



Return to school

Thank you to staff and students for the smooth return to school this week of all year groups. It has been a pleasure to see the school full of students again and for students to catch up with their teachers and their friends. I have been impressed by the positive way students have settled back into school routines quickly and by the way they have conducted themselves around school.

Radio Cambridgeshire

Well done to our students who spoke on the radio about mental health and returning to school. The report was broadcast on Wednesday morning and again in the afternoon and there is a separate report about this later on. Many congratulations to all who gave their time to take part. The report will be available for 30 days.



Hope

The Lenten theme across school this week has been Hope, which is just what we need at the moment as we begin to see COVID cases going down and society slowly reopen because of the vaccine rollout. It was also International Women's day on Monday. This year's the theme was 'Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID 19 world', which celebrates the tremendous efforts by women and girls around the world in shaping a more equal future and recovery from the pandemic. I have included words of Hope from an inspirational woman and Nobel Peace prize winner, Mala Yousafzai: 'One child, one teacher, one pen and one book can change the world'

Testing

On site testing has gone well this week and will continue as we go forward. Once a student has had three tests at school they will be given home testing kits to take home so that testing can continue there.

Kate Pereira

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

Easter painting competition



A reminder to all students that the Easter painting competition is still open until 9 April 2021. All year groups can get involved! Visit the W drive on Teams to see details from Mrs. Littleton and Mrs. Goodfellow. Choose a scene from the Easter story to paint and submit with the chance of winning a prize! Visit the Art. Dept for more information. Please note entries completed during the holidays must be delivered into school by the 9 April at the latest.

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/sjfchigh>

An advertisement for Schoolgateway. It features the 'Schoolgateway' logo at the top left, a hand holding a smartphone displaying a text message conversation, and the text 'Get letters sent direct to your phone'. At the bottom, it says 'Activate your account today!' with a white arrow pointing right.

COVID TESTING CONSENT FORM

If you have not yet completed a COVID testing consent form, please do so.

Visit our website and click the 'Parent's COVID-19 Update March 2021' scrolling banner.

Select the 'Letter from Headteacher' regarding COVID Testing in Schools from 8 March 2021 and access the consent form by clicking the link in Mrs Pereira's letter

An infographic titled 'STAY SAFE' with a teal background. It illustrates three safety measures: 1. 'HANDS' with an illustration of hands being washed with soap bubbles. 2. 'FACE' with an illustration of a person wearing a white surgical mask. 3. 'SPACE' with an illustration of three people standing apart, with dashed double-headed arrows between them to indicate social distancing.

A graphic with a pink border containing the text 'Why not follow us on Twitter: @sjfpeterborough' and the Twitter bird logo below it.