



Diocesan Schools' Mass

This annual service took place yesterday at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Norwich. Our students travelled by coach with students from St Thomas More and Sacred Heart primary schools. It was a splendid occasion with students from across the diocese gathering to worship together. The theme this year was the Year of Mercy and the music had been chosen especially. Bishop Alan welcomed the children to the cathedral and for some it was their first visit.

This year the Mass had been planned and led by the Ipswich schools; the intention is that this role will rotate around the diocese so that all schools take a turn in leading at this annual service. Thank you to the students that represented our school this year.

Cambridge House Mass

This morning we have the first House Mass of the year as Cambridge gather at the start of the day. Thank you to Father Adam for presiding at this service and to the students who are playing a role. During the offertory each tutor group is taking up a piece of Lego with the thoughts of the form; these are then joined together on our Door of Mercy to reflect the fact that the separate forms together form one house.



House Points

As we come to the end of the first month of the school year, the current situation with the competition for the School Cup is:



Cambridge	501
Beverley	420
Westminster	403
Rochester	387

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Year 5 & 6 students and parents are invited to our

Open Evening

Tuesday 4 October 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Welcome by Sean Hayes, Headteacher followed by tours of the school

Open Mornings

Wednesday 5 October 9.00am

Thursday 6 October 9.00am

Students will be dismissed at 2pm on Tuesday so that we can prepare for the evening. Some students have been invited to help and will have received separate letters with the arrangements for this: thank you to those who have offered to help.

We are aware that the local authority has not issued the usual Admissions Booklet to parents so please spread the word about the Open Evening.

Sean Hayes

Uniform: Message for parents

The students have returned to school looking very smart in their uniform. As the colder weather starts to arrive, this is just a clarification of what students may wear to school.

- The students may wear a black v-neck jumper under their blazer but not instead of.
- St John Fisher school tie.
- Black school shoes
- Black trousers/Black skirt (uniform style)
- They will need a coat not a sports jacket or hoodie to and from school, one that fits over their blazer, not one that is worn instead of a blazer. The only exception is those students who are part of the Heroes group who may wear theirs at break or lunchtimes.

If there are any issues with uniform then students know that they should speak to their House Office in the first instance and spares are often available in case of emergency. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr A Karia, Assistant Headteacher

Exam Invigilators

We require Exam Invigilators to assist our Exams Officer in ensuring the fair and proper conduct of examinations in an environment that enables a student to perform at their best. The job role is to support the Exams Officer with the day to day operation of examination venues. Previous experience would be advantageous, but is not essential as full training will be provided.

Good spoken and written English, patience, an air of calm authority and the ability to work independently and as part of a team are essential. If you are interested in the position please visit our website for further details and an application form.

Post 16 Information Evening

Tuesday 18 October 2016

For all Year 11 students and their parents

7.00 pm in the School Hall

Sixth Form News

It has been a pleasant start to this academic year as we welcomed our new year 12s into our sixth form community. Work experience is a key factor for the sixth form. If students are completing A levels, they should find some work experience within school however all students completing a Level 3 Btec course in either Health and Social Care or ICT will be completing external work experience this year. This is to give them the opportunity of experiencing the world of work on a regular basis each fortnight. Students have selected 6 choices and will be contacting the companies soon for an interview. The aim is for all Btec students to commence the work experience after half term. For Health and Social care students, 100 hours must be completed by the end of the course. Year 13 students may wish to complete extra hours during their holidays or weekends. All work experience should be written into their Log Books.

Another key factor is being a good role model for the lower years. Whilst the majority of the sixth form have risen to the challenge, there are a few students who need to refine this. Sixth Form students must be punctual to school and their lessons. Furthermore, they must adhere to the dress code especially skirts at knee length or longer, boys should have a tie and all should wear a suit jacket at all times. *Mrs Wilmore*

Academic
Tutoring
this week
Year 12 & 13

All Saints Primary School

Twenty-nine Year 6 students from All Saints in March enjoyed a fun packed day at St John Fisher this week. They experienced computer programming in ICT with Miss Griffin as well as creating some fantastic drama with Mr Burgess in the Expressive Arts faculty. Finishing their visit by sampling some of the delights our school canteen has to offer. We hope to see many of them at our open evening next Tuesday where students will be able to sample activities from across the curriculum and gain a real insight into the wide variety of activities that take place at the school.

European Day of Languages

An initiative of the Council of Europe, the European Day of Languages has been celebrated on 26 September every year since 2001. Throughout Europe, it is a time to celebrate the 6,000+ languages spoken around the world and promote language learning. Here at St John Fisher, we encouraged all staff to discuss the importance of languages and their contributions to everyday life on that special day. The Languages faculty is looking forward to organising more events during the year to celebrate all the languages we harbour within our school community. Multilingual clubs will start soon and on our next Focus day, Year 7s will learn more about Mandarin. If you are interested, come and join us on the top of floor of the main teaching block!

“One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way.”

Frank Smith

Year 12 Classics Conference, Cambridge University

The year 12 Classics Students attended an A Level study conference at the Cambridge University Classics Faculty earlier this week. They attended lectures on themes linked to their AS modules, including the Context of Greek tragedy, Mycenaean Archaeology and Homer's Odyssey. The students found the lectures engaging and interesting and were able to apply the information to the texts they had already studied.

Students were also given the opportunity to look round St John's College and get a sense of student life and the opportunities it provided for them. It was an enriching experience in many ways, opening the students eyes to possibilities in the future.

Our next outing is to the Cambridge Greek Play on Thursday 13th October, with the minibus leaving at 5.30pm. If there any students who don't study Classics but are interested in going, then please see Miss Wilson for details. *Miss Wilson*