



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome to our September newsletter. The first few weeks of term have been an exciting time. We have welcomed our new Year 7 students into our community and I am pleased to say that many among them are already role models for our school.

Recruitment for 2020's Year 7 class has already begun with the school hosting several Open Morning events. In addition, I have been out to visit many of our local primary schools to meet Year 6 pupils and talk to them about life at St. John Fisher. It has been a privilege to speak to so many bright and enthusiastic young people and I hope to welcome many of them to join us next year. Our Open Days are still ongoing and I urge you to visit if you are considering us for your child.

Also in this edition, you can read about several of our exciting community partnerships. Year 7 and 8 have just started their Football Academy in partnership with Charlton Athletic football club; Year 7 students recently went on a retreat to Aylesford Priory, and the Duke of Edinburgh students triumphed in their summer expeditions. I am proud of all the achievements in this month's newsletter.

Please keep the Year 11s and 13s in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for their first round of formal examinations.

God Bless,

Mrs. Lennon



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## Football Academy

Working in collaboration with the Charlton Athletic Community Trust, we are pleased to offer our lower school students the opportunity to complement their academic skills by developing their athletic prowess in our Football Academy.

St. John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School is committed to developing the whole student, recognising that talent comes in all forms. Students are encouraged to develop their team work and interpersonal skills.

Open to all abilities, students in Years 7 and 8 will receive training from professional F.A. coaches, whilst small group sizes ensure aspiring young athletes are able to thrive. Here, students not only develop their skills on the pitch, but develop attributes such as leadership and a sense of fair play, off the pitch.

Trials were held for the Academy on Thursday 26th September. We were overwhelmed by the turnout from our students; their attitude and hard work during these trials was a credit to them all. It was difficult to select the final members of the Academy.

We look forward to seeing their amazing talents develop over the coming year.

*Mr M J Roberts (Programme Coordinator) and Miss. S Cheedy (Ladies' Team Coach)*



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**Battle of the Poets**

On 11th July, the St John Fisher English department hosted the annual Year 8 poetry slam. As part of their unit on “Grime and the Canon”, our Year 8 students explored, through reading and writing, a range of poetic techniques, forms and styles which prepared them for the competition.

Candidates from all classes took part, with poems on diverse topics ranging from the experiences of soldiers in World War 1 (inspired by Wilfred Owen) to contributions highlighting the impact of bullying in our modern society.

All entries were well received and the judges had a difficult time deciding on their favourites. Congratulations go to all the participants and especially Joseph Stephens of 8Bronte for securing the first place.

Testimony from our students:

*Joseph Stephens:* “I made some edits to the poem, but I did my best and, to my surprise, won!”

*Maisy Chapman:* “I enjoyed being able to present my own work with other people. It gave me a chance to boost my confidence. I read my poem with a friend, and it went well.”

*Miss K Michaelis*



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### Primary School Visits

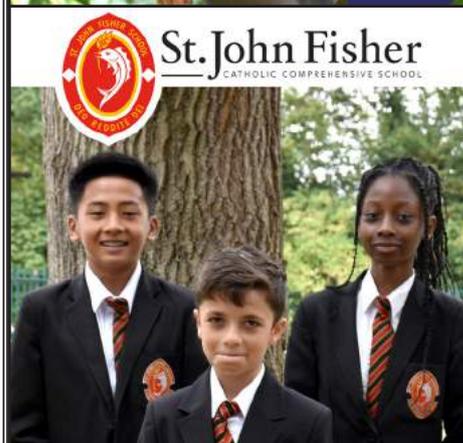
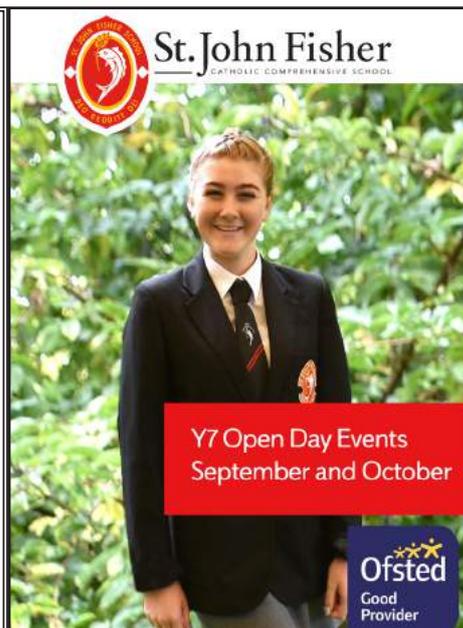
Throughout September and October, Mrs. Lennon has been making visits to our local primary schools to talk to Year 6 students about what it's like to study at St. John Fisher.

On most visits she has been accompanied by SJF students who attended that primary. Each student has made a speech and then responded to questions from the primary pupils – we have been incredibly proud of their contributions and the way they have acted as role models.

We look forward to welcoming Year 6 students to one of our Open Events.

Should any headteacher wish to arrange a visit to their school, please contact Mrs Bovis, Headteacher's PA.

