



BBC Look East

On Wednesday morning we again welcomed the BBC as they came to film an item on perceptions about Mental Health. They were doing some work with the YMCA, who support us by providing counselling services, and approached us to see if they could get some views from students. We were pleased to be asked and happy to contribute to the item. My thanks to the students and staff that took part.

The Brilliant Club

On Tuesday, the Year 9 members of this group travelled to Cambridge University as part of their work this year.

GCSE Computing

You may have seen news items in recent weeks about this course and issues that have arisen with the non-examined part, which most of us would call coursework. There have been issues with material being published on the internet and so it has been decided that this part of the course will not count in final marks. This has not been an issue in our school but the decision will affect every school. A more detailed explanation of the situation from Miss Griffin is below for parents of students taking the course.

Shrove Tuesday Invitation

Although we have only just returned from Christmas we are just a few weeks away from the start of Lent, which this year will fall during the half term break. Consequently an event is being planned for Shrove Tuesday at the cathedral in Norwich: details overleaf.

Sean Hayes



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Year 9 Options and Parents Consultation Afternoon

Tuesday, 30 January 2018

Don't forget to book your presentation slot

Year 9 Visit to Queen's College, Cambridge

Last week a group of Year 9 students visited Queen's College, Cambridge to begin a project entitled "Take Your Place". This is run by Cambridge University, in collaboration with the Network for East Anglian Collaborative Outreach and aims to engage students with Higher Education. Students toured the college, met their project mentors and also had an initial lecture entitled: 'Imagining the Civilised Body; An Introduction to the Sociology of the Body'. Students now have to complete weekly learning activities in order to research and produce a blog post on this topic. They are going to be exploring representations of gender in superheroes. All the students enjoyed the opportunity and found the college itself an inspirational place. They are looking forward to embarking on the project and then returning to Cambridge in March for a debate on the topic.

National Citizen Service

Next week our Year 11 students will have an assembly given by the National Citizen Service. There is the opportunity for all students to take part in this for four weeks in the summer. Many of our students in previous year groups have done this and found it very rewarding. I would encourage all students to listen carefully to the presentation and think about taking part.

Classics Visit to the Bay of Naples

The Classics Visit to the Bay of Naples is fast approaching. Just a reminder to parents that there is a briefing meeting on Wednesday 24 January from 5.30 – 6.00 pm to go through the final arrangements.

Academic Tutoring - Year 12 & Year 13
22 January to 2 February

Brilliant Club



On Tuesday, 12 Year 9 students went to the University of Cambridge to find out more about university and the vast array of courses available to study. They found out that there are around 50,000 different courses to choose from at university! They got to see what university accommodation is like and discover some of the ground-breaking research that some of the PhD students are currently undertaking. They also received their feedback from their tutor, having already each submitted a 2,000 word essay as their final assignment, looking into the work of author Virginia Woolf. Their results were excellent and particular mention goes to Negin Haydari and Trinity Francis, both of whom received a 1st class award (the highest grade possible!) for their work. They will now have their graduation ceremony at the Peterborough Key Theatre next week and celebrate the hard work they have put in over the last two years! Well done to everybody involved!

Get Caught doing something positive in public!!

St John Fisher is proud to announce our 'PIPs Slips' (Positive in Public). Whilst out on break or lunch, or just moving around the school, if the duty staff catch you doing something positive like holding the door open for someone, helping a lost friend, picking up litter THAT ISNT YOURS, or anything nice and positive, you will be rewarded with a PIP slip which the teacher will sign to activate it. You should then sign it as well and take it straight over to Student Services so you can cash it in for 2 merits.



Merits are now worth collecting, as we are now allowing you the opportunity to 'buy' lunch passes using your newly acquired merits for both you and a plus 1! Well worth it!!!!

Good luck boys and girls, go forth and BE SEEN BEING POSITIVE IN PUBLIC!!!!!!

GCSE Computing

As Mr Hayes has mentioned, all of the exam boards have noticed that the solutions to the coursework have been put online and some students have been copying this and submitting the work as their own. While use of the internet is allowed, this has broken rules and so all exam boards have had to respond. We have just been informed that the coursework element will now not be worth any of the GCSE, however, we do still have to submit the work as if it was. The following decisions have been made:

1. All coursework has to be completed by 31 January. Sessions on a Monday and Wednesday are available if support is needed.
2. As the two exams are now 100% of the qualification, it is vital that revision lessons are attended on a Thursday and that revision, sample exam papers and preparation are undertaken each week at home.

I know that our students follow rules and have worked hard to complete the tasks and as frustrated as they will be with this it is not a situation that we are able to influence so we have to ensure that the students still get the best grades of which they are capable.

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 Work Experience takes place from 5 – 9 February 2018. Most students now have their places confirmed and have been for interviews. It is essential that any student who is unsure of their plans sees Mrs Roe on reception next week to finalise a placement. Please could parents encourage their child to be proactive; part of the role of Work Experience is to encourage independence.

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