



## Cambridge House Mass

Today we celebrated our first House Mass of the year. Thank you to Fr Jeffrey from St Luke's who celebrated Mass for us to mark the beginning of the academic year and our community of St John Fisher.

The Cambridge House motto is 'Simply the best' because Cambridge students felt they always needed to be challenging themselves to do their very best. My thanks to all who were involved in organising and taking part in the Mass, especially Mrs Helcoop Head of House, the Chaplaincy team, Mrs Goodfellow our Lay Chaplain, Mrs Patel who arranged the flowers, our musicians, readers and helpers. Well done Cambridge House!

## CAMBRIDGE CHALLENGERS



## Diocesan Formal Consultation is open for a new Catholic Primary school

As you know we only have three Catholic schools in Peterborough, two Primary schools and one Secondary. All three are excellent. A formal consultation has opened concerning our Diocese opening a new Voluntary Aided Catholic Primary school in Hampton East in 2022. The Government has already given its approval based on a needs analysis and approval is now needed from Peterborough City Council. The Diocese would like to hear from our wider community through this formal consultation process. If you would like to contribute to the consultation and show your support for our excellent Catholic schools in Peterborough, a link to the consultation document can be found here: [www.rcdea.org.uk/vaschools](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/vaschools)

We also have a few paper copies of the consultation form in reception.

In addition, there will be another opportunity to attend a consultation drop in session in person if you wish to do so on:

7 October at 7pm at Hampton Vale Community Centre  
All responses are needed by 20 October 2019.

## Open Evening

It was wonderful to see so many children and prospective parents at our Open evening on Tuesday. It is the biggest turnout we have ever had. We counted well over 500 people. We have already had lots of yellow forms back, which is the supplementary form that needs to be filled in and returned to us. The deadline for applications is 31 October. Below is a reminder of how to apply for a place in Year 6. My thanks to all the staff and students who helped to make the evening such a success.



## National Poetry Day

Yesterday was National Poetry Day. Prince Charles was heard on Radio 2 reading his favourite poem which just shows how many phrases we use today come from William Shakespeare!

### On Quoting Shakespeare

If you cannot understand my argument, and declare "It's Greek to me", you are quoting Shakespeare; if you claim to be more sinned against than sinning, you are quoting Shakespeare; if you recall your salad days, you are quoting Shakespeare; if you act more in sorrow than in anger; if your wish is farther to the thought; if your lost property has vanished into thin air, you are quoting Shakespeare; if you have ever refused to budge an inch or suffered from green-eyed jealousy, if you have played fast and loose, if you have been tongue-tied, a tower of strength, hoodwinked or in a pickle, if you have knitted your brows, made a virtue of necessity, insisted on fair play, slept not one wink, stood on

ceremony, danced attendance (on your lord and master), laughed yourself into stitches, had short shrift, cold comfort or too much of a good thing, if you have seen better days or lived in a fool's paradise - why, be that as it may, the more fool you, for it is a foregone conclusion that you are (as good luck would have it) quoting Shakespeare; if you think it is early days and clear out bag and baggage, if you think it is high time and that that is the long and short of it, if you believe that the game is up and that truth will out even if it involves your own flesh and blood, if you lie low till the crack of doom because you suspect foul play, if you have your teeth set on edge (at one fell swoop) without rhyme or reason, then - to give the devil his due - if the truth were known (for surely you have a tongue in your head) you are quoting Shakespeare; even if you bid me good riddance and send me packing, if you wish I was dead as a door-nail, if you think I am an eyesore, a laughing stock, the devil incarnate, a stony-hearted villain, bloody-minded or a blinking idiot, then - by Jove! O Lord! Tut tut! For goodness' sake! What the dickens! But me no buts! - it is all one to me, for you are quoting Shakespeare.

*Bernard Levin*

*Kate Pereira*

### Focus Day

Next Friday is the first Focus Day of the year. The arrangements for the day are as follows:

Year	Faculty / Activity	Registration Area
7	Humanities visit to Belton House	Tennis courts 8.00am
	Languages Day	Room 206
8	Science visit to Natural History Museum	Courtyard
	Science activities in school	Science classrooms
9	Technology: Recycling and Sustainability	Technology rooms
10	Maths: Study Skills	Maths classrooms
11	English: Lecture by David Crystal OBE and linked curriculum activities	Hall
12	Futures Day	Sports Hall
13	Assessment Centre and Mock Interviews	Atrium

For students who are new to the school, specific details about registration rooms and groupings for the day can be found on the windows outside the Dining Hall from Thursday lunchtime.

### Youth Dreams Project

For students interested in the YDP football scholarship programme there are a series of open events during this year:

Tuesday 15 October	5pm	Taster session
Friday 25 October	1-3pm	Open Trial
Friday 21 February	1-3pm	Open Trial
Friday 17 April	1-3pm	Open Trial
Friday 29 May	1-3pm	Open Trial

See Mr Plane or Dan Jarvis for further details

### Academic Tutoring Year 12 & Year 13 7 - 18 October

### First St John Fisher Guides

We were delighted that so many girls attended our first guide meeting yesterday evening. The girls who were present had an introduction to guides and also did an activity linked to environmental awareness and recycling. They also talked about their ideas for the group and some future activities and outings. The next meeting is on Thursday 10 October. All year 7 and 8 girls are welcome.

### Sixth Form Open Evening

**Tuesday 15 October 2019**

**Presentation at 7.00pm in the Hall**

**Followed by the opportunity to visit different subject stalls in the atrium**

**All Year 11 students and their parents are invited**

*Peterborough Regional College will also be in attendance*



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