



Year 11

We said goodbye to Year 11 today in their leaver's liturgy. Most of the students in Year 11 have finished their GCSE exams so it is a time to celebrate this. Year 11 have worked very hard over the past few months preparing themselves for exams and that is why the Prom this evening is so well earned. Well done Year 11 and enjoy this special time.

Code breaking!

On Wednesday the actual Enigma machine from Bletchley Park came to St John Fisher which was a monumental opportunity for our students and staff to see and learn about how codes were broken and messages intercepted which ultimately helped to end the war. Visitors from Bletchley Park explained how the machine worked and the significance it held for Britain.

Anne Frank

Yesterday would have been Anne Frank's birthday. It marks a time when Anne received her diary as a birthday present and began writing in it. To commemorate the significance of the writings of Anne Frank, Mrs Wilmore, Miss Cox and students have been leading assemblies this week about her diary and the way the family lived in hiding during the second world war.

Parents Evening

Thank you to parents for attending the parents evening on Tuesday, it was a positive evening with a good turnout.

Kate Pereira

Year 12 Induction Day Thursday, 20 June 2019

On Thursday we will be welcoming 120 students into school for their Induction day into the Sixth Form. This will be an opportunity for them to meet the teachers they will have in Year 12 as well as their fellow students. The focus of the day is to give them an insight into the standards and expectations of our Sixth Form, as well as to outline the courses they will be taking. Students will also receive transition work which they will complete over the summer holiday in preparation for a good start in September 2019.

If parents have any questions they should contact the school and ask to speak to Mr Reilly.

EU Settlement Scheme

The EU settlement scheme is for EEA and Swiss citizens, and non-EU family members.

You have until 30 June 2021 to apply, or 31 December 2020, in the event of a no-deal.

It is a 3-step process which is FREE.

You need to complete a short online application form at gov.uk/apply-eu-settled-status.

Peterborough Passport Office will verify your ID if you cannot scan it. In Peterborough, both GLADCA and PARCA can give you help and information. The City Council will also help.

For further information, you can contact Ms Roberts at school: lindsay.roberts@stjohnfisherschool.org.uk or telephone: 01733 343646.

**Academic Tutoring
Year 10
10 June - 21 June**

Activities Day

This is the final plea for any outstanding balances to be paid to Student Services. We need to finalise numbers and any students who have not paid the full amount by Friday 14 June will lose their place on the trip and may not get their deposits returned.

Rochester House - Yellow Day

Yellow Day takes place next Thursday. Mufti tickets have been on sale priced £1.00 all week. Any student without a ticket will need to pay £2 on the day to wear mufti. More on this next week.

Year 11s attending the sixth form induction will need to dress in business wear, but a charitable donation would still be greatly appreciated. More in next week's letter about the activities.

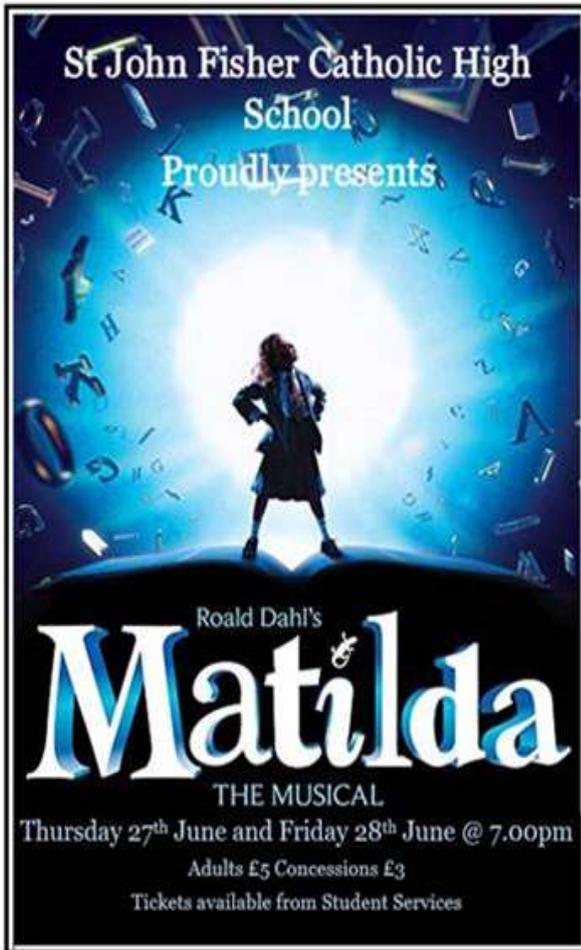
Summer Fiesta: Friday, 5 July 2019

We will be having a summer fiesta on Friday 5 July between 3.30 and 5.00pm. There will be stalls, games and entertainment. Entrance is free and all monies raised will go towards the sensory garden. If any parents would like to volunteer their help please contact Miss Wilson in school.

Myriad Project

We welcomed the research team from the Myriad project back into school this week to complete the latest round of data collection following the delivery of mindfulness lessons last term. We are currently working on how we can embed Mindfulness in our curriculum for all year groups and will be launching this in PSHE next year. Thank you to all the students involved for their co-operation.

Key Stage 4 Girls Mindfulness Club runs on Tuesday lunchtimes in room 210. Please see Miss Wilson or Ms Roberts for further details.



SEND Parent Coffee Morning

Just a quick reminder that parents of students with Special Educational Needs are invited to a coffee morning on Friday 21 June between 9.00 and 10.00am. This will give you the opportunity to informally meet key staff and ask any questions you may have about provision in school. A representative from Family Voice, a parent advocate group, will also be present. We will also be focusing on the theme of transition and have resources available for you to look at to see how we support children to transfer across phases.

Please contact Miss Wilson if you require any further details.

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Enigma Machine comes to school

The mathematics faculty arranged for a visitor from Bletchley Park to come to the school and discuss all manner of codes, ciphers and encryptions with students of all age groups. The first group to go through the training were the cadets, as they have an obvious military link.



The codes started off rather basic, focusing on acronyms and hiding words in sentences. Over the course of the hour they got significantly more difficult, with the idea of a Caesar cipher being introduced (moving the whole alphabet by several letters). This progressed all the way up to the enigma machine which generated codes with over 4 quintillion possible combinations. To put that into perspective, counting one number a second would take over 126 million years!

The students were enthralled by all of the possible ways of writing codes and becoming future spies.

