



Advent

This Sunday will be the first Sunday in Advent. This is the four weeks in the Church's Year leading up to Christmas. It is a time of waiting and great expectations. The messages of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace run throughout the four weeks of Advent and are a reminder of how we need to support each other and stay close to God and those we care for. Advent also reminds us that we are a community and as a school we come together at this time to pray for those in need and for an end to the current situation with the pandemic. Each Monday during Advent, we will be lighting a candle on our Advent wreath. Year 7 students involved in this have already recorded their parts in readiness for the weekly lighting to be shared in form groups each Monday. My thanks to Mrs Goodfellow, Mrs Patel and the students involved.

End of term

On the last day of term, we usually gather together as a school for Christmas liturgies and Christmas dinner. This year because of the Pandemic, we cannot do this in the same way. We will however still follow the same outline of the day as we usually do. The Christmas liturgy will take place virtually and in form rooms and the Christmas dinner will be delivered to each form room. The activities should be enjoyable as we are celebrating that Christmas is very close and the coming together of our school community in spirit at the end of what will be a very long term. The last day of term will be a non-uniform day and students will be asked to contribute £1 which will go to the charity EducAid. The day is also a Christmas jumper day if staff and students wish to wear one.

Years 11 and 13 Parents evening

This is a reminder that all appointments will be virtual and the evening will not take place in person at school.

Kate Pereira

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/>

YEAR 11 Horsforth Quadrant

Following the collection of the latest assessment data, students have been placed into different groups corresponding to their Attitude to learning (ATL) and their Average Difference from their MEGs (ADM).

We will be working with each group in different ways from now until the summer exams to ensure students reach or even exceed their potential.

The Horsforth quadrant is shown below with an explanation of the different groups.

ADM		
AMBITION	ASPIRE	ATL
ACTION	ACCELERATE	

ASPIRE

Students are constantly working hard and attitudes to learning is always a 1 or 2. This hard work is reflected in their grades and on average they are meeting or exceeding their MEGs. This is all great news, however we don't want students to be complacent and want them to ASPIRE to be even greater.

AMBITION

On average students are achieving above their MEGs, however teachers are recognising that they are not working as hard as they could. Therefore we want them to have more AMBITION and drive to exceed their MEGs even more.

ACCELERATE

Students attitude to learning is positive and teachers are recognising that they want to do well. However this is not transferring to their grades and on average they are below their MEGs. We all need to work together to find strategies that will help them ACCELERATE their learning to achieve the grades their hard work deserves.

ACTION

We know hard work can be rewarded with positive grades. This is seen in the aspire section above, however the same relationship can hold with a poor attitude to learning and underachievement towards the MEGs. If students are in this section THEY need to take ACTION now to turn their focus towards their studies. This first step will begin their journey out of the red. This then gives us something to work with to help them achieve theirs MEGs.

Mr Young



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

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

Academic Tutoring
Year 11:
23 November -
4 December

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.

SJF Showdown

Don't forget to keep bringing in donations for the hamper competition, which is hotting up! Tutor groups are managing to fill up their hampers with lots of goodies. Thank again to all parents for their support. To support with the decorative element of the challenge remember that you can look at Teams for Mrs Lester's regular videos.



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@sjfpeterborough

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.