

ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Student Handbook 2017-18

# ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Give back to God what belongs to God

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## Personal Information

### If I'm Ill...

#### Illness and Accidents:

If you feel unwell at home, please make sure that the school has been told using the telephone numbers below.

If you have an accident or feel unwell in school, you must tell a teacher immediately. Normally you will be sent to the Pastoral Care Leaders where a trained First Aider will take care of you.

Under no circumstances should you leave the school or go home without permission.

#### Essential Prescribed Medicines:

If you need to take medicine at school you should bring a letter from your parents/carers stating when you need to take it. Your medicine will be kept by the Pastoral Care Leaders and administered according to instructions.

Contacting the School		
Year Group	Pastoral Care Leader	Extension Number
Year 7	Mrs Kay	5849
Year 8	Ms Simpson	5792
Year 9	Ms Legg	5796
Year 10	Ms Simone	5753
Year 11	Ms Vaughan	5782
Sixth Form	Mrs S Egbuniwe	5780
Attendance	Mrs Puddy	5800

Please contact the Pastoral Care Leader responsible for your child's year group by ringing the main school telephone number 01634 543123 and using the extension number listed above.

## The School's Mission

St John Fisher School seeks to help and encourage students to develop individually, collectively and freely a way of life modelled on Christ, in accordance with the Faith of the Roman Catholic Church.

We seek to help students develop these qualities in themselves:

- High aspirations and self-esteem.
- The ability to actively care for others through openness, friendliness, hospitality and charity.
- The talent of making their own decisions and choices founded on the skills learned from their academic success.
- A proactive interest in health, citizenship and global environmental issues.
- The ability to respect each other to allow the opportunity for group actions.
- The ability to 'Love your neighbour as yourself' in regards to those from all cultures, religions and race.

RESPECT for Yourself  
RESPECT for Others  
RESPECT for Learning  
RESPECT for the Environment  
RESPECT for God

## Term Dates for 2017-18

TERM 1	Mon 4th Sep 2017	Fri 20th Oct 2017
AUTUMN BREAK	Mon 23rd Oct 2017	Fri 27th Oct 2017
TERM 2	Mon 30th Oct 2017	Fri 22nd Dec 2017
CHRISTMAS BREAK	Mon 25th Dec 2017	Fri 5th Jan 2018
TERM 3	Mon 8th Jan 2018	Fri 9th Feb 2018
FEBRUARY BREAK	Mon 12th Feb 2018	Fri 16th Feb 2018
TERM 4	Mon 19th Feb 2018	Thu 29th Mar 2018
EASTER BREAK	Mon 2nd Apr 2018	Fri 13th Apr 2018
Good Friday Bank Holiday	30th March 2018	
Easter Monday Bank Holiday	2nd April 2018	
TERM 5	Mon 16th Apr 2018	Fri 25th May 2018
BANK HOLIDAY	Mon 7th May 2018	
MAY BREAK	Mon 28th May 2018	Fri 1st Jun 2018
TERM 6	Mon 5th Jun 2018	Fri 20th Jul 2018

## Staff Development Days/School Activities

TERM 1	Staff INSET - Mon 4th Sep 2017
TERM 1	Fri 20th Oct 2017 School closed in lieu of Open Day
TERM 2	Staff INSET - Fri 22nd Dec 2017
TERM 6	Staff INSET - Mon 23rd Jul 2018
TERM 6	Staff INSET - Tue 24th Jul 2018

## The School Day

- 7:30am School campus opens.
- 8:30am Session 1 and breakfast.
- 9:55am Session 2.
- 11:00am Session 3 PSHRE/assemblies.
- 11:20am Session 4.
- 12:25pm Session 5 including 30 mins for lunch.
- 2:00pm Session 6.
- Please Note:  
School finishes at 2:00pm on Wednesdays.*
- 3:05pm End of school/enrichment activities.

A range of enrichment activities will be offered after school each term, please see the notice boards around the school for details.

