



Anti-Bullying Week

This week has been national anti-bullying week. Different people have different perceptions of what bullying is and how it affects others, but the important thing is that if someone perceives that they are being bullied then it matters and must be stopped.

Social media has made this much more difficult to police as people seem far more ready to say things online that they would never dare say directly to a person. Like all schools, we do our best to ensure that students are not bullied and to see that when it does occur it is dealt with. We are helped in this regard by our Heroes who have all been trained to deal with these issues and how students feel about them.



One of the actions proposed has been for students to wear odd socks. This is meant to be a way of showing that everyone is different and unique. It is not compulsory, of course, but we have invited students to join in today if they wish.

Cadet Camp

We wish our cadets well as they go off to camp this weekend. They have had a very busy few weeks, including leading our Remembrance Day parade very efficiently last Friday and then being part of the city one last Sunday. I have had lots of positive feedback on this and this has emphasised what an asset they are to the school.



A good impression

As well as the cadets making a good impression, I have had several people comment recently on how smart our students look, including when they are out of school. I do of course agree, but it is always pleasing to have people say so. It does us no harm to be highly regarded in the city.

Shakespeare Schools Festival

This annual event takes place next Wednesday evening at The Key Theatre. I am delighted that we are again one of the schools taking part. This year our students are performing Othello. They have been rehearsing feverishly under the direction of Miss Stevens. Please go and support them Wednesday evening if you are able to.

Multi-Academy Trust Consultation

Parents may have heard that St Thomas More, Sacred Heart and St Martha's primary schools are consulting parents about joining the St John the Baptist Multi Academy Trust. We are not doing so at this stage as our governors do not believe the school is yet ready to consider joining the trust. I have mentioned this in a previous newsletter but thought it worth repeating this week in case parents hear about the primary schools' meetings and wonder if something has changed.

Sean Hayes

Year 11: The five Ps – Preparation

“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail”
Benjamin Franklin

Like with all good actors, sports performers or musicians, preparation and practice play a key role in getting students ready for the rigours and trials of a summer exam season. Students will experience a taste of this over the next two weeks during the PPEs, with many exams in a short period of time. An actor or musician will not go on stage without having had a dress rehearsal. Sports performers will not start a competitive season without a pre-season routine that prepares them for what is ahead.

It is important that those students taking part in PPE exams over the next couple of weeks take the opportunity presented to try their best in preparation for the summer exams. Another opportunity will present itself in March but for now, this is the dress rehearsal, the pre-season friendly, the opportunity to prepare correctly and effectively for the summer.

Careers Spotlight: Law

During the last few weeks a group of year 11 students have been working hard to prepare for the Bar Mock Trial competition, which takes place in Norwich this Saturday. We have also been fortunate enough to have a former student helping out. Aaqib Javed left our school some years ago. Having graduated with a degree in law, he subsequently studied for a Masters degree in Human Rights and undertook work for an NGO in the Middle East. Having passed the bar exams, Aaqib's talents have now secured him a pupillage, following which he will be able to practise as a barrister. Aaqib's interest is directed towards public law and government and he is driven by a desire to achieve justice for all and give back to the community. It was a pleasure to see him again and to hear about his many achievements. When Aaqib was a student at our school he demonstrated so many of the positive learning habits we want all of our students to acquire. He is a shining example of how natural ability, hard work and sheer determination can combine to enable a student to achieve their dreams. Thank you to Aaqib for taking the time off work last week to support some of our most talented students to do the same.

Sixth Form Taster Day

Yesterday was our Sixth Form Taster Day, during which all students had the opportunity to explore post 16 pathways.

Most students stayed in school. Following an assembly in the atrium they engaged in a morning of subject tasters, during which they had the chance to experience the content of different courses, the style of teaching and the level of expectation in Level 3 courses. A number of students engaged with the scholarship taster, during which they had theory sessions with Mr Plane and also had the opportunity to experience a YDP training session. Students dressed in business wear and also had the opportunity to use the Sixth Form facilities to get a true sense of life in the sixth form.



A small group of students visited PRC for the morning, under the watchful eyes of Mr Karia and Mrs Sennett. They had the opportunity to tour the college and also received a presentation from key staff about the different post 16 opportunities available. Students then came back to school for a practical session on making applications, writing CVs and practising interview techniques.

Academic Tutoring Year 9: 12 to 23 November

Parish Social Night

St Peter & All Souls with the Community of Our Lady of Lourdes

at the Fleet, Old Fletton,

Friday 16 November 2018: 7.30pm - Late

Live music, finger buffet, bar and raffle.

Tickets £10 per person.

St John Fisher School
Winter Fayre
Friday 30 November
3:30 - 5:00pm

Games and Prizes to suit all ages:

- * Winter Raffle
- * Chocolate Tombola
- * Pin the Horn on the Winter Unicorn
- * Football Darts
- * Bottle Roulette
- * Hoopla
- * Colouring Competition
- * Build your own Marshmallow Snowman

A Range of Stalls to get your Christmas Shopping:

- * Cakes
- * Crafts
- * Bric - a - Brac
- * Plants
- * Children's Toys, Books and Games
- * Refreshments



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