



Progress 8

At the start of term I explained about this new method of reporting GCSE exam results. Each school will be given a decimal number which reflects how much of a grade above or below each of their students were in eight subjects, compared with similar students nationally. We have now been given an indicative figure for 2016, which is

+0.46

This is a really impressive figure and likely to put us in the top 10% of schools nationally. We won't know that for sure until Performance Tables are published at the end of the year, but it does mean that our students last year averaged almost half a grade above students nationally. The governors had set a target for this figure to be positive and we were expecting it to be so, but we are all delighted that it is so high. My thanks again go to the teachers and students who worked so hard to achieve this.

Diocesan Headteachers' Conference

On Monday, the headteachers of the Catholic schools in the diocese met for our annual conference in Norwich. Bishop Alan celebrated Mass for us at the end of the morning, prior to lunch. The main topic of discussion this year is the proposal from the government to lift the cap on the number of places in a new school that may be given to students on the basis of their faith. As all new schools must be so-called Free Schools, this cap has resulted in no new Catholic Schools opening for several years. Now that the cap might be removed it was appropriate to discuss where in the diocese we are short of places and where we might consider applying to open a new school.

Our local group of headteachers (Peterborough and Cambridge) will meet on 20 October to continue this discussion and consider how it might apply to our part of the region.



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Education Award Evening

Last Thursday evening a very special event took place at Jack Hunt School: the Muslim Council of Peterborough organised an Education Award Evening for secondary students in the city. This was a very significant event which it is hoped will become an annual celebration, rewarding the successes of students regardless of faith or school attended.

The guest of honour was Andrew Cook, the Regional Director for Ofsted. He was joined by many other distinguished guests, headteachers, parents and students. After the awards had been presented everyone was treated to dinner.

I would like to add our congratulations to the award winners from our school: *Fateema Kazim Ali, Hassan Nawaz, Kieron O'Reilly, Ieva Mauricaite, Iga Zlotoucha, and Finley Allen.*

A very big thank you to everyone who helped with our Open Evening on Tuesday. We had the largest attendance for many years and a very positive response from our visitors. Our Sixth Form guides were superb and a very large number of students came in to help. It is very much appreciated.

Sean Hayes

Post 16 Information Evening

Tuesday 18 October 2016

For all Year 11 students and their parents

7.00 pm in the School Hall

Focus Day 1 – Friday, 14 October 2016

The first Focus Day of the year is next week and as usual the programme is packed:

Year 7 Chinese Day

Year 8 Visit to Imperial War Museum, Duxford

Year 9 Technology Day

Year 10 Health Day

Year 11 Study Skills, interview workshop and post-16 options launch

Years 12 and 13 Preparation for life after school

Students will be told where to register and what equipment to bring.

Year 11 Intervention Programme

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	Maths*	Maths*	Maths*	Maths*	Maths*
Lunch	Geography (All) Spanish (All)	Geography (All) GCSE Computing*	Geography (All) French (All)	Geography (All)	Geography (All)
Period 5 / After School	ECDL* Maths*	Food (All)	Art* GCSE Science* Food (All) PE (All) Media* GCSE Computing (All)	GCSE Science* RE* English (All) Food (All) GCSE Computing (All)	Art (All) Product Design (All) French & Spanish (All) GCSE Business (All)

* By invitation only

Fisher Arts Festival

We just wanted to inform you about the Fisher Arts Festival as there may be a few people who haven't heard about it yet. This competition is the perfect way to show off your talent, whether it's singing, dancing or even doing a drama act. Auditions took place last week and for the people who would like to just come and see the concert, it's going to be held in the dining hall, on the 20 October from 7pm to 8:30pm.

The tickets are £2 for a student and £3 for an adult. You will be able to get your ticket either at student services or on the night of the show and we'll be going around in form time to sell them, so you'll have many opportunities to get one. There's going to be a surprise judge and I'm sure you're interested in who it is. So if you'd like to go to watch some entertainment, then you better get your ticket fast!
Rheanne Harris and Maria da Silva (Year 11)

Health Week: Monday 10 – Friday 14 October

Next week is the first St John Fisher Health Week, with the focus being on "Healthy Body, Healthy Mind". There are events happening all week during form times and lunchtimes:

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Form Time	Launch of poster competition – 'Promoting Healthy Living' 'A holistic approach to health'	Healthy Body – work on anti-smoking	Healthy Mind – promoting resilience and dealing with stress	Healthy Relationships – respecting oneself and others Deadline for entries to poster competition	Year 10 Focus Day - Health
Lunchtime	School Nurse Clinic "Try something new" Boxercise Inter-faith workshop	Stoptober anti-smoking road show 12 – 2 "Try something new" Circuit training	Healthy Food roadshow led by Year 12 and 13 Health and Social care students School counsellor drop-in "Try something new" Zumba	Rainbows drop-in: 'Dealing with bereavement' "Try something new" Skipathon PCSO drop in	Announcement of winner of poster competition. "Try something new" Aerobics



Please encourage your child to participate.
The poster competition is open to everyone.
With the prize of a Fitbit up for grabs!

Academic Tutoring this week
Year 9