## Girls Uniform (Year 7 to 11)

- Black school blazer. This has the school badged pocket and is to be worn at all times.
- Skirt. This must be the St John Fisher grey pin striped knee length skirt or grey trousers. Trousers must be tailored. Skin tight trousers and trousers tapered at the bottom are not acceptable as part of the school uniform. We recommend purchasing the trousers through the school uniform supplier to avoid confusion.
- Tights. These must be plain black, grey or flesh coloured tights with no patterns.
- Socks. These must be black or grey ankle-length socks. Students are not permitted to wear socks and tights together.
- Hairbands. These must be plain black.
- Headscarves. These may be worn for religious purposes and must be plain black.
- Shoes. These must be plain black, leather style school shoes. Canvas shoes, ankle boots and trainers are not permitted. Shoes should not have coloured stitching or laces and soles should not be more than ½ inch thick.

### Year 7 and 8:

- School shirt. This must be plain white and button up to the collar.
- Tie. The tie should be the red/black striped clip-on school tie available from our uniform supplier.
- Jumper. This should be the grey jumper with featured red stripe available from our school uniform supplier. Jumpers are optional.

### Years 9, 10 and 11:

- Blouse. This should be the white blouse with the St John Fisher emblem if you do not wish to wear a tie. If you wish to wear a tie your blouse should be plain white and button up to the collar.
- Tie. The tie should be the black school clip-on tie with the feature red stripe available from our uniform supplier. Ties for year 9, 10 & 11 girls are optional.
- Jumper. This should be the black jumper with feature red stripe available from our school uniform supplier. Jumpers are optional.

### Hair.

- Hair should be conventionally cut. Extreme hair styles are not permitted.
- Hair should be one, natural colour. Dip dyed or two tone hair is not permissible.
- Hair should not be shorter than grade 2 on any part of the head.
- Hair weaves should not contain any colour apart from the natural hair colour.

### Jewellery & Makeup.

- Students are permitted to wear a watch. No other jewellery should be worn.
- Piercings are not permitted on any part of the face or body.
- Bracelets and necklaces are not permitted.
- Rings are not permitted.
- Jewellery of religious significance is not permitted (\*)
- No make up is to be worn in school.
- False nails are not permitted in school.

\* - we show dedication and respect for God through our conduct and observance of religious services and reflection times.

Any non-uniform item will be confiscated

## Girls Uniform (6th Form)

Smart professional dress.

### Trousers.

These must be tailored- not skin tight or tapered at the bottom. Denim is not permitted.

### Skirts.

These must be knee length.

### Dresses.

These must be tailored, knee length and have a modest neck line.

### Jackets.

These must be tailored and must be worn at all times.

### Tops.

These must cover the shoulders and be long enough to leave no gap at the waistline. They should not have logos or lettering on them.

### Leggings.

These are not permitted in school. Tights are acceptable.

### Shoes.

Smart, flat office style shoes, no boots. No trainers, Vans or other canvas style shoes are permitted.

### Hair.

- Hair should be conventionally cut. Extreme hair styles are not permitted.
- Hair should be of one single, natural colour. This includes braids and weaves.
- No ombre or dip dying is permitted.
- Hair should not be cut shorter than a grade 2 anywhere.

### Jewellery.

Facial piercings are not permitted. Students may wear one pair of small earrings.

### Make up.

This should be minimal and discreet. Fake eyelashes or false nails are not permitted.

### Tattoos.

These should not be visible at any time.

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- Grey trousers. Trousers must be tailored. Skin tight trousers and trousers tapered at the bottom are not acceptable as part of the school uniform. We recommend purchasing the trousers through the school uniform supplier to avoid confusion.
- Socks. These must be black or grey ankle-length socks.
- Shoes. These must be plain black, leather style school shoes. Canvas shoes, ankle boots and trainers are not permitted. Shoes should not have coloured stitching or laces and soles should not be more than ½ inch thick.

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- Jumper. This should be the black jumper with feature red stripe available from our school uniform supplier. Jumpers are optional.

### Hair.

- Hair should be conventionally cut. Extreme hair styles are not permitted.
- Hair should not be cut shorter than a grade 2.
- Patterns and lines shaved into the head or eyebrows are not permissible.

### Jewellery & Makeup.

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Shirt and tie.

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Trousers.

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Jackets.

These must be tailored and must be worn at all times.

Shoes.

Smart office style shoes. No trainers, Vans or other canvas style shoes are permitted.

