



## A New Era

Following on from the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the school, we are now moving into a new era and look forward to the next 60 years of St John Fisher. Houses have begun to review their House logos and mascots so that they are representative of its current students and can grow together into the future. The student Leadership team have led assemblies this week voicing issues that are important to the whole community and encouraging more students to get involved in making change happen. One of the issues which concerns all of us is Climate Change and students are looking into ways we can help as a school community.

## Westminster House Mass

Westminster House Mass took place on Tuesday morning. It is always very encouraging to see all students engaging in such a respectful manner to celebrate belonging to their House. My thanks go to Rev Father Jeffrey Downie and all who helped to prepare the Mass, Mrs Goodfellow, Ms Harmson and the students who took part in the music, readings and offertory procession. The theme of the Mass was Growth which is very apt considering the development of the Sensory Garden at the moment and students brought up greenery from the school gardens to show this visually. The new Altar cloth and lectern frontal were used for the first time at a House Mass having been made especially for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the school before Easter.



## Exams

Revision sessions are in full flow for our students sitting public exams from next Monday. We wish all students good luck with their exams and continue to support them throughout this period of time.

## Thoughts and Prayers

The funeral of ex-student Marko Makula took place on Wednesday and was well attended by staff and students of St John Fisher. Our thoughts and prayers are with Marko's friends and family. We opened a book of condolences in the school chapel for Marko yesterday.

## Nose studs

Please be reminded that nose studs are not allowed in school and students will be asked to remove them if they come into school with them in.

Kate Pereira



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## Sixth Form - Key Dates this Term

This term is an extremely busy term for our Year 12 and Year 13 students. It is a term when Year 13 will sit their A Level and Level 3 examinations, starting on the 13 May and finishing in late June. On the 24 May we will have our formal leaving liturgy for them, but they are still expected to attend lessons until their examinations are over.

Year 12 examinations took place this week and the intention has been to give students a real experience of AS/A Level examinations. On the 11 June there will be a Year 12 Parents Evening, when teachers can discuss with parents and students the outcomes of their examinations and their plans for university and Post 18 options.

This term we will be helping Year 12 students to complete their personal statements in preparation for their application to university. Year 12 will also be going to visit Anglia Ruskin University on 16 July to experience some real lectures from a university.

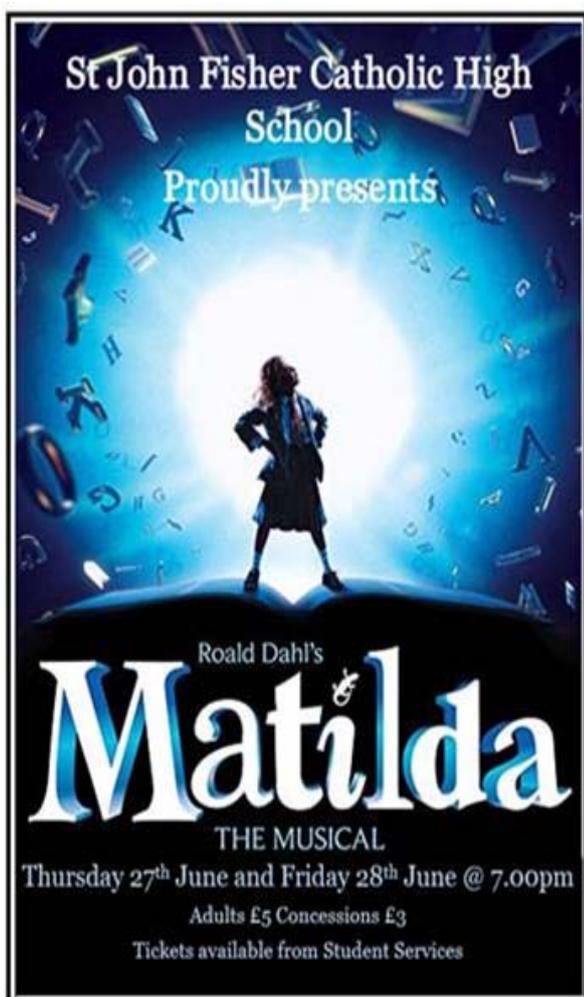
During the week 8 - 12 July all of Year 12 will be on Work Experience, which again is meant to develop their experience and skills in the workplace which will hopefully support their personal statements and equip them with skills for life.

Mr Reilly

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## Magistrates Visit

This week a group of year 9 students were lucky enough to have a visit from three serving magistrates during their PSHE lesson, to find out a little more about how the criminal justice system works. The magistrates got them to take part in an interactive quiz, assessing their existing knowledge, and then enabled the students to take part in passing sentence on a young offender, taking them through each step of the process and looking at the aggravating and mitigating factors. The students proved to be fair and wise magistrates and were able to take a balanced view. There was also the opportunity to ask lots of questions about the motives for being a magistrate and about how they reached their judgements. Our 6<sup>th</sup> form students interested in studying law were also able to have lunch with our visitors and answer lots of questions. As usual the students involved were a credit to the school and we would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Rita Jolley JP, Mr Mike Freeman JP and Mrs Glenys Virgo JP for giving up their time for us.



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

## Exams

Monday marks the start of the GCSE written exams. Many students have already started, and completed exams in art and languages - speaking. The year 11 students have worked hard all year with excellent positive attitudes. The next few weeks represent an opportunity to put all their learning, practise and revision into practice and that's how the students should view the exams, an opportunity. At St John Fisher we are incredibly proud of them and how they have matured over their time with us, whether that's five years or just one. We wish them all the best.

A few reminders for the exam season:

- check the exam timetable daily
- arrive at school by 8.30am each day
- know where to sit for each exam
- be prepared with the correct equipment and several BLACK pens
- be positive, have a 'can do attitude' and smile

The exam timetable can be found on the school website under the exams section.

*Mr Double*

## Year 7 – An Invitation

The Languages Faculty would like to invite current Year 7 students to our annual day trip to the Opal Coast in March 2020. This will be our 4<sup>th</sup> day trip and they are usually tiring but a lot of fun!

Visit a traditional bakery, see how hard-boiled sweets are made, go to a French shopping centre – all of these are activities being planned for 2020. This year, we are not letting the weather ruin our ferry crossing, so we will be going via the Eurotunnel.

Book your place as soon as possible and before Wednesday 22 May 2019 by returning your slip to Student Services with a £20 deposit and ideally a copy of your passport/ID card.

Students will be bringing home a letter with full details of the visit.

*Miss Rodriguez*

## SEND Coffee Morning

Thank you to the parents who attended the coffee morning last week. We are intending to hold another coffee morning on Friday 21 June from 9.00 – 10.00. This will provide parents with the opportunity to informally meet staff. The focus of this coffee morning will be how we develop life skills and resources and information on this aspect of our curriculum will be available.

## Activities Day

Planning for Activities Day, which takes place on Wednesday 17 July, is well-advanced. There are a few students who have still not paid the full amount for their visit. Please could parents check the balance outstanding on the payment cards and ensure that the cost of your child's visit is paid in full by 17 May. It is essential that we have the monies collected to ensure that we can pay for coaches and run the visits as planned.

