



Advent

We are nearly at the end of the second week of Advent and lit the second candle on the Advent wreath this week which represents Love. We also held Reconciliation in school on Tuesday. After our services in the morning, students were invited to come and receive Reconciliation with the help of five of our deanery priests. As usual Reconciliation was very well attended and a welcome opportunity for reflection and preparation for Christmas. Thank you to everybody who helped with Reconciliation and especially our deanery priests.



Carol Service

The Peterborough Catholic Schools Carol Service took place last night and was fantastic. This is where the three Catholic schools of St John Fisher, St Thomas More and The Sacred Heart all join together to sing carols and reflect on the journey of Advent. It started with a candlelit procession and consisted of each school singing a song they had prepared. The readings took us through the meaning of Advent and then the Joint Peterborough Catholic Schools Choir sang a beautiful carol together. Well done to everyone who was involved and thank you to all who came to support their children and our Catholic schools.

Rochester – Acts of Kindness

Rochester House have been busy leading the school this week in performing Acts of Kindness which are all part of our efforts during advent to bring the four aspects of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace to others. There have been a number of activities taking place to encourage kindness to others throughout this week and into next week. The activities range from buying a gingerbread man and giving it to someone as a gift to singing carols in local care homes. There is still time left to buy a gingerbread man for £1.00 and send it to someone in school as a gift.

Celebration Assemblies

Beverley, Rochester and Cambridge have all had their celebration assemblies this week which gave us an opportunity to congratulate students for their hard work and effort over the term. Westminster will have their celebration assembly on Monday. Well done to all students who received certificates, awards and special recognition.

Elections

Not only did we have the General Election yesterday but we also held an election in school for head boy and head girl today. The results will be shared as soon as we have them.

End of term

School closes for Christmas next Thursday at 2pm and reopens on Monday 6 January for all students and staff. Our last day of term will consist of Christmas liturgies and a shared Christmas meal together. It is a wonderful opportunity for the whole school to come together to celebrate Christmas as a community. Last year the school had to close one day early because of a burst water pipe and the Christmas celebrations could not take place. This also means that this year's Christmas celebration will be new for all students in Years 7 & 8 and any students and staff who joined the school after December 2017.

Kate Pereira

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Alumni News

We are delighted to tell you that Alasdair Ager, a former student who left the school in 2018, has been accepted as a commissioned Warfare Officer in the Royal Navy. He will start training at the Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth in May 2020. Alasdair has worked really hard during the last 18 months to go through a gruelling application process and we are immensely proud of his achievement. We are hoping that before he leaves he will come into school to talk to some of our students about the application process for the armed forces and the opportunities that lie ahead. Well done Alasdair!



Anglia Ruskin University Medical Day



Anglia Ruskin University

We had an eye-opening experience at Anglia Ruskin University where they gave us a tour of the facilities they have to help aid the learning process for their Medicine courses. We were able to gain an insight to the unique clinical opportunities that the university has to offer, they implemented a realistic simulated environment of a hospital and general practice with computer-driven full body simulators as patients!

Chloe, Renita & Priti – Year 12



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Advent Fayre

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Advent Fayre last Friday. Despite an almost biblical downpour at 3.15pm we still had many people brave the weather. There is still money coming in, however we have raised in excess of £500 which will go towards the completion of the sensory garden. Thank you to all parents and friends who supported us as well as the staff and students who volunteered.



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Preparation for Adulthood Student Conference

On Monday four of our Year 10 students attended a student conference organised by the Local Authority. Which focused on preparing young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities for adulthood. The students were asked for their views about how schools help them and also the skills they think they need for the future. Our students contributed their views, along with students from secondary schools across Peterborough and also ate copious amounts of doughnuts. Thanks you to Daniel, Alishaan, Valter and Sufyaan for their efforts. They are really looking forward to the Spring and Summer events!!