Jumpers.

V-neck jumpers are allowed as long as the tie knot is visible. No casual jumpers or sweatshirts are permitted.

Hoodies are not permitted.

Hair.

- Hair should be conventionally cut. Extreme hair styles are not permitted.
- Hair should not be cut shorter than a grade 2.
- Patterns and lines shaved into the head or eyebrows are not permissible.

Facial hair.

Students should be clean shaven.

Jewellery.

Facial piercings are not permitted. Students may wear one pair of small earrings.

Tattoos.

These should not be visible at any time.

Any non-uniform item will be confiscated

## What do I need for School?

### What equipment do I need for my lessons?

You are expected to bring to school the following:

- Pencil case containing at least a pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and sharpener.
- School bag.
- Timetable.
- PE Kit on relevant days.
- Water bottle.

Any other equipment as requested by subject teachers.

You may wish to bring a translation dictionary for your native language.

If you are being taught food technology, you will be expected to provide ingredients, one week's notice will be given when these are required.

You are expected to have all the correct kit required for the lesson.

Failure to have the required equipment for a lesson will result in an appropriate school sanction. This will be recorded on Behaviour Watch.

### What equipment do I need for PE?

#### Compulsory Items:

St John Fisher Polo Shirt  
St John Fisher Rugby Shirt  
St John Fisher Shorts  
St John Fisher Socks  
Football Boots  
Trainers (Converse, Vans, or any other plimssole style shoe is not acceptable)

#### Optional Items:

St John Fisher Fleece  
St John Fisher Track Pants

Sports Kit can be purchased from:

School Time  
23 Railway St,  
Chatham  
ME4 4HU

## The Code of Conduct

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As members of the St John Fisher School community, students, staff and parents should show respect at all times both inside and outside of school.

### 24/7 Policy:

The St John Fisher code of conduct is applicable at all times of the day and night. Students are representative of St John Fisher School not only when in school but also when out in the local community. As such, students who display negative behaviour whilst out of school will still be subject to the same sanctions as they would be in school.

### Hands Off:

St John Fisher operates a 'hands off' policy. This means that any form of fighting, physical bullying or violent response is unacceptable and will lead to serious sanction.

### Offensive Weapons:

Any student found to be in possession of a sharp or bladed item or any item that could be classed as an offensive weapon whilst on school premises will be subject to a permanent exclusion.

### Illegal Substances:

Any student found to be in possession of, or involved in bringing into school, harmful or illegal substances, including alcohol, will be subject to a permanent exclusion.

## How will I follow the Code of Conduct?

- I will arrive to school and lessons on time, ready to learn and dressed in the correct uniform.
- I will do my best to remain in school all day, attend all of my lessons and work to the best of my ability.
- I will take part in all reflections in lessons, attend all school services and Masses and behave in a respectful manner throughout.
- I will bring my planner every day; ensure that it is kept clean and tidy and that it is filled in properly.
- I will complete all homework on time and to the best of my ability.
- I will help to keep the school free of litter and graffiti.
- I will talk to a teacher or another adult if I think that I am being bullied, or someone I know, is being bullied (\*).
- I will always speak to staff and other students with respect.
- I will follow the hands off policy by ensuring that I do not get involved in any form of fighting or violence towards others.
- I will respect the opinions of others and accept that they may be different to my own.

\* Bullying is where a person is subject to physical or verbal abuse by others over a prolonged period of time. This may take place face to face or via social media.

I will follow the code of conduct as outlined above.

Name: .....

Signature: .....

Date: .....

## Can I use a mobile device in school?

# See It, Hear It...



## Lose It!

- Mobile devices are NOT allowed in School
- If a mobile device is seen OR heard, it will be confiscated for two weeks (or until the end of term, whichever is shorter).
- You will be issued with a receipt and your parents/carers will be sent a letter.
- Under no circumstances will a device be returned any earlier.
- Smart watches, any form of technology that connects to the internet or plays electronic games/media will be treated in the same manner as mobile devices.



## Behaviour Watch Positive Points

Remember- this list is not exhaustive.

You may do something that is not on this list but still receive a reward.

### Consistent:

This means you do something every lesson.

### Outstanding Attendance and Punctuality:

You are on time almost every morning and your attendance is above 98%.

