



Exam Season

We have quickly reached exam season again: the last year seems to have flown by. This week Year 10 have been sitting PPEs and we have had the GCSE and A level Art exams. From Monday the written exams begin and they run until late June. We have been impressed by the way in which the students have approached their PPEs and I am sure that this will continue with the real exams.

We have issued some additional information to Year 11 students this week, and both they and the Sixth Form students have their personal timetables. It is essential that these are kept safe and start times are noted carefully. It would be helpful if parents could check these with the student each evening.

Ramadan 2018

Next Wednesday Ramadan begins for our Muslim students and families. We have again made some provision for students taking exams and included some advice in the information issued this week. GCSE and A level exams are not in the control of the school but we are advised that when the exam timetable was set nationally consideration was given to the fact that it largely coincides with Ramadan this year. However, I need to point out that the exam regulations around arriving late for exams, or missing them completely, still apply. If students or parents have any questions about this, please ask.

Parents' Evening

Next Tuesday week, 22 May, we have the final parents' evening of the year. This time it is Years 7, 10 and 12. Online appointments should be made in advance please. Some teachers have run out of appointments at each of the last two parents' evenings so I would encourage parents to make appointments sooner rather than later. This event begins at 2.30 so **students will be dismissed at 2pm** that afternoon. The Geography GCSE exam is not affected by this and will continue as scheduled.

Bottle Flipping

The weekly house competitions are proving very popular this year. Last week's bottle-flipping was a good example. This time I was one of the competitors and I now know that it is not as easy as it looks! Well done to those who took part, especially those who managed to flip their bottle successfully.

Sean Hayes

KS3 Religious Education update

In KS3 students are being prepared to be religiously literate. This is what they are learning this term:

Year 7 Sources of wisdom and Authority in the church

Year 7 are studying the bible, including the books of the Old Testament and the New Testament Gospels and Letters. They are also thinking about the different ways the Bible is understood and the Bible as a source of guidance and teaching for everyday Christian living. In addition they are studying the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church, the authority of the Pope, Bishops, Priests and Laity.

Year 8: Beliefs and teachings

Year 8 Students are learning how God has his plan for us and our world. They will have an opportunity to reflect on a number of important topics such as the creation of the world, what happens when we die and why Jesus is important for Christians. Students will debate on how to understand the creation story - literally or symbolically e.g. does seven days of creation mean exactly that? What does 'created in the image' of God mean?

Year 9

Year 9 are studying Judaism, which is the oldest of the three Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam).

Please be on the lookout for more updates on KS3 and do get involved either as a parent, guardian or friend.
Dr. Karangi



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Health Week Competition Winner

Congratulations to Aleesha Mahmood for her fantastic written piece for the competition "Why diets don't work". It was well-written, compelling and witty: a clear winning entry. Well done!

Beverley Red Day

On the 4 May Beverley House held their Red Day. The day was a series of activities and stalls that were designed to raise money for good causes. At break time students organised and sold a selection of foods and snacks including samosas, which sold out so quickly that some were very disappointed not to get one, particularly after hearing how delicious they were. Other activities such as golf putting and water bombing also took place and, thanks in part to the lovely weather, it was a great success and we all had fun. Over £950 was raised on the day for our two charities. Many thanks to Beverley tutors, staff and students who supported and helped out on the day.

The Five Rs - Reflection

This week we continue reward students with merits for being reflective in and out of lessons.

It will help to consider these few tips – perhaps parents could discuss them with students:

- I question my work
- I check my work
- I take on board and respond to my WWWs and EBIs
- I learn from my mistakes
- I stop and think before I respond.



Heroes

The Year 10 Heroes are continuing their peer mentoring this term with students from years 7 and 8. Having received their training to become Heroes in December 2017, the Heroes formally meet with their Buddies at least once a fortnight and also aim to see them briefly each and every other day. The Heroes all wear a purple lanyard which identifies them and enables younger students to approach them for help if needed during break and lunch times. Soon we will be looking for new recruits for the Heroes programme.

**Academic Tutoring
Year 7
8 May to 18 May**

News from the Hearing Hub: Science made Simple

On Monday 30 April, St John Fisher School Hearing Hub hosted a 'Science made Simple' workshop for Key Stages 2 and 3 students from across the city. Students visited from ten different primary and secondary schools in order to improve their science skills through a practical workshop. As well as using their knowledge of Physics to complete challenges in a survival scenario, they were also encouraged to explore different methods of communication, including Morse code and semaphore. It was a very successful morning and the Hub will be hosting many more events in the future. Thanks in particular go to Mrs Brown, our specialist HLTA, for her help and support in dealing with technical issues and Magdalena and Elise, our Hub Ambassadors, for their superb hosting skills.

Next week the school are celebrating Deaf Awareness Week, with a range of events and activities for all students. If any parents wish to drop in and look around the Hub and find out more about what we do, there is an open afternoon starting at 3.15pm on Monday 14 May.

Activities Week

During the last week of term, students will be taking part in three focus days. In a change from previous years we will be introducing an activity day on Wednesday 18th July. This idea was launched to students in assemblies last week. All students received a letter on Friday and this week students have been asked to select their top three choices.

Once the selections have been completed, students will be notified of their allocated activity and, if they are going on a visit, they will be issued with a letter and asked for payment. The deadline for all payments and deposits will be Friday 18 May, and I would ask parents to ensure that monies are sent into school before the deadline. We will not guarantee your child's place on a trip if the money has not been paid. Trips that are a little more expensive will have the costs staggered, however the deposit is still required by the 18 May deadline to secure a place.

