



Anniversary Week

Next week we are celebrating the school's 60th Anniversary. On Tuesday we have the sponsored walk which is raising funds for the Sensory Garden, our main legacy event for the anniversary. Students have been collecting sponsorship for the last few weeks and Tuesday looks to be a great event, one where we can enjoy spending time together as well as raising money for this excellent cause.

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Then on Wednesday we will celebrate the anniversary with the Mass in the evening. Bishop Alan will be arriving at about 6pm and will plant the first tree in the garden and bless new windows which are due to be installed in the chapel this weekend. We have many guests coming to the Mass, including past staff, priests of the deanery, and headteachers from across the diocese. An invitation for parents appears below; please come if you are able.

Weekly Newsletter

When I started at the school in the summer of 2008 I said that I would produce a weekly newsletter which would contain key information and messages as well as news of events and achievements. This is my penultimate newsletter and you will see from the heading that we have reached the 400th edition. I am not sure that this makes it valuable to collectors but it does show that we have sustained the commitment over the last ten and a half years.



St John Fisher
Catholic High School

You are cordially invited to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the opening of the school and the retirement of Sean Hayes as headteacher on Wednesday 3 April 2019. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan Hopes, Bishop of East Anglia, at 7pm and a reception will follow at 8pm

House Cup

This week we have had the Spring Term Celebration Assemblies. My congratulations to all the award winners and my thanks to students who have performed in these assemblies. Everything continues to contribute to the competition for the school cup and the current situation is as follows:

Beverley	9126
Westminster	8841
Cambridge	8513
Rochester	8249

Music Mark Membership

Following our work with the Peterborough Music Hub, which we mentioned in a recent newsletter, we are delighted to announce that we have been nominated for and received membership of the Music Mark. This has been awarded in recognition of the commitment of the school to providing high quality music education for all children and young people. Well done to the students who have contributed to this and to Mrs Harmson for all her hard work.

Hearing Hub

We have had a provision for students with hearing impairment for three years now and so the local authority have carried out a review. I am delighted to report that they were highly complimentary of the hub, the staff and the service we provide to other schools. They therefore intend that we should continue to host this service for a further period. This is great news!

Sean Hayes

End of Term – Early Closure

Term ends next Friday at **1.10pm**. Students are being dismissed earlier so that staff can say a final farewell to Mr Hayes. All students must leave the school site at this time.

Easter falls very late this year which means this has been a longer term than usual. This in turn means that the next half term is quite short, so GCSE and A Level exams will start after only three weeks, two of which contain Bank Holidays. Staff have therefore arranged for many revision sessions during the holidays and we would encourage students sitting exams to make the best use of these.

The Summer Term begins on **Tuesday 23 April** at the usual time; this will be Week 2 of the timetable.

Year 11 – Easter revision

With the final PPEs completed we turn our attention to ensuring that all the students are as well prepared as possible for the public examinations starting after the Easter holiday. Below is the schedule for revision classes during the holiday. Year 11 students will be receiving a booklet with hints and tips for revision, and templates for planning revision timetables. It is never too late to start and hopefully this will provide useful preparation in the last 6 weeks.

Monday 8 April

10am-12noon History (all students)
10am-2pm English (invited students only)

Tuesday 9 April

9.30am-11.30am RE (all students)
11.30am-2pm English (invited students only)

Wednesday 10 April

9am-12noon Science (all students)
12noon-3pm Product Design (all students)

Thursday 11 April

9am-12noon Science (all students, apart from Product Design)
9am-3pm Product Design (all students)

Friday 12 April

9am-3pm Business (all students)
9am-3pm Art (all students)

Tuesday 16 April

9.30am-1pm Sports Studies (all students)

Thursday 18 April

10.30am-3pm Media (all students)



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**Your Year 11
Study Room
Period 5
Wednesday and Thursday**

Academic Tutoring Year 11 25 March – 5 April



Myriad Project

We are now in the final weeks of the Myriad course. In our final two sessions we have been considering how we might turn towards the positive and notice the good things in life. We have completed a befriending practice in class, students had to imagine a person who had been kind to them and notice the effect that this image had on their feelings and emotions. Students were then asked to complete a gratitude practice at home, they are being encouraged every evening to think of three good things that have happened to them each day. The final session pulled together the key ideas and gave students an opportunity to reflect on their learning and how they might continue to practice mindfulness or be more mindful in their daily lives.

Sponsored Walk: Tuesday 2 April Don't forget:

- School starts as normal at 8.35am
- Trainers, sensible clothes and a coat
- Packed lunch and at least 2 drinks
- Money for non-uniform day
- Return to school around 2.30pm
- Once all students are back and registered they will be dismissed – school may finish a little earlier on this day
- KEEP COLLECTING SPONSOR MONEY



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