### Platinum:

A reward for outstanding contributions to the school, Commitment to the development of the schools community or similar levels of success by a student.

### Diamond:

For students who have made outstanding contributions to a subject area, acted as an Ambassador to the school or achieved similar levels of success.

### Gold:

A reward for most improved students, those displaying outstanding citizenship, supporting the Catholic ethos or showing sporting brilliance.

### Silver:

There are many reasons for achieving a Silver award, such as outstanding attendance or punctuality, showing excellent commitment to learning, representing the school or local clubs in a sports team or events.

### Bronze:

Students can achieve Bronze awards by working with a positive attitude to their learning and behaviour around school, supporting other students and being prepared and organised for learning. Rewards are also given for Sporting achievement, skills and knowledge.

Teachers will log positive rewards on Behaviour Watch which will add to a students shop points. Please talk to the Pastoral Care Leader for your year group to see when you can redeem your points.

## Behaviour Watch Negative points

Remember- this list is not exhaustive.

You may do something that is not on this list but still receive a sanction.

### Persistent:

This means you do something on more than 2 or 3 occasions.

### Rudeness to Staff:

Refusing to follow instructions, answering back.

### Bringing the school into disrepute:

Doing something to damage the reputation of the school, either in school, whilst travelling to and from school, or whilst in school uniform.

### Red:

The most serious negative slip, given to students for repeated bullying, theft, racial incidents, physical assault, bringing banned items into school or similar types of negative behaviour.

A student receiving a Red slip may be taken to IEU or excluded and the school will contact Home.

### Amber:

Given to students who persistently disrupt lessons or refuse to follow instructions, undertake inappropriate behaviour toward other students, vandalism, truancy or similar types of negative behaviour.

A student receiving an Amber slip will be given a detention and the school will contact Home.

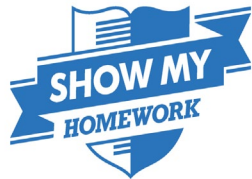
### Yellow:

Students who are not prepared for lessons or learning, are late to lessons, do not complete homework or are disruptive can receive an Amber slip. Teachers may also issue Amber slips for similar levels of negative behaviour.

Each negative slip that is given by a member of staff will subtract points from the number of shop points a student has available.

## Homework

- Your homework will be set online regularly.
- Check your homework online:  
<https://stjohnfisherchool.showmyhomework.co.uk/school/homeworks/calendar>
- You can also use the link on the school homepage.
- You DO NOT need a login or password to check the homework you have been given.
- Your PSHRE tutor can tell you your password if you need to login to hand in your homework online.
- Parents and students are encouraged to check the website daily, please advise your Year Group Progress Leader of any problems.



## Anti-Bullying

St John Fisher Catholic School is committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all members of the school community.

Bullying of any kind is unacceptable, and we will do our best to minimise all forms of bullying. All students should be able to report incidents of bullying, and be confident that all such reports will be dealt with promptly and effectively.

- Bullying is intentional and frequent. This means it happens over a period of time.
- It can take many forms: physical, verbal, emotional, sexual or technological.
- If you are being bullied or witness bullying you should report it immediately to your Pastoral Care Leader or another trusted member of staff.
- Bullies will be sanctioned through the use of detentions, IEU and exclusion.
- Incidents that occur whilst travelling to and from school will also be sanctioned by the school.
- Any incidents of bullying over social media will also be investigated and may be sanctioned by the school.

## Staying Safe on Social Media

We know that many of you use social media applications. Below are some tips to ensure that you are using them safely:

- If you are below the age of 13 you should not even have accounts on sites such as Facebook, Twitter and Snapchat.
- Never add or accept a contact request from someone you don't know, even if they have some of the same friends as you.
- Never share personal details or pictures with people on social media. Your true friends will already have this information anyway.
- If you receive a contact request or material that concerns you from an unknown person, report them and block them immediately. All social media sites have a facility to report these issues. You should also tell a trusted adult - a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle or a teacher.
- Remember that once you post something on social media it is impossible to permanently delete it.
- Any bullying that takes place over social media will be sanctioned by the school.

