



All Saints Feast Day

Today is the Feast of All Saints. At Mass this morning we will remember the Saints of the Church and that we are all called to be saints in God's eyes. Thank you to Father Adam and to all who helped to prepare the Mass, especially Mrs Goodfellow, our lay chaplain. Next Tuesday we will be dedicating our voluntary Mass to those who have died and Mass will be held in the hall rather than the Chapel.

Gold Award

St John Fisher has been awarded the Gold Champion Award from the National Citizen Service (NCS) for the academic year 2018 – 2019. This is a great achievement. Over 40% of our older students completed the NCS challenges over the summer which included team building, leadership and voluntary work. Well done to all students who have taken part in the NCS scheme. My gratitude goes to Ms Ahmed and all who help with the NCS.

Pre public exams (PPEs)

Well done to Years 11 and 13 who continue to work very hard. Both year groups have now finished their first set of PPEs which have gone very well indeed. Year 11 will receive initial feedback from their teachers about their exams but will not receive their final grade for each subject until mock results day which is on 19 November.

Colder weather

As the weather begins to get colder and the dark mornings and evenings start to appear can I remind you that students should have a suitable coat to wear to and from school. Hoodies are not allowed in school and are not a suitable substitute for a coat. In addition, please talk to your child about road safety in the dark and how to stay safe if they walk or cycle to and from school.

In case of very bad weather

Although snow is not forecast this is probably a good time for me to remind everyone of the process we follow in case of very bad weather:

If the school opens in the morning it will stay open all day: we do not finish early once we have opened. If the weather is bad and we are unable to open the school, we will inform parents via text message or email, post a message on the school website and inform local radio stations.

Please do not ring the school to ask if we are open, or to ask if we are going to close early, as this jams the phone lines. We will intend to be open every day unless there is a good reason why we cannot be.

Attendance

The new Attendance Champions League brought in Mr Karia this year has started well. There will be an update on this in next week's newsletter.

As always, please ensure your child is at school every day. Mild illness such as a headache or a simple cold should not be a reason for absence from school. Holidays and visits to family abroad cannot be permitted during term time.

Year 7 Meet the Tutor

On Tuesday we held meetings for parents of Year 7 students. The overall turnout from parents was very high indeed, so thank you for your continued support. The meetings gave students and parents a chance to talk to their form tutors about how well they were settling in to St John Fisher. If there are any issues you need to raise about your child, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

Kate Pereira

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Re-Start a Heart Day

Wednesday, 16 October was Re-Start a Heart Day, a national effort promoted by the British Heart Foundation to train as many people as possible to conduct CPR. Without CPR the chances of surviving cardiac arrest are reduced. With the help of the East of England Ambulance service, we were able to train more than 115 students, from Year 7 to Year 13!



The students enjoyed themselves and clearly understood the benefits of this training for their own local community. They were also able to ask questions regarding the variety of careers the NHS offer and the different educational pathways.



Well done to all of the students involved and individual certificates will be issued in assembly as they can proudly now say 'I can do CPR and save a life!'

**Academic Tutoring
Year 10:
28 October –
8 November**

Another YDP Victory!

YDP All Stars won a thrilling match against F2 Academy in the ECFA cup on Wednesday. It was an end to end game, with Ryley scoring in the 86th minute. This goal proved to be the winner as the final score was 4-3. We await to see who YDP draw in the next round!



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Classics Visit to Oedipus at Colonus, Cambridge Arts Theatre

Just before half term the Sixth Form A Level Classics group, along with some brave Year 10s, went to Cambridge to watch the Cambridge University Greek play. This year, Sophocles' *Oedipus at Colonus* was the chosen production and was performed in the original Greek with surtitles.



Those studying Greek theatre for A Level enjoyed watching a modern interpretation of a classical text and used the opportunity to reflect in lessons afterwards on aspects of tragic performance. The younger students enjoyed a cultural experience that was very different from anything they had encountered before.

Thank you to all who came on the visit and to Miss Cox for navigating!

School Visit to Athens

Just a reminder that this trip will take place in January 2021. The deadline for payments of the first deposit is 15 November. Payments can be made online via SchoolGateway. Please contact Miss Wilson if you have any questions about the visit or payments.



Parish Social Night

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

at the Fleet, Old Fletton,

Friday 15 November 2019: 7.30pm – Late

Live music, bar and finger buffet.

Tickets:

£15 for adults

£5 for primary school children