



## Welcome back

It hardly seems possible that we are into the last half term before the summer holidays having had such a disrupted school year again. Nevertheless, students and staff are working hard and getting on with things in a positive manner. We are all hoping, of course, that things will get better soon and restrictions will be lifted but this may not happen for schools during this term. As soon as we know anything we will let you know. We are planning to end the year as we normally do with our Celebration of Sport and our St John Fisher Day barbeque although it may look slightly different due to COVID restrictions. We are also very pleased to be able to run our Bagel Breakfast again starting this week and my thanks to all involved in this.

## Charity events

The School Council are very keen to hold some charity events this half term and we have discussed what might be possible within the COVID restrictions we have. We are therefore planning to run the Great Get Together with Years 7 and 8 as we have in previous years and to have two non-uniform days to replace the individual House Days that we have been unable to run this year. The dates for these will be Friday 25 June and Friday 16 July. Money raised will be split between all House charities.

## Year 10 PPEs

Well done to Year 10 students who have been sitting their PPEs this week. The exams have gone very smoothly and now teachers will be able to mark the papers and work with students to improve any areas for development. The parents evening coming up will be an opportunity for more in depth discussions with teachers about progress and next steps.

## Parents Evening

We have a parents evening scheduled for Years 7 and 10 on 29 June. This will be a virtual parents evening and parents will need to book appointments using our normal system. Information will be sent out directly to parents of students in Years 7 and 10 about how to do this if you have not done it before. In order to get through all the appointments needed for these two year groups we will be closing early on this day for all year groups at 2pm so that parents evening can start at 2.30pm.



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## Sad news

We heard this week about the very sad news of the death of Mrs Janet Grooms who used to be a Teaching Assistant and valued member of staff here at St John Fisher but she became very ill. Mrs Grooms died after a long illness. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.  
May she rest in Peace.

## COVID testing

Please continue to ensure your children test twice a week using the free tests provided by the school and to record the results so we have a record of the results at school.

*Kate Pereira*

## College Taster Session

As part of Learning Support Year 11 transitions, one of our students took part in a taster session for a motor vehicle mechanics course at Peterborough Regional College. He was given the task of testing tyre pressures and tread depth, checking the oil and brake fluid levels and under the watchful eye of the course tutor, was able to declare the car road worthy and legal! It was a very useful and enjoyable experience and gave our student a great insight into what to expect when starting the course. Thank you to Mrs Brown for



arranging the trip and Ms Harold for her support.

## Word of the Week – Abundance

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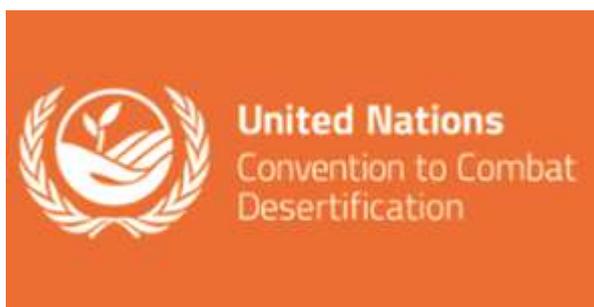
noun: **abundance**; plural noun: **abundances**

- a very large quantity of something.
  - o "The tropical island boasts **an abundance of wildlife**"
- the state or condition of having a copious quantity of something; plentifulness.
  - o "vines and figs grew **in abundance**"

Similar: profusion, amplitude, affluence, opulence

- plentifulness of the good things of life; prosperity.
  - o "the growth of industry promised wealth and abundance"
- The quantity or amount of something present in a particular area, volume, or sample.
  - o "Estimates of the abundance of harp seals"

The word of the week is 'Abundance'. This word has been chosen as we celebrate World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought on 17 June. It is a United Nations convention that focuses on turning degraded land into healthy land and helping biodiversity to recover. We celebrate this day in the hope that we can share awareness and save our land from desertification and help it to grow. God also wants us to grow and blossom and to celebrate the life in the world around us, **'The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.'** (Isaiah 35:1-3)



### Bagel Breakfast

We are delighted to confirm we are restarting Bagel Breakfast Club next week from 8am – 8.25am  
Mondays – Year 7  
Wednesday – Year 8  
Friday – Year 9



## A message from Citizens Advice South Lincolnshire EU Settlement Scheme Team



We are aware many EU Citizens believe that as their child has been born in the UK, it means that they do not have to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme as they are British citizens. Although in some cases this may be true, in many cases the child will not be a British citizen despite being born in the UK and will still need to apply. Please visit their website for further information: <https://www.citizensadvice-southlincolnshire.org.uk/eu-settlement-scheme/>



### Year 12 PPEs

Next week Year 12 will be taking their PPEs. 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 12 and planning for Year 13.

Good luck and happy revising!

Mr Young

