



Welcome back to a new school year

Welcome to all students, particularly those who are new to the school. Following our successful induction sessions last week we had a very smooth week of lessons, using our new COVID secure systems and procedures. Students and staff have worked together to make sure everybody is safe by following the one way system, wearing a face covering in corridors and shared spaces, sanitising hands regularly and keeping a safe distance from each other where required. The year group bubbles are working well at break and lunch times as well as when moving around the school. Thank you to everyone for playing his or her part and please keep up the excellent effort.

Face coverings and equipment

Please remember to bring a face covering into school every day along with a pencil case with pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, glue etc.



Break time

Please remember to bring a snack and a drink into school for break time whilst we are unable to serve food at break time. We hope to be able to reintroduce a break service in the near future.

Welcome to new staff

We welcome the following members of staff to the school:

Mr Marvin Zimmerman (Teacher of History)
Miss Karen Wilson (Teacher of Science)
Miss Molly Haslam (Teacher of PE)
Miss Paige Corrigan (Teacher of Drama)
Mrs Bushra Begum (Teacher of IT)
Mrs Cosmina Chiriac (Teacher of Mathematics)
Ms Asmita Malde-Kara (Teacher of MFL)
Mr Craig Young (Assistant Headteacher Assessment)
Ms Lara Haig (Trainee teacher of Music)

Year 7 Applications for September 2021

We continue to be heavily oversubscribed. If your child is currently in Year 6 and a Baptised Catholic and you are going to apply to St John Fisher for a school place for next September can I remind you of the need to include your child's Baptism Certificate with the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) at the point of application and before the deadline. This is very important. I also want to remind all prospective parents of the need to fill in the SIF on both sides IN FULL when you apply. If applications are incomplete they are unlikely to be accepted and you may not get a place. In the event of over subscription which we are expecting again we apply our over subscription criteria which is published in our admissions policy. We will be producing a school video to support applications to the school for prospective students, as we will not be holding physical Open Evenings this year because of the pandemic. A link to this will be provided on our website at the beginning of October and sent to all prospective parents.

Kate Pereira

Visitors

Due to the rise in cases of Covid-19 infections in Peterborough, parents and visitors are no longer allowed in school under any circumstances. Please contact school by phone; 01733 343646 or email; enquiries@stjohnfisherschool.org.uk Check School website for details.

Year 13 PPEs

Year 13 PPEs start on Monday. This is an opportunity for the students to demonstrate how well they are progressing towards their public examinations next summer. This will also inform teachers of a student's ability when making predictions for their UCAS applications.

Here are a few quick reminders of the rules and expectations when sitting examinations:

- No mobile phones
- Water must be in clear plastic bottles
- Check exam timetable to confirm times of exams and seating plan
- Do not use any form of communication once in the exam hall

Good luck to all students and a reminder to try your best and attempt every question.

Covid 19

What you need to tell us!

If you are self-isolating or quarantining please contact the school and give us the following information:

- Your child's Name and Tutor Group
- Reason for isolation/ quarantine
- Date of expected return to school

Phone on 01733 343646
or use the **Gateway app**

PE Curriculum

The PE curriculum will be slightly different for the foreseeable future. The biggest change is that students must arrive to school in their PE kit as the changing rooms are out of bounds. This week we have been very lucky with the weather, however when the colder/damper weather moves in we recommend that students come to school in black tracksuit bottoms to wear over their shorts as well as bringing a spare tracksuit top in case of wetter weather. We are keeping all of the equipment clean with our new sprayers and students are washing hands regularly with sanitiser. Although it is different we are still offering tennis, athletics, cricket, softball and rounders for this half term. We look forward to starting clubs when it is safe to do so and getting that buzz going again – we had a very successful year against other schools last year and cannot wait to get going again soon!

Covid-19 Related Absence from School

A Quick Guide for Parents can be found on the school website

<https://www.stjohnfishersschool.org.uk/september-opening/>

Knowledge Organisers

Students in Year 7 and 8 have been issued with a Knowledge Organiser (KO), which will be added to each term. KOs are an effective learning tool as they give the complete knowledge needed for a particular topic of study. It is the 'big picture' of what will be taught by the end of the topic. Teachers will use KOs in their lessons and when setting homework so students must have these with them at all times. Parents can support their children's learning by using the KO at home by:

- Encouraging your child to use the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check system to learn the information.
- Encouraging your child to complete any support or challenge tasks.
- Help your child to recall information by quizzing them or giving them spelling tests.
- Promote independent study especially towards the end of the half term when assessments usually take place in lessons.

If a student loses their KO, they can purchase another one from Student Services for £1.



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PSHE corner

We know that young people have returned to school with a variety of personal experiences, feelings and anxieties about the Covid-19 pandemic. It is essential to establish 'normality', as quickly as possible for students and get them back to learning. However, we can also expect many to take longer to settle back into a school routine following lockdown compared to a period of absence such as the summer break.

In PSHE this half term, all students will be given the opportunity to address their concerns and issues experienced during the Covid-19 crisis and lockdown; they will also be provided with some skills and strategies to help them manage the 'new normal'.