## Prevent

Prevent is a Government initiative that is designed to help young people avoid being drawn into groups that promote extreme ideologies and terrorism.

It covers all types of extremism from extreme right wing groups to violent Islamist groups.

As a school we aim to provide you with a safe forum to discuss any issues or concerns you may have about prevent and help you to understand how to protect yourselves.

Key Terms:

Extremism- vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values such as democracy, the law and being tolerant of all faiths and beliefs.

Ideology- a set of beliefs.

Terrorism- a violent action against people or property, designed to create fear and advance a political, religious or ideological cause.

Radicalisation- the process by which a person comes to support extreme ideologies.

If you have any concerns about any material you may have been shown or are worried about a friend that you think may be being targeted by such groups please see Miss Chapman, your Pastoral Care Leader or another trusted adult immediately.

## Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

FGM stands for Female Genital Mutilation and is also known as female circumcision. It covers all procedures that involve the complete and partial removal of external female genitalia for non-medical reasons. FGM is traditionally carried out by women with no medical training. They use razor blades or other sharp instruments and it is done without anaesthetic or pain relief.

It is a traditional practice that is carried out in many countries across Africa and some parts of south east Asia and the Middle East. It is a cultural practice and not a religious one and so is carried out across many different cultures and religions.

Whilst it is a traditional practice that has been carried out over thousands of years, it is illegal in many countries across the world, including the UK. It is also illegal to send a person to a different country from the UK to have the procedure carried out.

If you are concerned that you or someone you know may be at risk of being sent to have this procedure carried out please see Miss Chapman, your Pastoral Care Leader or another trusted adult immediately.

## ICT and Learning Technology Acceptable Use Policy

This is an adapted version of the student and staff acceptable use policy for ICT.

A complete version of the policy can be found on the policies section of our website and students will be asked to agree before being allowed to log on to a school computer.

As a student I will not:

- Cause deliberate damage to computer hardware such as monitors, base units, printers, keyboards, mice or other hardware
- Attempt to install, change or remove software
- Attempt to make unauthorised configuration changes
- Create or upload computer viruses to the school system
- Deliberately delete files that do not belong to me
- Use the school printers for non-educational purposes
- Print work without checking it first
- Access unsuitable material – the Internet is not to be used to download, send, print, display or transmit material that would cause offence or break the law
- Access Internet chat sites (remember you could be placing yourself at risk)
- Give or enter my personal information on a website, especially my home address, mobile number or passwords
- Access online gaming sites (remember that your use of the Internet is for educational purposes only).
- Send or encourage others to send abusive e-mail messages
- Use inappropriate language when sending e-mails
- Reveal any personal information about myself or anyone else, especially home addresses, personal telephone numbers, usernames or passwords via e-mail
- Send messages which contain any material that is sexist, racist, unethical, illegal or likely to cause offence
- Share my password with anyone else or ask others for their password
- Use any online or remote services provided by the school in an inappropriate or dangerous manner
- Create any materials which are offensive and/or not in line with the school code of conduct

You are advised that your use of the computer network in school may be monitored and inappropriate use will be challenged.

## Attendance

Students will be welcomed by members of staff from 7:30am and are expected to be on the campus by 8:15am. Lessons start at 8:35 am

Parent/guardian/carer must notify the school by telephone on the first day of their child's absence to the Attendance Officer (Mrs Puddy Extension x5800). Numbers are available on the school website.

All letters/medical evidence regarding absence from school should be supplied on the first day bac, handed to reception, marked for the attention of the Attendance Officer.

To monitor both attendance and punctuality the school works closely with the Attendance Advisory Service.

## Photographic permission

From time to time the school takes photos of students for internal display use and occasionally for external use with the local press and in our school publications. Our increased vocational curriculum offer will often use video evidence of students' work as part of the examination assessment.

Please sign below if you do not give your consent for us to take photographs and/or video of your son/daughter for the purposes outlined above.

I do not give permission for St John Fisher School and its employees to take photographs and/or video of my child for either:

- (i) examination assessment
- (ii) internal display work
- (iii) external use, for example local press or the school's prospectus

Name of child: .....

Signed parent/guardian/carer:.....

Date: .....

