



A Fine Start

Last week went very smoothly and students had a good start to the new school year. It was especially pleasing to see the new Year 7 students so smart and eager to start learning. We welcomed them formally on Tuesday morning this week with a short service led by Father Adam and our Chaplain, Luke.

We have already had some significant events, including the graduation ceremony for our NCS students last Wednesday evening at The Voyager Academy, and a performance of *Chelsea's Choice* to Year 9 students and students from Nene Gate School on Tuesday morning.

National Citizen Service

Over the Summer, 16 of our students took part in the National Citizen Service (NCS) project which sees them working as a team to help the community. We have many students take part before and they have always found this to be a worthwhile and enjoyable experience. This year, NCS awarded SIF the accolade of a Champion School due to the consistently high numbers of our students who volunteer.

Those taking part this Summer were: *Ruth Goodstadt, Bethen England, Jake-Michael Neal, Rebekah Knighton, Joanna Galus, Endija Miltina, Sinan Ustuner, Gracie Dunkley-Lock, Shikiba Hajizadeh, Mariya Khan, Jasmine Kelly-Gobuiwang, Hannah Chapman, Katherine Pollard, Amy Opie, Egle Prismontaite and Maxwell Ngondi.*

Year 10 Information Evening

In last week's newsletter I mentioned that we have this evening next Tuesday, 20 September. This is for all Year 10 students and their parents and is aimed at providing key information about the GCSE courses which are just starting. Previously we have done this at the end of Year 10 but we have decided to move it to the start as there are many new courses and a different exam system to understand.

The evening will start at **6pm** in the main Hall.

Sean Hayes

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Key Dates

Some more dates to note for the coming year. Most events are on Tuesdays and details for each will be issued in the newsletter nearer the time.

Autumn Term

20 Sep: Year 10 Information Evening (see above)

30 Sep: Cambridge House Mass

4 Oct: Year 6 Open Evening – early closure

14 Oct: Focus Day

18 Oct: Year 12 Open Evening

1 Nov: All Saints Day Mass

8 Nov: Year 7 Parents Evening

14 Nov: Shakespeare Schools Festival

17 Nov: Rochester House Yellow Day

22 Nov: Years 10-13 Parents Evening

24 Nov: Rochester House Mass

28 Nov: Pre-Public Exams (PPE) for Years 11-13 begin

7/8 Dec: Reconciliation Services for Advent

Spring Term

5 Jan: A Level Certificates Evening

10 Jan: PPE for Results Day for Years 11-13

10 Jan: Parents Evening for Year 11

24 Jan: Year 9 Options Evening

15 Feb: Beverley House Mass

28 Feb: Year 10 Work Experience begins

28 Feb: Pre-Public Exams for Years 11-13 begin

3 Mar: Focus Day

13 Mar: Reconciliation Service for Lent

27 Mar: Westminster House Green Day

28 Mar: Parents Evenings for Years 8 & 9

Summer Term

5 May: Cambridge House Blue Day

8 May: Pre-Public Exams begin for Year 10

15 May: Westminster House Mass

23 May: Parents Evenings for Years 7 & 10

26 May: Year 13 Leavers Liturgy and Prom

19 Jun: Exams for Years 7, 8 and 9 begin

22 Jun: Sixth Form Induction Day

23 Jun: Year 11 Leavers Liturgy and Prom

5 Jul: Year 7 Induction Day

17 Jul: Focus Day

18 Jul: Focus Day

19 Jul: Sports Day

20 Jul: St John Fisher Day. Term ends.

Music News

Congratulations to Charlotte Pollard and Wanessa Zerella who in the summer term achieved Grade 5 in Music Theory.
Mr McCoy



Chelsea's Choice and Staying Safe

On Tuesday 13 September the whole of Year 9 watched a performance of the play Chelsea's Choice. This is a drama based on a true story of a girl who fell out with her friends and family and is approached by a man called Gary. Unfortunately Gary is not what he seems and he grooms, exploits and abuses Chelsea. The play was highly effective in raising awareness of issues around child sexual exploitation, internet safety and healthy relationships.

We have placed in classrooms guidelines for students in how to stay safe online and I would like to remind parents that on our website there is an online service called 'Parent Zone' which gives parents advice on a huge range of issues to do with safeguarding and e-safety.

If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding or child protection then please contact one of the Designated Child Protection Team whose photos are displayed below:



Mr Reilly

Ms Wilson

Mrs D'Ambrosio



Mrs Hostead

Mrs Patel

Mrs Reid

Year 8 Field Trip Imperial War Museum

As part of the History curriculum, a visit to the Imperial War Museum, Duxford has been arranged for Year 8 students. The date of the visit will be Friday 14th October. The party, which will be accompanied by members of the Humanities Faculty will leave school at 8.30am travelling by coach and return to school by 3.15pm. Letters will be given out during History lessons and reply slips need to be returned no later than Friday 30th September.

Mr Ewen

Interested in learning a musical instrument or continuing with instrumental study?

St John Fisher Music Department provide individual/paired lessons for all year groups on the following instruments:

Piano; Voice; Woodwind; Violin; Brass; Guitar; Drums
Places are prioritised for GCSE/BTEC music students and students who already specialise on a particular instrument otherwise places are allocated on a first come first served basis. These lessons are weekly and will commence on receipt of payment. Lessons will discontinue if students do not attend their lessons.

All peripatetic lessons are provided by professional instrumental specialists who aim is to ensure outstanding progression towards musical excellence.

If your child is interested in this exciting opportunity please contact Mr McCoy (Head of Music) for information either by phone or email. Mr McCoy

Chaplaincy

I just wanted to take a moment to introduce myself to our new pupils and their families and to also reintroduce myself to those pupils that have been with us for some time.

My name is Luke Turner and I am the Lay Chaplain here at St John Fisher. It is my job to look after the Spiritual Life of our school and to support all of our pupils and staff in their faith lives. To that end, I not only write all the weekly thoughts used in tutor time, I also lead assemblies and the liturgies and services we have to mark all important dates in the Catholic calendar. I am based in the RE office and my door is always open to people who may want to talk or share some biscuits!

I also organise the Mass that takes place in our school Chapel every Tuesday during tutor time which one of our Priest Chaplains comes in to lead. It begins at 8:45am and it would be great to see as many of our pupils there as possible! If anyone would also be interested in helping out in anything Chaplaincy related then I look forward to hearing from you!

PE Kit

Occasionally a student will arrive for PE without some or all of the correct kit. When this happens clean kit will be issued by the school for the student to wear so that they are able to take part in the lesson. Sanctions are applied if this happens frequently and parents will be informed. PE is an essential part of the National Curriculum and we are required to expect every student to take part.

Mrs Fountain