



# St John Fisher News

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## Information about September

Following on from my letter to you last week I am sending out with this newsletter information about which day your child should come into school on for their first day back and for their first test if they have consented. Next week students will bring home an information booklet reminding them about how St John Fisher 'normally' operates in preparation for September, so please spend some time reading through this to remind yourselves.

**Next week** is the last week of term which is a busy week. Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit for Sport's day and remember that when students have finished their barbecue on Friday for St John Fisher Day they will be dismissed to go home. Year 12 parents evening will be held remotely on Tuesday after school. COVID restrictions at school remain the same until September.

**Free School Meal** vouchers will be provided over the summer holidays. Please remember to collect them online from the usual place. If you think your child is entitled to Free School Meals please get in touch with school as soon as possible.

## The Great Get Together

Yesterday, the Sixth Form held the Great Get Together in honour of Jo Cox MP who said that there is more that unites us than divides us. In other words we should always be kind, patient and tolerant of each other no matter what colour, race, religion or gender a person is. As a Catholic school our ethos is centred around loving others as children of God and therefore we must treat each other with dignity and respect. Thank you to our Sixth Form students for organising this event for Years 7 & 8 which was a lovely event with music and really great food, much of it homemade. Althea made an excellent speech about the significance of The Great Get Together and reminded us all that the message is to unite not divide so as to live in a fairer, more just world. Special thanks to Elicia, Trinity, Kazim and Althea, the Sixth Form Leadership team and all Year 12 students who helped.

## School Colours

This is a very prestigious and difficult award to achieve at St John Fisher for outstanding contribution to school life at SJF. It takes many years of commitment and dedication. Congratulations to these students who have achieved this standard of award and received their school colours:

Althea Andrade, Kazim Raffiq-Fazal, Elicia D'Ambrosio, Daniel Walton, Trinity Francis and Tonyo Yordanov.

## Celebration Assemblies

We have had virtual celebration assemblies this week and students have received awards and certificates for a variety of achievements, ranging from 100% attendance to School Colours. I have included some below as there is not space to include them all and some comments from our Heads of Houses. Congratulations to all in what has been a very difficult year for everybody.

Kate Pereira

## Summer School 2021

This year, we have invited a number of Year 6 students that are due to join us in September, to attend the St John Fisher Summer School. This will take place between Monday 26 July and Friday 6 August. Students will have the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the school, take part in a range of exciting lessons as well as trips to Hunstanton, Wicksteed Park and Hamerton Zoo. We hope that the students have a fantastic time and that this helps with their transition to St John Fisher in September.

Mrs Reay

## Summer Work

Please be aware that students in all year groups will be given some Summer Work to complete ahead of September. This could be to either consolidate prior learning or as an introduction to next year. This work will also go onto the school website and into Student W:Drive on Teams in the event that a student loses it or is absent when the work is set.

Mrs Wilmore

## Insight Discover Scholars'

Well done to the following students for successfully completing the programme with Cambridge University:

Andre Acquaye, Nathanael Downton Crowder, Julia Sarnecka, Gustas Serapinas, Zohal Haydari, Ogaga Ehwerhemueph, Reeya Kumar and Itishaam Amar.

Each of the students did amazingly well this year and achieved either a 2:1 or a 1st on their end of term topic on Windrush and I am amazingly proud of them.

Mrs Moore



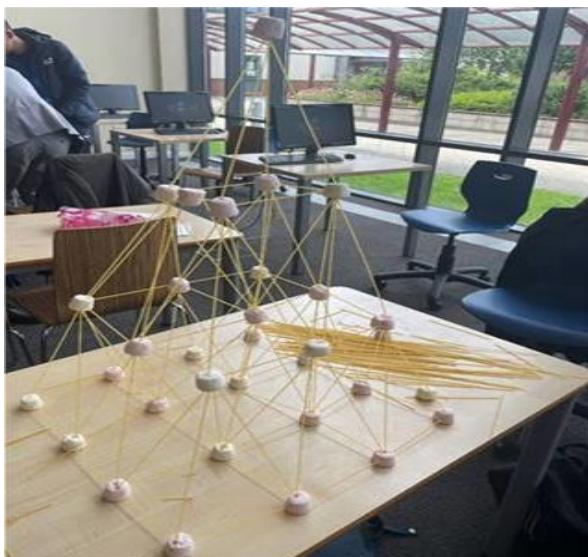
## **Post 18 Options Day**

At the start of the month, Year 12 took part in a Post 18 Options Day. Here's what they had to say about the day:

"We gained a great insight about University from former SJF students whilst listening to their tips on our main concerns about post 18 life. We all gained a huge insight into real life financial situations, where we had to manage our spending on our bills, house and car depending on our job, in which some of us couldn't afford our food shop!"

The day was full of quizzes and team activities which ended with a fun group activity seeing who could work together to make the largest marshmallow and spaghetti tower."

