



Armistice Day

Thank you to the Cadets and all who organised the remembrance parade and commemoration ceremony on Armistice Day on Wednesday of this week. It was a smaller event than in previous years due to the social distancing required but nevertheless went very well and allowed us to reflect on those who gave their lives for others in war and conflict. After a prayer led by our Chaplain, Mrs Goodfellow, Kaiden read a poem about *Flanders Field*. Students across school watched videos our cadets had prepared and reflected on the remembrance thoughts prepared by Mrs Goodfellow. We held two minutes silence across school, which was followed by playing *The Last Post* and the laying of wreaths of poppies next to the flag.

Virtual Year 11 and 13 Parents Evening – 1 December

Our Parents' Evening is going ahead as per the school calendar but remotely. This means it will not be at school so please do not come in for it. Parents and students in Years 11 and 13 will be able to make appointments to speak to their subject teachers but it will all be done remotely through our normal online parents evening system. More information about the evening and how it will work will be sent out soon.

Kate Pereira

Masks

We have received new guidance from the government around the wearing of masks. We already have a well-established system in school with wearing masks in communal areas and are delighted that students have fully engaged with this and have taken responsibility for the safety of our community. The new guidance means that students must wear a mask that fits tightly over their face. This means that students need to secure their mask to ensure it does not fall down and is not loose on their face. It will also not be possible for students to wear plastic visors or plastic face shields, which have a gap between the shield and the skin.

We will be reminding students about this, but parental support is always very welcome. If you could also provide a plastic bag for your student to keep their mask in while they are in lessons that will also support the hygienic removal of masks. We would also remind students that if they are wearing reusable masks they do need to wash them!

The CCF Remembers

Remembrance Day is a key moment in the CCF calendar, as the nation pauses and commemorates the members of the armed forces who have died in conflict. While the activities of our contingent have been limited due to COVID restrictions, our cadets were still keen to participate in some way.

Our NCOs prepared a video and some slides for tutor briefing, explaining about Remembrance and why it is so meaningful. These were shown to all students on Wednesday morning. Our NCOs also planned a smaller version of our usual parade.



The parade assembled in the courtyard at 10.45 and our Chaplain, Mrs Goodfellow led us in prayer. Kaiden Pereira read a poem, *In Flanders Fields* and we then observed the 2 minutes silence. Following that Mrs Pereira and two NCOs laid wreaths and the parade was dismissed. Thank you to everyone who took great pains to ensure that this important day was commemorated appropriately.

Joanna Rodrigues

**Year 10
Academic Tutoring:
9 - 20 November 2020**

Message from our Safe Schools Team

Knife Crime awareness week of action
9 – 15 November 2020

Operation Sceptre (#operationsceptre) is a National Campaign to target knife related crime by raising awareness amongst communities and to encourage everyone to understand the risks and how you can help to reduce these offences and keep people safe.

During the Week of Action, or over coming weeks, your child may receive a presentation in school which highlights the risks and consequences of knives and how to keep yourself and others safe by reporting any concerns. There will also be advice, updates and key messages posted via the Cambridgeshire Constabulary Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages – please take a look.



SJF Showdown

We are embarking on a series of challenges to motivate our students and sustain the great community spirit they have demonstrated thusfar this term.

Our first challenge is for each form to creatively decorate and fill a Christmas Hamper. The filled hampers will then be donated to Friary Court, a care home for the elderly. Over the next couple of weeks the forms will be designing and decorating their hampers and also collecting food to fill it. We would appreciate parental support with this; residents of care homes have had a very difficult time this year and we would like to try and support them if we can. Good luck to everyone!

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**

SEND Virtual Coffee Morning
Friday 27 November 2020
9.00 – 10.00am

Take the opportunity to meet with the SEND team informally and ask any questions you may have about our provision.



Please email Miss Wilson in order to receive a Teams meeting invite

catherine.wilson@stjohnfisherschool.org.uk

The Study Centre

The Study Centre is available for years 7 and 8 on a rota basis. It is open after school between 3.15pm and 4.15pm for supervised study. We would particularly encourage any students struggling to organise their homework to attend.

Students will need to book a slot with their tutor or at Student Services. It will be operated on a first come first served basis with a maximum of 20 students per day.

Day	Year
Monday	7
Tuesday	8
Wednesday	7
Thursday	8
Friday	7

Covid-19 Related Absence from School

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

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