



## An Invitation

*I am delighted that we have been asked to host the event below and to share the following invitation with our parents:*

Parents and Sixth Form students are invited to come and share your experiences of living in multi-faith Peterborough. This event will take place in the Atrium on **Thursday 4 October at 6pm**. We are hosting this event at the request of the bishop who has asked us to discuss with you your experience of school life. This is because we are seen as an example of successful integration of many faiths and we would like to find out what it is that we do well and what might be extended across the city.

## National Citizenship Service

Congratulations to our students who graduated from this year's scheme in the last two weeks. We are pleased that it remains so popular and previous graduates have confirmed that it is valuable experience and is recognised by firms and universities. I commend it to those in the Sixth Form this year who have not yet signed up. Watch out for the launch event later in the year.



## Going to university this year? Catholic?

***Make sure you look out for your Catholic Chaplaincy...***

Most of our Universities and Higher Education Institutions have a dedicated Catholic Chaplain based in the university or the local parish. The Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith as a young adult, to meet other young people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach. If you already have a strong faith, this is a chance to deepen it. If you are full of questions and doubts, this is a chance to share them and search for some honest answers about life and faith. Everyone is welcome.



**CATHOLICS AT UNIVERSITY**

To find your local Chaplaincy, and for contact details of all the University Chaplains and Catholic Student Societies, visit the *Catholics At University website* at: [www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk](http://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk)

## Tall Ships Experience

Nine of our students have had an amazing week with the Tall Ships Youth Trust in Portsmouth. I hope you have been able to follow the updates on Twitter. This is a rare opportunity for students to experience life on a Tall Ship. We are very grateful to Cross Keys Homes for their sponsorship. I hope that the students will write about their experience in next week's newsletter.



Follow us on Twitter:  
[@sjfpeterborough](https://twitter.com/sjfpeterborough)

## Open Evening

Year 7 have only been with us for a few weeks and it is already time to invite Year 6 to visit the school. From Monday, I will be visiting the primary schools to speak with Year 6 classes and issue invitations to our Open Evening. This is on **Tuesday 2 October** from 7-9 pm. Please share this date and time with anyone you know who has children in Year 6. In order to prepare for the evening we will be dismissing our own students at 2pm that afternoon. Some will be helping us to prepare or joining us in the evening to help show off our school: I am very grateful to them for doing this. We were oversubscribed with applications this year and I hope that the same will happen next year.

*Sean Hayes*

**Academic Tutoring  
Year 10  
24 September to  
5 October**

## School Games Silver Mark Award

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Silver Mark Award for the 2017/18 academic year.



The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognized for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

- Over 200 students participating in extra-curricular sport per week.
- 8 Intra-School Sport Events
- Sports Relief
- Healthy Schools Week
- 75 fully qualified Sports Leaders
- SJF Football World Cup

A large number of students competed in local inter-school competitions this year; we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

## Year 7 Reading Buddies

Next week, a select group of Year 7s will begin the Reading Buddies programme, which takes place twice a week during registration in the Study Centre. Students will attend with a buddy from their form and focus on improving their reading fluency, by sharing a book and discussing its contents. This has previously been a very successful way of developing the reading skills of our younger students and we look forward to our new Year 7s being just as enthusiastic.



*'A year of reading ... a lifetime of memories.'*

## Study Centre Opening Times

The Study Centre is open from 8.00am before school and again after school from 3.15 – 4.30pm, except on Fridays when it will close at 4.00pm. Students are expected to complete homework and independent study or reading. Students are supervised during this time and staff are on hand to support with learning. Any students who do not comply with our rules or expectations will not be permitted to use the facilities before and after school.

## Positive in Public

Get Caught doing something positive in public!!



St John Fisher is pleased to remind you about our 'PIP Slips' (Positive in Public). Whilst out on break or lunch, or just moving around the school, if the duty staff catch you doing something positive like holding the door open for someone, helping a lost friend, picking up litter THAT ISN'T YOURS, or anything kind and positive, you will be rewarded with a PIP slip which the teacher will sign to activate it. You should then sign it as well and take it straight over to Student Services so you can cash it in for 2 merits.

Merits are well worth collecting, as we are giving you the opportunity to 'buy' lunch passes using your newly acquired merits for both you and a plus !! Well worth it!!!!

Good luck boys and girls, go forth and BE POSITIVE IN PUBLIC!!!!

