



## The Arts

Education in the Arts is incredibly important at St John Fisher and we are always keen to support students to discover their creative talents and give all students opportunities to work creatively through Art, Music and Drama. The Arts can also give students reflection time and can help with well-being and mental health.

During the lockdown students managed to complete work and study but were also able to take part virtually in cultural events involving Art and Music. One tremendous example of an opportunity for our students was created by Miss James. Miss James is a talented RE teacher here at school but is also an ex pupil who took part in Drama and Music and is an advocate of the Arts. Many of our ex pupils have gone on to further study or training in the Arts such as Kirsty Macintosh who is part of the cast of SIX in the West End and Siobhan Kelly, who is a working actor based in London.

Following a simple request for the famous actor, Juliet Stevenson CBE, to send a voice message to support staff and students during the lockdown, Miss James managed to continue the connection further! As a result of this incredible networking, Juliet Stevenson has now volunteered to do a live Question and Answer interview with the school which is incredible. Miss James reveals the details below.

My thanks goes to Miss James for this great opportunity for our students and for the staff who helped students to connect to the Arts during the time of school closure.

## Safety

### Colder Weather

As the weather is getting colder this week please can you make sure your child has a warm coat and suitable waterproof shoes for school. Hoodies are not allowed at school and should not be worn and are not a suitable replacement for a coat. Thank you for your continued cooperation in this matter.

### Darker evenings

Please remind your child about walking home and crossing the road safely when it is dark. It is better to walk home with another person if possible and to keep to streets that are well lit. Students should always let you know in advance if they are planning to go to a friend's house after school.

*Kate Pereira*

## Juliet Stevenson CBE

As Mrs Pereira has explained, an exciting opportunity has arisen with the chance for our school to be able to interview and speak to an award-winning actor.

Juliet has kindly offered her time to speak to selected Year 10 and Sixth form students about her life, her career and her charity work. She had previously recorded a voice message (which students can still hear on Teams) for the school and is keen to be able to speak to students. The students will ask her questions given to them by other students and staff. This interview will then be recorded for all students and staff to view. If you have any questions that you would like to ask her, then please email me for the chance to have Juliet hear it.



## Outstanding Homework

Well done to Jude for an excellent piece of homework. He has created a Creed that shows the great community spirit of St John Fisher. Well done!

At St John Fisher we believe that education helps us understand diversity

That faith is stronger than fear

That effort is more important than results

That kindness is more cherished than appearance

That health is more valuable than wealth

That support is more powerful than criticism

That respect is our weapon against hatred

And above all we are one community

*Written by Jude W7a*

## 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/>

## 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    |

## Free School Meals

Are you eligible for free school meals? This saves families around £400 a year and gives £900 (per child) of additional funding to their school. Your circumstances may have changed if COVID has affected your working situation.

Your child will be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) and an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work less hours per week.

If you are unsure or would like to enquire about this please contact the school.

**Academic Tutoring  
Year 11:  
23 November -  
4 December**

## Year 11 and 13 Parents Evening

This takes place on Tuesday, 1 December, and will involve a remote video call using our existing parents evening system. Please look carefully at the instructions, which were sent to parent earlier this month.

## SJF Showdown

Don't forget to keep bringing in donations for the hamper competition, which is hotting up! Tutor group R7a have already nearly filled their hamper with goodies. Thank you to all parents for your support with this charitable initiative. Don't forget that you can look at Teams for Mrs Lester's weekly videos to support with the decorative aspect of the challenge.

## Virtual Christmas Light Switch-On

Peterborough Council have planned a virtual Christmas light switch-on. This will take place on Wednesday, 2 December at 7.00pm. Last week our choir recorded a Christmas song and were one of just seven schools invited to take part. Put the date in your diaries so you can watch their wonderful singing.

You are asked not to go to Cathedral Square on that evening, in order to keep our community safe. To view the event visit the website and social media channels of Peterborough City Council, BBC Radio Cambridgeshire, Peterborough Community Radio and Peterborough Live.

**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**

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