



St John Fisher News

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Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone for the efforts being shown at the moment in getting work done remotely. Teachers continue to say how pleased they are with the way students have persevered with working from home during this lockdown and the lengths some of them are going to make sure they stay on top of their work. There have been no further updates yet from the Government around reopening or the exams consultation since I wrote last week in the newsletter and we will let you know as soon as we know anything else.

Bereavement

We continue to remember those who have died recently during this pandemic. Numerous family members of our students and staff have sadly passed away in recent weeks and months and we remember them all in our thoughts and prayers. If you would like a name or a prayer to be added to the school prayer book, please email our school Chaplain, Mrs Goodfellow. We also heard the sad news about Captain Sir Tom this week who raised so much money for the NHS and remember the strong spirit he had and wise words of hope he always spoke. Our condolences to all families who have lost a loved one.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week has been children's mental health week, resources and links have been shared on TEAMS for students as well as many other things being done to support students across school. We are very conscious of the amount of screen time students are exposed to at the moment and suggest that students take regular breaks away from a screen to benefit their wellbeing as well as getting outside for some exercise.

COVID-19 Testing

Following the setting up and trialling of COVID testing here at school with staff on site using lateral flow tests, we will be offering students on site the opportunity to have a test at school over the next few weeks. The tests are used for people who do not have any symptoms of COVID-19. This means that students who are currently attending school because they are either classed as vulnerable or are the child of a critical worker and cannot work from home safely will be offered two tests three days apart. Parental consent will be required if students are under 16 and we will organise for this to be collected, so please do not contact school about this. Testing is not compulsory, it is an offer, but it is hoped that most students will want to take part to help to slow the transmission of the virus in the community.

EU Settlement Scheme

The Home Office have asked us to remind you that if you or your children are eligible for the EU Settlement Scheme and have not yet applied, the deadline is 30 June 2021. Children and Young people need their own EU Settled Status and are not covered by their parents. There is more information below if this applies to you or your family.

Kate Pereira

EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS)

If you are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family members may be eligible to apply to the [EU Settlement Scheme \(EUSS\)](#). The application deadline, for those who were living in the UK by the end of the transition period at 23:00 GMT on 31 December 2020, is 30 June 2021.

Children and young people require their own immigration status and are not covered by a parent's application to the EUSS. An application must be made for every eligible child within a family. A parent or guardian can apply on behalf of a child and link it to their own application (if applicable), or they can apply in their own right. There's lots [more information on this here on GOV.UK](#).

Applications to the EUSS are free and can be made online on [GOV.UK](#). Information on what is needed to apply can also be found on [GOV.UK](#). Successful applicants get either [settled status or pre-settled status](#) ensuring they can continue to live and work in the UK after 30 June 2021, whilst remaining eligible to access the benefits and services they could before the UK left the EU.

For questions about applications, please call 0300 123 7379 or +44 (0) 20 3080 0010 from outside the UK (Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm and Saturday to Sunday, 9.30am to 4.30pm). [Find out about call charges](#).

CORONAVIRUS TIER 4

STAY AT HOME

[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

Around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 have no symptoms so will be spreading the virus without realising. We must all take action to protect each other and our hospital capacity.

Year 9 Options – Key Stage 4

Please note the deadline for Year 9 students to complete the options process is next Friday, 12 February.



SJF Showdown

The second round of the SJF Showdown was launched on Monday! Students have until Friday, 26 February to create and submit their response to the theme: Unity. Anything can be submitted as long as it can be emailed to Mrs Lester (photos, audio and video files, documents). To help with ideas and learn new skills, weekly tutorials will be posted on TEAMS Student W Drive. This week's tutorial: Editing Photos. Mrs Lester is hoping submissions will be displayed somewhere in Peterborough for the public to admire. Get your thinking caps on, this is a great way to earn merits for your house and try out a new skill!



Calling all Former Students

If you're a former student of St John Fisher Catholic High School, we want to hear from you!

Your experiences since leaving could help to motivate and inspire our current students to feel more confident in making decisions about their future. We'd love you to join our alumni network and stay connected with the school.

We've partnered with the national education charity Future First, who specialise in helping schools like ours to stay connected with their former students.



You can choose how and when you help – perhaps you can act as a career and education role model, provide virtual work experience, become a mentor in person or online, or help with donations and fundraising.

It doesn't matter when you left us, whether you're in further education or employment, whether you still live nearby or have moved further away, there are still ways you can help. We see it as a wonderful way of extending our community and adding to our 'one family' ethos.

In order to sign up, just follow this link and fill in the online form – we promise it will only take a couple of minutes.

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