



Nearly half term!

Looking ahead to next week it is rather surprising to find that it is the last one this half term. Being busy is certainly a good way to see time fly, and this term we have been very busy.



We have completed the annual process of visiting primary schools and running Open Evening and Mornings, both of which were very well attended. This coming week we have the annual Open Evening for applications for Sixth Form next year.

We have also had the first rehearsal for our play for the Shakespeare Schools Festival which takes place next month; the first House Mass (Cambridge) was last week; our Year 8 & 9 students that are part of The Brilliant Club have started their work; and our clubs and activities are all up and running.

Perhaps it means we are ready for a break!

Headteachers Conference

On Tuesday this week the headteachers of all the schools in the diocese met in Poringland for our Autumn Conference. A key item this time was the latest situation regarding Multi-Academy Trusts, which the government has been very keen to encourage. There was a lengthy discussion and I will summarise the points made when our governors meet in December. If there is anything that comes from this to share with parents I will do so via the newsletter.

Newsletter

This week's newsletter is being issued on Thursday because of tomorrow's Focus Day. Can I just remind students to ensure that your parents see it each week: I have had questions from parents recently to which the answers had all been in newsletters, so this makes me wonder if it doesn't always get home.

Sean Hayes



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Year 10 Travel and Tourism Visit to Hunstanton

Fourteen year 10 students went to 'Sunny Hunny' this week, in order to carry out research for one of their assignments. They had to investigate different aspects of Hunstanton, including the range of accommodation, facilities, visitor attractions and natural features in order to evaluate its appeal for different groups of tourists. The group walked to Old Hunstanton along the cliff top and then returned along the beach and across (or through!!) the rockpools. They looked at hotels and caravan sites, the fairground, Sea Life Centre, pier and esplanade. The students enjoyed the opportunity to carry out practical field work and have fish and chips at lunchtime, but were not so keen on the rather autumnal weather. They will now use this research to produce their own travel brochure for Hunstanton.

Simon Geatrell

We unfortunately learned last week of the sad death of Mr Simon Geatrell. Simon was a devoted teacher at St John Fisher for 16 years. He was appointed in 1989 as Head of French and then became Assistant Headteacher responsible for Professional Development of the teaching staff and was he also responsible for cover. Simon was known by everyone as a good man and spent his whole teaching career in Catholic Education. Many young teachers at St John Fisher learnt their good teaching habits from Simon. Many students will remember him as the teacher, who really cared for them and supported them while in school. Simon leaves behind him Barbara, his wonderful wife and Ann his daughter who was his pride and joy. We pray for both of them at this time and give thanks for the life of a real gentleman, Simon Geatrell.



**Academic Tutoring
Year 12 and Year 13
9 October to 20 October**

Whole school Mufti Day for two Cancer Charities

Yellow Day is next Thursday. Rochester House will be aiming to raise as much money as possible for Teenage Cancer Trust and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

We have got Mr Hayes to agree to hold a whole school non-uniform day, however students must be equipped to learn, with the bags, books, pens, calculators etc.

You can buy your ticket for Yellow Day Mufti for £1 in advance, at break or lunch in the main hall, or donate £2 on the gate on the 19 October.

Ms Stevens

Yellow Day 2017



Raising funds in aid of



19 October 2017
Lunchtime in the Atrium
20p minimum donation
Come along and perform
or just enjoy the vibe

Congratulations

...to Alasdair Ager on completing the 13-mile Great Eastern Run on Sunday in 2 hours and 6 minutes. Alasdair did it to raise funds for the Peterborough and District Downs Syndrome Club, where he and his sister have been helping out for the last 5 years. In all he raised just over £1,000 in sponsorship for them. A very creditable achievement.



Diwali 2017

Happy Diwali to our students, staff and their families who are celebrating the festival of lights which this year falls on Thursday, 19 October 2017.

Post 16 Information Evening

For all Year 11 students
and their parents

Tuesday, 17 October 2017
7.00 pm in the School Hall

SJF House Competitions

"have life and have it abundantly"

John 10:10



Pumpkin Carving

*Entries to be brought into school on
Thursday 2 November to the Hall before school.
Winners announced on Friday 3 November.*