



St John Fisher News

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Years 11 and 13

We had leavers liturgies today for Year 11 and Year 13 students followed by memories and goodbyes. Students have worked so hard this year under very difficult circumstances and it was an excellent way to finish. As mentioned before it is important that students are available over the next few weeks up until 18 June just in case we call them in for any queries over grades.

Year 9

After half term Year 9 will join Year 10 in having their lunch period from 1.10pm which is the later lunch sitting. This means that Period 3 will take place before their lunch break. This will help to prepare students in Year 9 for next year.

Half Term

We break up for half term today for one week and return on Monday 7 June. Thank you to all staff and students for their hard work and I wish you a good break.

Kate Pereira



Year 10 PPEs

After the half term break Year 10 will be taking their PPEs in the first week back. The students have been working hard since we have returned to school and now is the perfect time for them to show us what they know. It will also give us the opportunity find out any areas that we will need to focus on in the last half term of Year 10 and planning for Year 11.



Easter Painting Prize Winners

This week St. John Fisher received the news that three students had won a prize for their artwork in the Easter painting competition. Sanam Hosseini, Dhani Lane and Austin Goodfellow received certificates and a £5 Queensgate voucher for their entries. Congratulations to these students and enjoy your winnings!



Royal Mail Heroes Competition

Over 30 entries for the Royal Mail Art competition were submitted by students. The winning entries will be made into 8 stamps celebrating heroes of the pandemic, judged by none other than the Queen herself. To see a sample of the fantastic work submitted, please come to the display board outside 303. The competition is now closed. Well done and thank you to all those who entered!



Banding Together 2021 – Virtual!

After a long wait for the video and audio to be completed, we have now been sent the finished product from the Banding Together project, which was completed during February – March this year. Fifteen students from Years 8 - 10 along with students from four other secondary schools in Peterborough took part in a project writing music and lyrics about the pandemic, with SJF's topic being 'What is the kindest thing a friend has done for you?'. They were supported by lots of professional musicians who guided the students along the way to write, produce and record their song virtually. Students completed this via Teams in year group bubbles and from home as some students had to self-isolate during the project. This did not stop students taking on the challenge and the finished product is beyond anything we thought we would be able to achieve. Well done to all students involved in the project. You can view the project here, the SJF section starts at 8 minutes 15 seconds

<https://youtu.be/cVKt8Gv8ZWk>.

You may spot some artwork produced during the SJF Showdown last term in the video too!

Instrumental Lessons

Despite the struggles and restrictions of the pandemic, 51 of our students are currently receiving instrumental tuition with a specialist tutor with 1:1 lessons once



a week during the school day. The students have made lots of progress and the visiting teachers have been extremely impressed with the attitude, dedication and motivation students have shown in these lessons. We are currently looking at the lessons for the 2021-2022 school year, so if your child would like lessons in singing, guitar, piano, drums, woodwind, brass or violin please ask them to see Mrs Harmson who will give them a letter to bring home with all the information needed.

SJF Showdown



The third and final SJF Showdown has been launched! Students have until Friday, 2 July to create something inspired by the theme: Adventure. Prizes and house

points are up for grabs for the winner and runners up. Not sure what to make? Keep your eyes peeled for weekly inspiration and ideas posted on the Teams, Student W Drive. If you have any questions, please email Mrs Lester or come to 304. Good luck!

Farm Visit



Year 10 Learning Support had their first visit back to NewArk Farm since COVID restrictions began last year. Whilst adhering to the safety regulations, eight students and two staff enjoyed a welcome session, visiting with the new animals and preparing for work experience, the group will visit every other Thursday as part of the Learning Support Option. This week they will return to engage in some maintenance work, animal care, gardening and enjoy some refreshments.



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