



Christmas Fayre is today!

This event has been in the planning for weeks and mentioned in the newsletter several times. Today it is finally happening: do please support it this afternoon and help us raise the money for our sensory garden. We hope that it will be an enjoyable occasion and thank everyone who has contributed to it in any way.

Advent

The season of advent begins on Sunday. This is our period of waiting and preparing for Jesus's birth at Christmas. Despite the adverts and shops displays and Christmas lights that are already up, the four-week countdown should only start this weekend. Advent wreaths have four candles and we light one each week; the final central one is lit on Christmas Day.



Celebrating Christmas in school

It is slightly sad that we are in school for Advent but never Christmas and so we have to celebrate early. Our activities this year will follow the usual pattern: we have a joint Carol Service with Sacred Heart and St Thomas More schools on 13 December – to which you are all invited – and a Christmas Liturgy and dinner on the last day of term, Wednesday 19 December. Staff will have a short Advent service of their own on 11 December. We are in the habit of using Advent as a period of fundraising but this year are focussing more on doing charitable acts, as was explained in last week's newsletter. And next Friday we have Green Day when Westminster House have their turn at fundraising – more below.

Pre-Public Exams and results

Well done to all the students who have sat these exams in the last couple of weeks. Your conduct has been excellent and I am sure that the experience will prove valuable when it comes to the real ones in the summer. We have decided to bring forward Results Day for Year 11 students, and this will now be on Tuesday 11 December. Parents Evening will still be on Tuesday 8 January, as previously announced.

Inspection

We were inspected by Ofsted last November. Ordinarily this would then trigger a diocesan inspection as all church schools, both Catholic and Anglican, are required to have these separate inspections under Section 48 of the Education Act. Our last such inspection was in December 2013 and we were judged outstanding. We have now heard that an inspector will visit the school on Tuesday 11 December and that this will be a shorter monitoring visit, which is in line with what Ofsted did last year. I expect that we will not receive a report until the New Year, but I will make it available as soon as we do.

Sean Hayes

St John Fisher School

Winter Fayre

Friday 30 November
3:30 - 5:00pm

Games and Prizes to suit all ages:	A Range of Stalls to get your Christmas Shopping:
✧ Winter Raffle	✧ Cakes
✧ Chocolate Tombola	✧ Crafts
✧ Pin the Horn on the Winter Unicorn	✧ Bric - a - Brac
✧ Football Darts	✧ Plants
✧ Bottle Roulette	✧ Children's Toys, Books and Games
✧ Hoopla	✧ Refreshments
✧ Colouring Competition	
✧ Build your own Marshmallow Snowman	



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Westminster House's Green Day

Students and staff will be able to come together on Friday 7 December for Westminster's Green Day. Westminster House will also be raising money for a Sensory Garden that will be built at SJF. This is an ambitious project which will benefit so many students and staff for many years to come. It will be a Mufti day for both staff and students at a cost of £1 before the day and £2 on the day. Tickets can be purchased during form time and at lunchtimes in the hall. On the day there will be an array of food items for sale at break time in the playground. I know that the staff and students will get fully behind Green Day and I look forward to letting you know how much is raised.

Mrs Maudsley



Short Story Competition



Opening sentence: *I remember the Christmas when...*

What genre will you choose?



OPEN TO ALL YEARS
PRIZES TO BE WON!



DEADLINE: 13 December 3.30pm
HAND IN TO: Student Services
400-750 words
Make sure your name and form are on your story!

Youth Dreams Project News

At The Living Sports, Sports Awards 2018, which took place last week, YDP were the winners of the 'IMPACT' category, which is focused on rewarding organisations that improve community participation.

One of our students, **Crisaldo Da Costa**, was also nominated for an award in the 'Community Volunteer of the Year' category. We are delighted that he was placed in the top 3. This is an amazing achievement as there were over 100 nominations for this category. Crisaldo was initially part of the YDP Boxercise Motivational Programme in school. He really took to it and continued to develop technically and as a person, becoming a 'Young Leader' and helping the coaches at future sessions. He has made great progress in school and subsequently started to give up his own time during school holidays to gain work experience at the YDP sports camps. He now referees the Under 7 football matches on a Saturday morning. We are incredibly proud of Crisaldo, his motivation and his developing aspiration. Well done!



Year 10 Food

Last week we were very lucky to be given some pheasants from Taste of Game. Our Year 10s had a masterclass from Jamie in the canteen on how to portion them before they had a go themselves. Many thanks to Jamie for his demonstration and to Taste of Game for the pheasants.



Study Centre Festive Design Competition

The Study Centre are running a Grinchmas Spirit Design Competition in association with the IntoFilm Festival. Students are invited to design a gadget to help someone they know and spread happiness and joy all year round. Leaflets and further information are available from the Study Centre. To enter this national competition entries need to be submitted by 5 December. We are also going to extend the deadline in school to 14 December and offer a prize for the best design from a student in our school. Pick up a leaflet from the Study Centre for more information.

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