



The Year of Mercy continues

You will have noticed that the door continues to feature in the newsletter each week as a reminder that we are still in the Year of Mercy. This week Mr Reilly has based his assemblies on this important topic and students have again been considering how they care for others.

The next event in this Holy Year is the headteachers' Pilgrimage to Rome next week, when we will visit St Peter's basilica and walk through the Holy Door. While we are in Rome, we are meeting to discuss how we can further develop the collaboration between our Catholic schools, revisiting our mission statements and ensuring that we are continuing to do the best for our students and for the greater glory of God.

Please pray for us as we gather for this important conference, and we will pray for our school communities when we hear Mass at the Tomb of St Peter on Friday morning.



John O'Neill, RIP

We were very sad to hear that John O'Neill passed away in Ireland at the weekend. Mr O'Neill had spent his entire teaching career at St John Fisher, retiring as Deputy Headteacher. We send our condolences to his wife and family.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace, Amen.*

Governors' Meeting

On Wednesday next we have the termly meeting of the full governing body. As mentioned in previous newsletters, governors will be discussing Academy Status at this meeting. This mainly follows the joint meeting of governors from all the local Catholic schools which we hosted in April, but also the government's announcement in March that all schools will be required to convert to academies, which was subsequently altered. I will report on the governors' discussion in a future newsletter.

We do have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor: this person must be a practising Catholic. If you are interested in this vacancy, or you know someone who might be, please contact me in the first instance.

Feast of St John Fisher

This annual Feast Day falls on 22 June each year. It is our custom to transfer the celebration to the end of term as the date invariably clashes with exams. We will do this again this year but in addition, Mass next Tuesday will be for St John Fisher. Students are welcome to attend at the usual time in the Chapel.

Feast of Sts Peter & Paul

The following week, 29 June, is this important Feast Day, one that is a Holyday of Obligation for Catholics. That means it is one of the days in the year when Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. When the date falls on or near a weekend it is transferred to the Sunday – as has happened for the last few years – but this year it is a Wednesday and so we will have Mass at the start of the day that morning and delay the start of the first lesson.

Parish Mass Celebration

A reminder of the Mass tomorrow evening in Peterborough Cathedral. The main celebrant will be Bishop Alan. The Mass will begin at 7pm and there will be refreshments afterwards in the cathedral cloisters. The invitation to this event is extended to the school community.

Year 7, 8 & 9 Exams

Over the next two weeks, starting on Monday, students will be sitting end-of-year exams. These are mainly scheduled within normal lessons but for English, Maths and Science they will take place in the Sports Hall. As well as assessing what students have learned during the year this is intended to prepare students for GCSE and other exams in the future, something that has become more necessary as the government has increased the number of external exams and reduced the role of coursework. If students have any questions about any particular exam they should speak to their teacher. The results of these exams will be included in reports later this term.

Sean Hayes

Key Stage 3 Exam Timetable

Any students who miss exams due to school visits will have another time slot allocated at a later date. These will take place in classrooms.

	Mon 20 June	Tues 21 June	Wed 22 June	Thur 23 June	Fri 24 June
P1	9B RE 9C Geography 9D RE 9E Computing	7D Computing 7E Computing 9A Geography	8B RE ALL Year 9 English Paper 2 IN HALL	ALL Year 7 English Paper 1 IN HALL 8D Geography	9D Geography
P2	8A RE 8B Computing 8C History		ALL Year 8 Maths Paper 1 IN HALL	8A Computing 8B Geography 8C French 8D French ALL Year 9 Science IN HALL	9A RE 9B Computing
P3	7A RE 7B RE 7C RE 7D History 7E Geography	7A Computing 7B Computing 7C Computing 8A French 8B French ALL Year 9 English Paper 1 IN HALL	7D Geography 7E History ALL Year 9 Maths Paper 2 IN HALL		7A History 7B Geography 7C History 7D French 7E French
P4	8C Geography	7A Geography 7B History 7C Geography 8D Computing ALL Year 9 Maths Paper 1 IN HALL	ALL Year 8 English Paper 1 IN HALL	8C Computing 9A Computing 9C History 9E Geography	8B History

Ramadan

During Ramadan, Muslims should focus on additional worship and God consciousness to improve themselves in all aspects of their lives and dealings with others including their character, respect for others, kindness, forgiveness, mannerisms, avoidance of bad language and poor behaviour.

In addition having empathy with the poor and donating generously for charitable causes, sharing of food and inviting others to one's home for opening the fast are important features of Ramadan. Muslims also focus on reading more Qur'an and performing additional prayers in the mosque every evening.

At school students are welcome to join in prayers every lunchtime in room 207 including special Friday prayers.

Mr Akbar

Mock European Union Referendum

We will be holding our own mock EU Referendum next Thursday. During next week students will be given the opportunity to find out about the main arguments from the official Remain and Leave campaigns and will then have the chance to give their opinion and reflect on some of the key issues. It is important that students understand political debate and have the knowledge and skills to question arguments and form their own judgments.

Please discuss the issues at home and encourage students to learn more about the current debate.

Ms Wilson

Sixth Form Trips

Year 12 students will be visiting a Careers Fair in Peterborough on Friday 15 July. There will be over 3,000 companies at this event and it is an excellent opportunity for students to find out more about different career paths. We are also visiting Anglia University in Cambridge on 20 July where students will be able to speak to current students at the university and tour the university campus. Please could you return the consent form with £10 by Friday 8 July.

Year 12 into 13

Please note that students will be required to attend an Enrolment Afternoon on Tuesday 6 September from 1pm – 4pm if they wish to continue at St John Fisher Sixth Form.

Mrs Wilmore

The Big Show

Find The Artist In You



On Friday 1 July, the Art dept and Year 12 artists are hosting "The Big Show". We are inviting all artists to submit their work to us in Room 303 (Ms Guppy's room) including 3D objects, to display in the exhibition. You can attend the exhibition with friends and family for free. There will be refreshments available at "The Big Show" along with a variety of artists' work displayed. This event will take place from 6pm - 8pm on Friday 1 July. Hope to see you there. 12B Art group