



## Beverley House Mass

Beverley House celebrated Mass on Wednesday. The theme of the Mass was Growth and Faith, centred around the Parable of the Sower. Fr Karol spoke of how God loves everybody, regardless of who we are or what we believe or do not believe, and he used the analogy of God planting a seed in every body. My thanks to the excellent readers and musicians, to the singers from Chorum and those who performed the offertory, bringing up a shield from each form group in the House. It was a lovely celebration. Thank you to Mrs Udejaja, Mrs Goodfellow, Mrs Harmson, Ms James and other members of staff who helped.

## Options afternoon and Parents evening

Thank you to parents and staff involved in the Year 9 options afternoon and evening, which was very well attended. Students had taster sessions in Media and Business, attended a talk about options and spoke to subject teachers. Option choices must be completed online by 14 February.

## Holocaust Memorial Day

We have been remembering the victims of Holocaust this week through our theme 'Children of God.' You may also have seen the report on Look East, seen the video on YouTube or viewed the extensive photos of our students in the Peterborough Telegraph taking part in the commemorations of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, which took place in the centre of Peterborough on Monday. St John Fisher School joined with other groups across Peterborough in a ceremony of remembrance and hope, performing some drama in Cathedral Square, which was an interpretation of the Holocaust. This was then followed by a service in St John's Church. Our Head Boy and Head Girl introduced each speaker and lit the candle of remembrance. In the evening, our students read out poetry inspired by a Holocaust survivor and showed a painting produced by one of our students. This work had been produced as a result of some of our students taking part in a workshop with members of the Inter-faith Council of Peterborough. You can read some of our student reflections and view photographs and the painting by Sabina Strug overleaf.

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## Travel and Tourism Visit to Peterborough United

Last Thursday the Year 11 Travel and Tourism students visited the Weston Homes Stadium, London Road for a tour of the ground. This was part of their coursework for the Customer Service module. The students had an amazing tour, which



included the changing rooms, Press room, stands, pitch and Executive Suite. Phil Adlam, the POSH Press Officer, was most informative and was able to give the students an insight into how the club is organised and the routines on match days. Students were shocked to find out that players receive a fine of £250 if their mobile phone rings in the dressing room – we are considering introducing that rule in school! Students were also able to research how the Club meets the needs of different kinds of customers, such as families and people with additional physical needs. Since the students returned to school they have completed three pieces of coursework on this topic, all made easier because they have seen the stadium and understand clearly how different customer service needs are met. The students were impeccably behaved and asked some extremely insightful questions; they were a credit to the school. We are extremely grateful to Phil at POSH for giving up his time and being so patient with us.

## Alumni Network: We need you!

Please help us reach out to our former students using your own networks. From doctors to dancers, pilots to plumbers, we need alumni from a range of careers to open our students' eyes to what is possible.

If you are a former student or know of any who would like to stay in touch and give back to their old school, ask them to sign up at:

<https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/signup/sjfishigh>



## Holocaust Memorial Day: Reflections

On Monday morning the CCF travelled to the city centre where the Holocaust Memorial was held. The cadets arrived before any



other schools and made a stunning impression on the public, in their neat ranks with perfect uniform. Shortly after, they followed the procession into the town centre where a Year 9 drama class displayed a piece to honour the fallen and affected by the Holocaust. After this, the cadets and Year 9 pupils went into St Johns Church where a memorial service was carried out, which included: poems, singing and prayers from many different cultures and schools. Lastly, pupils headed out to the Holocaust Memorial site where a wreath was laid and a final prayer was said. It was a spectacular display of respect for the past.

*Joanna Rodrigues, Year 10*



Last Monday was the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. I was part of the Year 9 drama group which performed a piece in Cathedral Square as part of the civic commemoration. We were joined by the Mayor and other representatives and members of the public also watched. I found the experience very moving and realised the importance of the event. After our performance we went to St John's Church and I felt part of a wider community. I listened while people shared their life experiences and students from some other schools read prayers. Our Head Boy and Head Girl, Erin and Armandas led the ceremony and represented our school very well.

*Shea Graham-Green, Year 9*

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In November, a group of sixth formers, including myself attended a workshop for Holocaust poetry, where we were introduced to Lotte Kramer's poems. We have since been preparing for a Holocaust Memorial Service, which we attended on Monday evening at St John the Baptist church in the Cathedral Square. We read poetry inspired by Lotte's work and presented a painting I created, having been inspired by one of her poems, 'Lament and Celebration'.



We were joined at the service by the Cambridge Jewish choir, which sang about the Holocaust and the War, as well as All Souls' Youth Choir. It was so inspiring to see so many people engage in the service and hear the amazing voices in the choir. It was a memorable event, and it gave us an opportunity to talk to everyone who attended, including Lotte Kramer's son.

*Sabina Strug, Year 12*