Zahra, Julena and Elizabeth



## **SJF Euro Cup**

A massive well done to all the students involved in the recent Euro competition. Over the week we had over 100 students involved in their year group bubbles. The games were all played in the right way and it was nice to see so many budding footballers enjoying themselves. We look forward to hosting the SJF world cup next year!



## **The Great Get Together 2021**

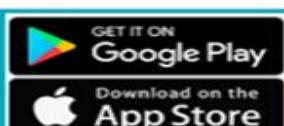
The Sixth Form Leadership Team and their expanded team held the Great Get Together 2021 in memory of Jo Cox. Food provided by the Year 12 and speeches from Mrs Pereira and Althea Andrade reminded us of the unity of the school and how we celebrate diversity. A massive congratulations to all involved.



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## Celebration Assemblies

**Cambridge House:** Zahra Ravji has been awarded best in house this term because she has shown excellent attitude across the board. Zahra has also helped in the house with mentoring of younger students which she has been excellent at and has become a fantastic role model within the house and around school.

The following students also received certificates for being nominated as Best in Form:

C7A - Fatima Sadiya  
C7B - Tharun Yokendran  
C8A - Faiza Khan  
C8B - Soria Riberio  
C9A - Zahra Samadi  
C9B - Ugne Danileviciute  
C10 - Rasika Monterio  
C12 - Teilo Phillips

Well done to all the winners who have worked very hard this term and been a credit to the house.

### Westminster House:

Head of House award to Tonyo Yordanov for his consistent approach to school life and wanting to make it a better place for future students and for his support to Westminster House both within his tutor group and the wider House over a number of years. SSO award to Connor Devenney because he has settled into life at SJF exceptionally well despite the difficult year we have all faced. He is consistent in his approach and is always in school and on time. He is a credit to the House.

The following students also received certificates for being nominated as Best in Form:

W7a: Mohammad Ali Mirzad - He is extremely polite and kind, has taken an active part during form time this year and is extremely supportive towards his peers.

W7b: Karolina Harbat - Karolina is not only a very courteous, friendly, engaged and motivated member of W7b: she is also the top points getter for Westminster House! Not a day goes by where she doesn't share her experiences and gets involved during tutor time.

W8a: Jaciara Correia - Is always there to help others in the tutor group, a good spokesperson and always has a smile on her face. W8b Ansley Fernandes – is a helpful student who always gets involved with the form quizzes.

W9a: Ali Raja – is a support and friend to everyone in the tutor group and always gets involved in class discussions.

W9b: James Taylor - One of the more talkative members of the form, who gets involved with the weekly quizzes.

W10: Rochelle Da Rocha – Is always on hand to help out and helps others within the tutor group.

W12: Teagan Dee – always happy to help and always has a smile on her face.

### Beverley House:

Oliver Hill for winning the most awards in Beverley (100% attendance, most merits in the house, outstanding achievement in PE & tutor award for best in form).

Anselm Odebala for the most awards won by a year 12 including star student and excellent start to sports scholarship course.

### Rochester House:

Well done to everyone in Rochester House who received a certificate this year. You have been amazingly resilient and committed to getting the best out of your time at SJF.

A special well done to the Rochester Rising Stars who all received an Amazon gift voucher for their amazing effort and achievement during this most challenging academic year.

Year 7 rising stars: Nathasha, Fiza, Iris, Amelia and Jayden.

Year 8 rising stars: Veronica and Nathanael

Year 9 rising stars: Andre, Caitlin, Angelina, Isaac and Julia

Year 10 rising stars: Gvidas, Badejo, Sabiha, Conal and Zade.

Topping off the celebrations this year:

D'Ambrosio Diamond Award: Casper Harley

Stevens Star Award: Tracy Azvedo

School Colours were given for an outstanding contribution to school life from Althea Andrade and Kazim Raffiq-Fazal.

### Sixth Form achievements:

Across all four Houses, these Sixth Form students received multiple nominations for outstanding progress in their subjects:

Elizabeth Lukenuk: English and History

Ruby Gascoigne: Health and Social Care and Sociology

Moiz Iftikhar: Business and YDP

Althea Andrade: Biology and PE

Tonyo Yordanov: English and PSHE

YDP students: A special mention goes to Moiz Iftikhar, Joshua Armstrong, Crisaldo Da Costa, Martin Tudosa, Gytis Palacionis, McKenzie Ponsford, Rodrigo Ferreira, Nosa Osagie and Ansem Odebala for their contributions.

Over the last year YDP have hosted sports camps, fun days and competitive tournaments for a range of schools across the city. The YDP students have attended these events, supported younger students, coached them and gained valuable work experience.

Star student: Ansem Odebala: For arriving in Year 12 with a positive attitude and in recognition of his resilience and dedication to his studies. He is not only a role model to younger years, but his peers as well.