



## House Celebration Assemblies

We held our end of year Celebration Assemblies this week and rewarded students for a variety of achievements across school from 100% Attendance and subject prizes to their contribution to school life and taking part in the school production of Matilda. What was particularly encouraging was the way students applauded each other in a very genuine and supportive way.

## Kindness

Whilst we are on the subject of students supporting others, I must mention one student in particular who acted with kindness on his way home from school. The only way I found out about this was via an e-mail from a member of the public who was quite overwhelmed by this student's act of kindness. James Taylor, who is in Westminster House and Andre Acquaye who is in Rochester House were on the train home on a very crowded train when James offered up his seat. What a lovely e-mail to receive! I have included an extract from the e-mail for you to read:

*Yesterday I was travelling with my husband on the train from Peterborough. It was 'jam packed'. We were standing in the doorway when a lad of about 13/14 asked me if I would like his seat....*

*I know in this day of equality it was not necessary but as a mum & grandma I looked beyond the offer of a seat to a respectful, kind and thoughtful lad going forward into adulthood..... My main reason for emailing you are in this world of knocking youth, it is my pleasure to say there are good kids and I met one yesterday.*

## Student Conference

On Tuesday over 70 students from across Peterborough joined our School Council for an excellent student Conference. This is a rare opportunity for school Councils to get together for workshops and Keynote speeches about current issues that concern young people and to learn more about student leadership. My gratitude to Mr Karia for organising this.

## Transition Project

We have just come to the end of our new Transition Project week with St Thomas More Catholic Primary school which has been very successful. There are more details below for you to read but overall it has benefited the Year 6 students, our staff and the staff at St Thomas More and will hopefully make the transition to St John Fisher much easier in September for the students.

## End of Term

A reminder that school finishes at 2pm next Friday 19 July for students.

Kate Pereira

## Focus Day Arrangements

Students are reminded that they need to wear full school uniform on Monday and Tuesday, unless otherwise indicated. Year 9 will need to bring their PE kit with them on Tuesday.

### Monday 15 July

Year Group	Faculty and Activity	Registration Area
7	<b>Science</b> Visit to Space Centre (no uniform required) STEM activities	Classrooms
8	<b>Maths</b> Team Building	Hall
9	<b>Humanities</b> Wicksteed Park (no uniform required) <b>MFL</b> Languages carousel and Escape Room	Wicksteed Park: Tennis Courts In School: 204, 205, 206
10	<b>RE / Technology</b> Relationships Retreat	Sports Hall
Sixth Form	UCAS preparation	Atrium

### Tuesday 16 July

Year Group	Faculty and Activity	Registration Area
7	<b>MFL</b> "Soyons créatifs!" "Let's be creative in languages!"	Dining Hall
8	<b>Technology / RE</b> Sensory Garden Activities	Classrooms
9	<b>Expressive Arts</b> Music and Sports Carousel	Sports Hall
10	<b>English</b> GCSE Preparation	Classrooms
Sixth Form	Visit to Anglia Ruskin University	Atrium

## University of Cambridge - Year 10 visit

On Thursday 27 June, some students from Year 10 Languages visited Magdalene College, Cambridge



University, as part of a project that promotes studying languages at higher education. We participated in a series of activities and learnt some Russian and Chinese. These activities ranged from introducing ourselves to singing.

Other than this, we sat and listened to and asked current Cambridge students studying languages about the benefits of the course and learning languages. We also had the chance to ask them about the work-load, student life, and any extra-curricular activities offered at the university and they gave very useful and informative responses and advice.

The day was successful and insightful for all students, as many, if not all of us, are considering studying a language at University or in any higher education. I would recommend this trip to other students considering studying languages at GCSEs or A-Level.

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## Great Get Together

On Thursday last week, the 6th form leadership team and helpers organised our annual Great Get Together. They supplied and cooked food for 200 students in memory of the late Jo Cox. Her message of 'WE have more in common than that which divides us' rings so true at St John Fisher school and we are proud of our students and their diversity which enhances the culture of our school.

## Student Conference

On Tuesday 9 July we held our 2nd Annual student conference at St John Fisher School. 10 schools from around Peterborough came to share in ideas that would



launch projects in school councils across the city. Students took part in workshops about Leadership, Mindfulness, Boxercise, Innovative Curriculum and Team Building. The day was completed by schools sharing and presenting their initiatives with other delegates. Thanks to Vision for Education, The Fix Up Team, YDP and our staff Mrs Maudsley and Ms Wilson for delivering such fantastic sessions.

## Year 10 – Summer Maths Competition

All year 10 students are competing as classes to find out the most hardworking, dedicated and enthusiastic maths group, ahead of returning as Year 11's. To gain point for your class, log into the PiXL Maths App and complete the tasks that have been set for you. If you want to gain extra points, try some of the different grade challenges. The Class with the most points in September will receive a prize. May the best group win! Good Luck.

*Miss White*

## My Hero Experience

During my time in year 10, I was given the opportunity to become a hero. Becoming a hero came with many responsibilities, however, the main one being our assigned buddies. Over the course of the year, each of us were expected to mentor a year 7 student, meeting them once a week, giving them advice when necessary, and just generally being someone who they could confide in.

At the beginning of my hero's journey the 'Hero's training day' was put in place to ensure we had in mind the skills that may need to be applied when listening, or giving advice to our buddy. Throughout the experience we were also invited to support the year 6's on their induction day to the school – to help settle any nerves related to starting secondary school, and making sure they had all the information they needed.

Overall I have enjoyed becoming a hero, and would recommend the experience to any Year 9's going into Year 10. I will take forward all the new skills I have learnt, plus it looks good on my CV.

*Elicia D'Ambrosio*

## Transition Project

This week we have been delighted to welcome St Thomas More Year 6 students into school. They have spent the week following a secondary school timetable and learning our school routines and systems. Here is what some of them have had to say about their experience:

*"This has helped me for September because I know my way around and I have met some of the teachers."*

*"My favourite lesson was Maths – we learnt how to measure the angles of polygons."*

*"I would definitely recommend you do this next year as well."*

Well done to the Year 6 students and thank you to all our staff for their hard work.

## Summer Fiesta

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Summer Fiesta. We raised just over £600 for the Sensory Garden.

## ACTIVITY DAY WEDNESDAY, 17 JULY 2019

Your child was given a letter today confirming the activity they will be taking part in next Wednesday and the arrangements for the day.  
Students do not need to wear uniform.

**Please ensure you read this letter**