



## National Recognition

Last week the government published the annual *Parliamentary Review*, a booklet that showcases 'how determined leadership and innovative thinking can turn around organisations' The 2017 edition features us as one of the schools that has been identified as doing exactly that. I first received the invitation to be included at the end of last year but decided to keep quiet until the document was published. This happened last week and the news has been picked up by the local and national media.

This is really excellent news for us as a school. I believe we were chosen in the first place after our excellent GCSE results last year, which prompted the government to look more closely at the school. Bishop Alan wrote to us this week to pass on his congratulations, saying "How great that St John Fisher has been chosen for this review out of all the other Catholic schools! It makes good and positive reading. Well done, all of you!"

The booklet has a foreword by the Prime Minister and this is followed by articles by other ministers as well as a feature on each school that was selected.

We have placed a copy of the booklet in reception and it is also available on the school website via a link in the News section.

## Open Evening - Tuesday

As mentioned last week, our Open Evening is this coming Tuesday, 3 October. Over the last couple of weeks I have been visiting primary schools to talk to Year 6 and deliver invitations to the Open Evening together with copies of our prospectus. Please pass on the date and time to anyone else that you think might like to come. Year 5 students and their parents are also welcome. We will start at **7.00pm** in the main Hall. The school will also be open to visitors in the morning on Wednesday 4 October and Thursday 5 October from 9.00am.

In order for us to prepare for the Open Evening **students will be dismissed at 2pm** on Tuesday.

Sean Hayes

## CCF – An Adventure in Scotland

Two weeks before the end of the last school year, cadets went on a 7 day camp and honestly it was the best trip or event that has happened throughout the past year.

I will admit, I was a bit worried about attending the trip as we haven't done a lot of weapon handling sessions therefore the fact that we were slightly behind scared me a bit but surprisingly we all managed to pass our weapon handling tests and we were all able to shoot on the range which in fact was the most memorable event on the camp.

Also, we had a night out in a field and we slept in two's under a basher. I thought I would've been colder but actually I slept really comfortably and stayed warm. The first night on the 'night out' we had to set up an ambush and it was the best thing ever, even though I didn't have a weapon it was still good to take part and gain experience.

After a couple of hard days the staff took us out to Edinburgh for relaxation and we all went off with friends to explore or just grab some food. On the same day we all went to a beach as well, it was quite cold but what do you expect? It's Scotland! Some cadets played cricket with teachers, I even saw Mr Davis score some runs, it was really fun.

Finally the last thing that I really enjoyed was the day before leaving, we all got to shoot on the range and it was great. I was really scared of the recoil but after the first round I got used to it but the feeling of laying down with a weapon targeting a target is amazing, not a lot of people get to experience this.

Later on that day, we had a disco the music blasted out which brought us all together for some moves on the dancefloor.

I made some great friends that I still talk to, to this day. I saved a lot of memories, made great friends and gained a lot of experience.

Sandra Ziromskaite – Year 10



**Academic Tutoring  
Year 10  
25 September to 6 October**

## PE Clubs

We have had excellent attendance so far with over 200 students participating in the first 7 days. The clubs that are currently running are:

Monday PM – Netball, Basketball, Football

Tuesday Lunch – Basketball

Wednesday Lunch – Girls Benchball

Thursday Lunch – Boxercise and Dodgeball

Thursday PM – Rugby and Badminton/Table Tennis

Friday Lunch – Girls Football.



## SJF House Competitions

*“have life and have it abundantly”*

*John 10:10*

The Cup Stacking final took place this week and Rochester and won by only 8 seconds.

Big congratulations to Jakub Mierzejewski who had the fastest time overall.

The Bench Ball competitions have started this week and all forms are ready to represent their houses in the final which takes place on 18 October.



**Coming Soon:**

Pumpkin Carving, Kimbo and Basketball.



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## PE Kit

The new PE kit has been very popular with students. The year 7s look fantastic in the new kit and the demand has been high. Orders have now stopped being taken in school, we are currently waiting for all kit to be in stock before it is delivered to school. Students will receive their orders ASAP, thank you for your patience with this. If you would like to order PE kit please visit:

<https://www.3qsports.co.uk/St-John-Fisher-Club-Shop>. There will be a small period around October half term for students to order the new PE kit in school.

## Netball at SJF

The Netball season is underway at St John Fisher with a busy schedule of fixtures ahead. We have teams entered in the Peterborough Schools league for Year 7 through to Year 10. At training we have seen record numbers of girls attending which is really positive. The Year 9 and 10's have already had two fixtures against The Peterborough School and Jack Hunt, in which, they have had mixed results. The Year 10's have been defeated in both matches but have shown promise and great team spirit. The Year 9 team despite losing their first match 9 – 6 to The Peterborough School came back strong to defeat Jack Hunt 21 – 2. Well done to all of the girls who have attended training and the matches and I look forward to many successes in future games.

*D Maudsley*

## Work Experience

Year 10 students are currently in the process of selecting their work experience choices for a week's placement which commences on 5 February 2018. They have all been given advice during their Citizenship lesson. They have also been provided with their own username and password to log on to the system which allows them to select their choices and it can be accessed at home as well as in school:

<https://peterborough.work-experience.co.uk>

The deadline to make their choices is **6 October**.

This is run in conjunction with the Skills Service and is an invaluable experience for our students to learn about working life outside of school. Please help your child to go through their choices as there are a lot of factors to consider such as working times and how they will get to their placement. This is an exciting opportunity for your child and we are sure they will benefit from the experience.

## Post 16 Information Evening

For all Year 11 students  
and their parents

Tuesday, 17 October 2017  
7.00 pm in the School Hall