
| | Art & Textiles Clubs | Art/Textiles area |
| | Year 11 Work Room | Room 103 |
| | ICT Club – KS3&KS4 | Room 113/105 |
| | EAL Homework Club | Room 209 |
| | Drama Club – KS3 | Room 502 |
| | Multi Sports Club | Sports Hall |
| | Westminster Games Club | Room 110 |
| | Concert Band | Room 102 |
| | Guitar Club | Practice Room |
| | Science Club – KS3 | Room 310 |
| | **After School** | |
| | Art & Textiles Clubs (KS4&5) | Art/Textiles area |
| | Duke of Edinburgh – Bronze | Room 104 |
| | Business – KS4 | Room 105 |
| | Product Design/Art/Textiles/ Drama/Music P5 | Subject rooms |
| | Girls' Football Club | Field/AWP |
| | Food Club | Food Room |

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| **Thursday** | **Lunchtime** | |
| | Art & Textiles Clubs | Art/Textiles rooms |
| | Technology Modelling Club | Technology room |
| | ICT Club – KS3&KS4 | Room 113/105 |
| | Multi Sports Club | Sports Hall |
| | Choir | Room 102 |
| | Westminster Games Club | Room 110 |
| | Year 11 Work Room | Room 103 |
| | School & Parish Mission Group | Room 208 |
| | EAL Homework Club | Room 209 |
| | **After School** | |
| | Art Club (KS4&5) | Art rooms |
| | Textiles Club (KS4) | Textiles rooms |
| | Food and Nutrition Club (KS3) | Science Room |
| | English P5 | Rooms 111/112/113 |
| | Basketball Club | Sports Hall |
| | Duke of Edinburgh – Silver | Room 104 |
| **Friday** | **Lunchtime** | |
| | Poetry Slam | English |
| | Art & Textiles Clubs | Art/Textiles rooms |
| | Multi Sports Club | Sports Hall |
| | Year 11 Work Room | Room 103 |
| | Westminster Games Club | Room 110 |
| | Rochester Giant Garden Games | Drama Studio |
| | ICT Club – KS3&KS4 | Room 113/105 |
| | Drumming Club | Practice Room |
| | Music Theory | Room 102 |
| | Home Languages Film Club | Room 209 |
| | **After School** | |
| | Textiles Club (KS4) | Textiles rooms |

## Literacy Corner

Word list for spelling test w/c 30 September

| Key Stage 3 | Key Stage 4 |
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| 1. accent | 1. yodel |
| 2. acoustic | 2. vocalist |
| 3. album | 3. underscore |
| 4. ambient | 4. timbre |
| 5. amplified | 5. tempo |
| 6. arena | 6. symphony |
| 7. audition | 7. vibration |
| 8. aural | 8. violin |
| 9. autobiography | 9. songwriter |
| 10. award | 10. score |
| 11. ballad | 11. rhythm |
| 12. ballet | 12. reggae |
| 13. bass | 13. performer |
| 14. derived | 14. melody |
| 15. cable | 15. hardcore |
| 16. chanted | 16. flourished |
| 17. chord | 17. flattened |
| 18. clapping | 18. electrified |
| 19. concert | 19. conductor |
| 20. ensemble | 20. magazine |