



Heading for the end of term

As we head into the final week of the term there is a lot to share. This newsletter includes reports on some of what has been happening, and we have been tweeting furiously, but apologies if we have missed anything. This is the final newsletter for the year, and what a superb year it has been. We had a very successful Ofsted inspection, which followed very good exam results last summer, and we have provided students with more opportunities outside lessons than ever before.

I would like to express my thanks to everyone who has planned or led activities and to the students who have made a determined effort to live life to the full. Next year the school celebrates its 60th Anniversary and we will be going into this in a very strong position.

Farewell

At the end of term we will be saying farewell to the following members of staff: Daniel Perera (French), Sharon Gilligan (Assistant Headteacher), Luke Turner (Chaplain), Lucy Henderson (English), Naz Khan (Head of English), Paula Coggan (Technology), Jodie Bartle (PE). Between them they have made a very significant contribution to the school and for this we are very grateful. They go on to their new positions with our prayers and best wishes.

We also wish Nissa Khan well as she begins her maternity leave, and congratulate Cathy Young on the birth of her son.

Parent Governor Election

A reminder that voting slips should be returned to reception by 9am on Monday, 16 July.

Term Dates

We will celebrate St John Fisher Day next Friday and finish with our traditional barbecue. Students will be dismissed by 2pm. The Autumn Term begins for all students on **Thursday 6 September**. Year 7 students will begin the previous day. Other dates for next year are on the website.



My very best wishes to everyone for a restful and enjoyable summer. Thank you for your contribution to the school this year, no matter how big or small, and here's to an amazing anniversary year when we return.

Sean Hayes

Student Leadership Conference

On Tuesday we hosted this conference for over 70 students from schools across the area. The students were from their school's student council. The conference was a spectacular success and there was lots of positive feedback about St John Fisher. Students from other schools were really impressed with what they saw as they went between workshop sessions. A massive vote of thanks to the staff and our head boy and girl for leading sessions which received fantastic feedback from the visiting pupils.

We have already had requests for expanding on this next year!



Food and Farming Festival

Ten students from Key Stage 3 Learning Support enjoyed an amazing day at the East of England Showground on Friday. Among the favourite attractions were the falconry display, Horse and Hounds, Fire Engine experience and of course the ice cream after lunch. Students were shown how to operate on a sick dog (not a real one) by the Vet on call.



Cancelled Trips

We need to inform you that some trips have had to be cancelled for next week due to low numbers of interested students. Year 9 trip for Paintballing on Monday 16 July 2018 and the Year 10 trip to Imperial War Museum, Duxford on Tuesday 17 July 2018. Any students from Year 9 on that Monday or Year 10 on the Tuesday will now be required to come to school on those days in their P.E. kit.



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Year 9 Holocaust Survivor Visit



Last Wednesday, a group of Year 9 history students had the opportunity to meet Holocaust survivor Harry Bibring, as part of the work with the Holocaust Educational Trust. During the morning Harry spoke of his experiences growing up in Austria during the 1920s and 1930s and how in 1938, he was separated from his parents to become part of the Kindertransport to England. When war broke out, Harry was evacuated to Peterborough so was very glad to be back in the city again. The talk that Harry gave was very interesting and moving, particularly when he spoke about how his parents perished in the Holocaust. Year 9 asked interesting questions, enjoyed looking at the artefacts that Harry brought in and gained a lot from this experience.

Miss Cox

Year 6 Student Council

One of the aims of our Head Boy and Head Girl was to integrate with the school council team at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School. They achieved this meeting on 29 June which was a huge success for both schools since it allowed the interaction between Head Boy and Head Girl of both schools. The meeting consisted of discussions regarding ways to overcome challenges, becoming good leaders and sharing the aims that both councils have. This completed aim puts our Student leaders one step further into achieving their ideas.

Glenver Miranda, Head Boy

Celebration Assemblies

Over the last 2 weeks we have been celebrating achievements through house assemblies. We have had a huge number of students who received 100% attendance awards and many more who were awarded house achievement prizes, please look out for photos in future newsletters.

Focus Day Arrangements

Monday 16 July

Year	Faculty and Activity	Registration Area
7	MFL Chinese Day	Sports Hall
8	Technology Wish You Were Here	Hall
9	Humanities Wickstead Park	Tennis Court 8.30am
	Maths Football themed Maths madness	501
10	English GCSE Speaking and Listening	Classrooms
12	Sixth Form UCAS preparation	Atrium

Tuesday 17 July

Year	Faculty and Activity	Registration
7	RE We're On A Mission From God	Sports Hall
8	MFL Opal Coast Trip	2.50am Student gates
	MFL French Experience Day	Classrooms
9	Science Chemical Analysis	Classrooms
10	Maths Paintball Trip	Tennis Courts 8.40am
	Maths Football themed Maths Madness	Classrooms
12	Sixth Form Visit to Anglia Ruskin University	Tennis Courts 8am

Wednesday 18 July: Activities Day

Students to register in areas outlined in Friday's form time briefing. Information will be outside the hall to remind students on the day.