## St John Fisher (Also known as John of Rochester)

Memorial 22 June; formerly 13 June and 9 July

### Early life and Education

Saint John Fisher was born in Beverly, Yorkshire, England in 1469. Apart from the fact that he went to Collegiate School very little is known about his childhood. At the age of thirteen or so, he set out on the one hundred and fifty mile journey to the University of Cambridge which became the centre of his life for many years. At the age of fourteen he took his degree in Grammar. He would subsequently receive many other qualifications at Cambridge and eventually become chancellor.

He was chosen as confessor to Margaret Beaufort, mother of Henry VII. As vice chancellor of the university (1501-1504) and chancellor thereafter, he helped carry out her plans for establishing St John's College and Christ's College.

### Career and fall from favour.

He became Bishop of Rochester, England in 1504 and he worked to raise the standard of preaching. He was tutor to the young King Henry VIII and an excellent speaker and writer. When in 1527 he was asked to study the problem of Henry's marriage, he became the target of Henry's wrath by defending the validity of the marriage and rejecting Henry's claim to be head of the Church in England. Imprisoned in 1534 for his opposition, he spent 14 months in prison without trial. While in prison he was created cardinal in May 1535 by Pope Paul III to show his support.

### Martyrdom

He died on 22 June 1535 on Tower Hill, Tyburn, England and was buried in the churchyard of All Hallows, Barking, without rites or a shroud; his head was exhibited on London Bridge for two weeks as an example, and then thrown into the River Thames. His relics are in Saint Peter's Church in the Tower of London.

### An inspiration to us today

He was a holy and a humble man who did not seek wealth or power but he was clear that he was ready to die for his Catholic Faith and to oppose the king. Our school is the closest to the Cathedral where John Fisher served as Bishop and it is not unreasonable to imagine him walking down Rochester High Street, or possibly wandering over the fields where St John Fisher School now stands. This gives us a real connection to this courageous man.

Name: Meaning God is gracious; gift of God

Canonised 1935 by Pope Pius XI. Most of the Latin writings that he left were published in 1597.

# Prayers for St John Fisher

Our Father  
 Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed  
 be thy name.  
 Thy kingdom come,  
 Thy will be done on earth, as it is in  
 heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread, and  
 forgive us our trespasses,  
 As we forgive those who trespass  
 against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation, but  
 deliver us from evil.  
 Amen.

Glory Be  
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
 and to the Holy Spirit.  
 As it was in the beginning, is now and  
 ever shall be world without end.  
 Amen.

## Useful Bible Verses

Lonely -  
 Psalm 23  
 Hebrews 13:5

Thankful -  
 Psalm 100 2 2  
 Corinthians 9

Choosing a Career -  
 Romans 12 : 1-2  
 Psalm 37: 3-7

## Prayer To St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of thy  
 peace.  
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
 Where there is injury, pardon;  
 Where there is doubt, faith;  
 Where there is despair, hope;  
 Where there is darkness, light;  
 Where there is sadness, joy.

Hail Mary  
 Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with  
 you.  
 Blessed art thou among women, and  
 blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.  
 Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us  
 sinners now and at the hour of our  
 death.  
 Amen.

Dear Lord  
 Be with me this day in everything I do,  
 think or say.  
 Amen.

Give us Father  
 A spirit of forgiveness  
 Towards all those who have hurt us.  
 Amen.

When Afraid (or being bullied) -  
 Psalm 91 and Psalm 37

Problems with Friends -  
 Luke 17: 3-4  
 Psalm 34: 18-19

Angry with people -  
 Ephesians 4: 29-32  
 James 1 19-20

O divine Master, grant that I may not so  
 much seek  
 To be consoled as to console,  
 To be understood as to understand,  
 To be loved as to love;  
 For it is in giving that we receive;  
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
 It is in dying to self that we are born to  
 eternal life.

