



## Merry Christmas

The Autumn Term is always the longest and as the days get shorter, and the weeks seem to get longer, we all feel ready for a break. This especially applies to the older students who have spent the last couple of weeks sitting exams – and to their teachers who are now busily marking them.

We celebrate Christmas today with our liturgy followed by Christmas Dinner: praying together and then eating together. My thanks to those who have prepared both the service and the meal, including our readers and singers and Sixth Form waiters. A real sense of community is clearly evident.

We say farewell today to Vicky Charter as she leaves to take up her new position at Stanground Academy, welcoming back in her place Lucy Henderson from maternity leave.

## Year 11 All Stars

Our Year 11 sports teams are having an amazing season. Their latest big win was against Stanground Academy in the basketball semifinal, which they won 34-12. This takes them through to the final in the New Year. Last night they were due to play in the rugby final at Peterborough Rugby Club. This match was after the newsletter had gone to press but we will report the outcome in the next edition.

## Spring Term 2016

We return in the New Year on **Monday 4 January** and this will be Week 1 of the timetable. Please note the day as other schools have a training day and return on the Tuesday.

## Sixth Form Applications

A reminder to students in Year 11 that today is the deadline for applications for Sixth Form for next September. I hope the students found yesterday's Taster Day useful in helping them make decisions about courses for next year, whether with us or elsewhere.

## NCS Graduation

We were pleased to see another group of our students graduate last week from the National Citizen Service. This is a very valuable and recognised award for having voluntarily done some work in the community, building life skills and making new contacts. It is valuable experience for whatever career students go into later. It was again encouraging to see that the majority of those graduating were from St John Fisher. Further details overleaf.



*May I wish everyone a peaceful, holy and restful Christmas.*

*Sean Hayes*



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

## GCSE and A Level Certificates

These will be presented on **Wednesday 6 January** between 4 and 5 pm. Students have been invited by post but please pass the message on: it is always good to get together again and reminisce!

During the holiday, our Muslim students will be celebrating the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). The celebrations take various forms such as street parades, donating food to charities, readings and poetry or fasting and reading the Koran. We wish our Muslim families a happy and peaceful celebration.

## Year 12 Artists

On Tuesday 8 December we were delighted to welcome Charron Pugsley-Hill and Eve Marshall who came to work with our year 12 artists. Charron has been working on a project in Peterborough on a local WWI heroine, Edith Cavell, the British nurse who helped hundreds of allied soldiers escape German occupied Brussels in 1914-1915. Edith Cavell was executed on 12 October 1915. The work Charron has been doing is to commemorate her life, work and death and as a result of this, she has created 'THE BLANKET OF POPPIES'.

Charron says "I am an internationally working artist based in Peterborough who usually paints large bright paintings based on nature and the natural world. Since 2014 I have also been creating a series of work commemorating



significant events, people and places from World War I a hundred years on. More of this can be seen on my website on the WWI pages and in my blogs. [www.charronpugsleyhill.com](http://www.charronpugsleyhill.com)."

The students took part in a felt-making workshop where they learnt to make a felt poppy. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were outstanding with their politeness and keenness to learn all about being an artist professionally. Ms Guppy



## Beverley News

A huge congratulations to all those in Beverley House who received an award in this term's Celebration of Achievement assembly - a record number of certificates were handed out! Here's to an even more successful term when we return in 2016. Preparations are already underway for our charity day 'Red Day', which will take place on 10 February 2016. We are again looking to break records with the amount we raise!

Have a very merry Christmas.

Mr J Hayes



Why didn't people like the Apple Mac themed calendars this year?  
Because they didn't have Windows!!



## NCS Graduation

On 10 December we saw 13 students graduate from the National Citizens Service at the Town Hall, Peterborough. The evening was a celebration of the hard work, dedication and money raised for local organisations. Students volunteer for the NCS during their half term and other free time that they have. As a group, they choose the organisation/charity that they would like to fundraise for. They then plan what they will do to raise money and carry this out. This initiative is a fabulous way to meet new people, challenge yourself and develop leadership skills as well as helping others. It was a real pleasure to watch the selfless work of our young people be rewarded. Well done to: Diana, Jasia, Marta, Euridice, Amal, Zeeshan, Suhaib, Nikola, Linda, Ira, Alesha, Nikita and Asma.

Mrs Wilmore

## Pantomime Visit

On Wednesday 9 December, 22 students and 5 staff from the Learning Support department walked to the Key Theatre to watch Aladdin (oh yes they



did). The pantomime was filled with amazing music, dance and jokes. Our students thoroughly enjoyed themselves - especially the ice cream during the interval and the sing song at the end. It's behind you!

Mrs Sennett

## SelfieCop

We have recently received information on a free app called SelfieCop which helps parents to track their children's camera activity. It is aimed at students between the ages of 10-14 and deters sexting.

It works in two ways:

- Every time the camera is activated a message appears to remind children that any photos they take may ultimately be seen by anyone.
- SelfieCop also sends parents a copy of the photo or video that is taken by the camera.

This supports the message of Stop and Think before they take a photo that we have been emphasising in school.

Mr Reilly

Keep the Date

Key Stage 4 Options Evening  
Tuesday 26 January 2016 - 7.00