



Examination Dates 2019

Students sitting GCSE and A level exams this summer will receive personal timetables but we have been asked to make clear that all students should be available to sit exams up to and including Wednesday 26 June. This is to enable exams to be rescheduled if necessary.

We have no control over the scheduling of exams as we are merely an examination centre for each separate board. It is not usually possible to pass an exam if one part is missed, for whatever reason, so it is important to check the individual timetables carefully.

Half-term

Next week we have the half-term break and as usual this is followed by a staff training day. Students therefore return to school on **Tuesday 26 February** and this is Week 2 of the timetable.

St Josephine Bakhita Day

This event last Friday was very successful indeed. It was led by the Santa Marta Group and they were joined by a police officer from the Youth Offending Service talking about knife crime and someone from the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority talking about how people are dragged into being trafficked. We also welcome Bishop Patrick Lynch and our own Bishop Alan.

Sixth Form students, who attended a series of workshops and then celebrated a liturgy with the two bishops, spoke very positively afterwards about the day. They said it was really eye-opening and taught them the signs to look out for:

It made me think about previous things I had noticed at a car wash. I had seen the signs but not realised what they meant; I do now.

It made me more aware of the organisations that can help young people deal with issues such as gang crime and knife violence. I now understand more that victims are exploited and targeted for a reason.

I now know that these issues are all around us but we don't see them. We see them in the movies but don't think of that as reality.

The Liturgy was very moving and included a stunning piece of drama from younger students. If you have a child in Years 10-13 please ask them about the day. Pictures from the day are on our website.

House Competitions

The weekly competitions are going well. Last week it was Darts and the results were:

1st	Rochester
2nd	Beverley
3rd	Cambridge
4th	Westminster

This means that the current standing in the competition for the School Cup is:



1st	Beverley	7596
2nd	Westminster	7342
3rd	Cambridge	7210
4th	Rochester	7033

Sean Hayes

**Academic Tutoring
Years 7:
26 February – 8 March**

Literacy Learning Leaders

Congratulations to the students below who have been nominated as the school's first literacy learning leaders. Their first task will be to work with Miss Stewart on World Book Day.

Keira Dequincey
Mumina Mansha
Zinneerah Abid
Ruby Mills
Rasika Monteiro
Masimba Mararike
Alliyah Gocal
Magdalena Jurdzinska
Ali Ejaz Abbas Sherazi
Roberto Da Silva
Davids Djumajevs
Aminah Ghous
Georgina Bowden
Talia Buckley
Tonyo Yordanov

'Someone told me it's all happening at the zoo'

Year 7 Trip to Twycross Zoo - 15 March 2019

Please be reminded that as part of the Humanities curriculum a visit to Twycross Zoo has been arranged for Year 7 students. The visit will leave school at 8am travelling by coach and return to school at 4.30pm. A contribution of £13.00 is required which covers the cost of travel and entrance to the zoo. There are still a number of places left for this visit which can be booked if students can return monies during the first week back after half term.



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Cambridge Blue Day

Today is Cambridge Blue Day, Cambridge House have held a mufti day to raise money to help with our charitable acts theme. Each form has been involved in activities including Coin on Lemon; Name the Teddy; Shooting Range and a Treasure Map to name just a few. As a charitable act we have been giving out flowers - red meaning love, pink for friendship and white to make someone happy. Thanks to everyone involved.



Year 7 & 8 Disco
Friday 1 March
5pm-7pm
£2.50 a ticket.

Tuck shop and drinks available on the night.

Tickets on sale at Student Services.

Harry Potter Day



Thursday, 7 February was the annual National Harry Potter Day where libraries and schools are encouraged to read extracts from 'Harry Potter' and partake in Harry Potter-themed activities. At SJF, KS3 students were involved in potion making, spell writing, finances, designing castles, exploring the history of witchcraft and so many other activities as well as reading extracts from the series. A fun, learning experience was had by all!



Your Year 11
Study Room
Period 5
Wednesday and Thursday

Positive
Preparation
Production
Planning
Progress
ROOM 211

Sponsored Walk

In Assembly this week our new Sixth Form leaders outlined their ideas for the school during the next term. One of their key goals is to support with the fundraising for the Sensory Garden, as part of our 60th Anniversary efforts. They have already worked with staff to plan the Years 7 and 8 Disco and our next step is to have a whole school sponsored walk.

This will take place on Tuesday 2 April, and all students and staff will participate. Students will be bringing sponsorship forms home after half-term and we would urge parents to support us by sponsoring and also by encouraging their child to seek sponsorship. There will be prizes for the most money raised and Houses are also working on ensuring that the day itself is one of celebration that brings us all together as a community.

Year 9 Options

The deadline for the submission of options to our online system is today. If there are any students who have missed this then parents can support them to access the system at home and finalise their choices. Alternatively, complete the form in your options booklet and return it to Student Services.



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