# Liturgical Calendar For Celebrations in School

4th September 2017	Staff Development Day Mass
10th September 2017	Education Sunday Mass (TBC)
19th September 2017	Year 7 Welcome Mass
29th September 2017	Year 7 retreat to Aylesford Priory for the day
1st November 2017	All Saints Day <small>will be celebrated with Whole School Mass.</small>
4 December & 9th December 2017	Advent Penitential Services (TBC)
11th /12th December 2017	Christmas Carol Services in School (TBC)
14th December 2017	Community/School Carol <small>service 7pm at St. Michael's (TBC)</small>
7th January 2018	Epiphany of our Lord
8th January 2018	Baptism of the Lord
14th February 2018	Ash Wednesday (Half Term)
5th March 2018	Lenten Penitential Services (TBC)
	Covenant Players (TBC)
25th March 2018	Palm Sunday
23rd April 2018	St. George's Day
24th April 2018	Good Samaritan Mass (TBC)
25th April 2018	Sixth Form Aylesford Retreat (TBC)
May 2018	Month of Mary Mother of Jesus
12th June 2018	Citizenship Awards (TBC)
22nd June 2018	St. John Fisher Feast Day <small>Whole School Mass</small>
29th June 2018	Feast of St Peter and St Paul <small>(Holy Day of Obligation)</small>

**Friday 20 March 2018 Good Friday** The Friday before Easter, remembers the Passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross. No Mass is celebrated on Good Friday; instead, the Church celebrates a special liturgy in which the account of the Passion according to the Gospel of John is read, a series of intercessory prayers (prayers for special intentions are offered), and the faithful venerate the Cross by coming forward and kissing it. The liturgy concludes with the distribution of Holy Communion. Since there was no Mass, Hosts that were reserved from the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday are distributed instead. Good Friday is a day of strict fast and abstinence. Since the date of Good Friday is dependent on the date of Easter, it changes from year to year.

**Sunday 1st April 2018 Easter Sunday** The Greatest Christian Feast: Easter is the greatest feast in the Christian calendar. On this Sunday, Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. For Catholics, Easter Sunday comes at the end of 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving known as Lent. Through spiritual struggle and self-denial, we have prepared ourselves to die spiritually with Christ on Good Friday, the day of his Crucifixion, so that we can rise again with him in new life on Easter. Easter is a day of celebration because it represents the fulfilment of our faith as Christians. St. Paul wrote that, unless Christ rose from the dead, our faith is in vain (1 Corinthians 15:17). Through his death, Christ saved mankind from bondage to sin, and he destroyed the hold that death has on all of us; but it is his resurrection that gives us the promise of new life, both in this world and the next.

**Thursday 10 May 2018 Ascension Day** The Ascension of Our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven. (Luke 24:51; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11 ). Before His Ascension, Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit to His apostles. Their prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit, which began on Ascension Thursday (25th May 2018), ended with the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, ten days later.

**May 2018 Year 11 & 6th Form Students Leavers Masses.**  
Dates to be arranged.

**Sunday 20 May 2018- Feast of Pentecost**

**Sunday 3rd June 2018 Corpus Christi**  
(Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ)

The Feast of Corpus Christi, or the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (as it is often called today), goes back to the 13th century, but it celebrates something far older: the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper. While Holy Thursday is also a celebration of this mystery, the solemn nature of Holy Week, and the focus on Christ's Passion on Good Friday, overshadows that aspect of Holy Thursday.

**Friday 22nd June 2018 St John Fisher Celebration Day (in-school)**

**Thursday 29th June 2018 St Peter & St Paul**  
(Holy Day of Obligation) Masses in School

## Why is Literacy Important?

The presentation of work is important and at GCSE level, marks are lost due to poor presentation.

It is essential to do the following after every piece of work:

- Rule off previous work.
- Write title and date and underline them.
- Always write in blue or black pen. Never write in pencil.
- In subjects such as maths and geography, always use a ruler when drawing diagrams, triangles etc.
- Check spelling and punctuation of written work in every lesson.
- Avoid using slang in written English.
- Bring a small, pocket dictionary to school and check the spellings of words in all lessons.
- Always have a reading book in your bag.

Speaking and listening are essential skills at school and in the workplace.

It is essential that all pupils:

- Take an active role in group work.
- Join in with class discussion.
- Develop listening skills by listening to teachers and fellow classmates.
- Try to speak in Standard English when giving a presentation in class.

Literacy symbols used in marking.

When marking your books, teachers will use the following abbreviations:

SP	= Spelling
P	= Punctuation
CL	= Capital Letter
//	= New paragraph
T	= Tense



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