Miss V Walker



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**"This is a good school. Pupils make strong progress and are well cared for."**  
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**See what we have to offer at our Open Events**

- Open Mornings: 16th Sept, 26th Sept, 2nd Oct, 9th Oct, 16th Oct, 30th Oct, 9am - 11am (last entry 10:45)
- Open Evenings: 9th Oct 6 - 8pm (last entry 7:45)
- Open Day: 12th Oct 9am - 12pm (last entry 11:45)

**Ofsted Good Provider**

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## Deanery Mass – 25th September 2019

Our staff attended St. John Fisher Church in Rochester for this year's Deanery School's Mass planned by St. William of Perth Primary School.

Celebrating the mass was the Dean, Fr. Bart, accompanied by Fr. Tom from Rainham, Fr. Kiwanuka Achilles (a visiting priest from Uganda), Deacon Jim, one of our school governors, and the newly ordained Deacon Martin from St. Simon Stock Walderslade. The Mass had involvement from all the schools that attended, so Mrs. Drain read the Responsorial Psalm on behalf of St. John Fisher. St. William of Perth had planned the Mass beautifully with a recommitment for staff to their vocation, whilst a member of staff from each school accepted a candle to light and hold during the recommitment. Miss Chapman did this on behalf of SJF.

After Mass had ended, we all went over to the school hall for a meal put on by the school. Sitting down to eat was a joyful experience as we chatted with our Deanery colleagues.

The overall evening was relaxed, and everyone left feeling uplifted and calm. We would like to extend our thanks to St. William of Perth for hosting us and planning a wonderful Mass.

*Miss S Coleman, Lay Chaplain*

## CAFOD

Next term there will be a competition between form groups. The RE department and Chaplaincy are encouraging students to put their spare change to good use. CAFOD has a program that enables people to buy 'gifts' for people in developing nations and we have decided to take part. More information on this to follow!

*Miss J Turner*

## Year 10 French Visit to St Benedict's RC Primary School

On the 11th July 2019, a group of Year 10 students studying French visited Year 5 pupils at St Benedict's RC Primary school. These students were selected due to their hard work and interest in Languages. The visit was aimed at sharing their knowledge, experiences and practices of studying French and to encourage younger pupils to be interested in languages.

Working in groups of fours and fives, our students led planned sessions supervised by their teacher. The SJF students were very focussed, patient and encouraging in their delivery. The session was very productive and pupils from both schools benefitted enormously. Ms Franklin, Teacher of Year 5, commented that pupils loved it and want this partnership in languages to continue. Several of the Year 5 students plan to apply to SJF as a result of this experience.

Below are some of the comments from our outstanding Year 10 students after the visit;

- Hope we could do this more often
- I would like to work in a primary school.

A big thank you to St Benedict's school for making us so welcome, especially to Ms Franklin.

*Mr P Nkellefack*

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**Students from Saint John Fisher attended a mass to mark the beginning of the new school year at Southwark Cathedral. The Mass was celebrated by our new Archbishop, John Wilson. His homily emphasised the pride we should take in all the Catholic schools of the diocese and the importance of listening to, and valuing, young people.**

*Mr G McCaughan*

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**Aylesford**

On the sunny day of the 17th of September, Year 7 travelled to Aylesford Priory for their annual spiritual retreat. Students spent time learning about the history and importance of the priory, which dates to the 13th century. Father Baker celebrated a Welcome Mass for the new Year 7 members of the St John Fisher community. The day included time spent touring the site, completing booklet tasks that developed students' knowledge and understanding of the Priory. The students had opportunities to reflect on faith and learn what daily life at the Priory might include. Students have reported back to the Religious Education department saying: 'I enjoyed the day with my new class friends!' and 'I really liked the Peace Garden and the metal animals.' The event supports the RE homework project about Aylesford Priory and its importance as a place of pilgrimage.

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# Rowing Competition

## PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

- Brompton Academy
- Greenacre
- Holcombe Grammar
- Howard
- Hundred of Hoo
- Rainham Mark Grammar
- St John Fisher
- Strood Academy
- Victory Academy
- Thomas Aveling
- Rowans



## Medway Secondary Schools Compete in local Rowing Competition

A team of Year 8 and 9 boys and Girls from St. John Fisher entered the Medway Schools Rowing competition on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at the Greenacre school.

This was the first time the students had ever experienced using an indoor rowing machine. The students had time to watch the Year 7 competitors and practice on one of the spare rowing machines.

By the time their events came around, the students were eager and excited to get started. Each student rowed independently for a combined team distance and in a team relay, where each member of the team rowed for 1 minute.

I would like to thank the boys and girls for their hard work, dedication and above all the impeccable sportsmanship they conducted throughout the tournament. The Physical Education department is extremely proud of their commitment to the school and the PE department.

## Students

Boys	Girls
Year 8	
David Ngene	Rebecca Akinsanya
Lewis Grey	Bambeh Kamara
Ethan Cullen	Tazmin Shaw
Haroon Khan	Lais Laper
Year 9	
Billy Webb	Lacey Fowl
Sebastian Rosu-Donciu	Barbara De Silver
Samuel Akintaro	Lana Alves de Sousa
Oziegbe Omosun	Izabel Baylis



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## Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Report

Our 2018-19 Duke of Edinburgh cohort were nothing more than inspirational. Each of our students had to complete two full days of hiking and two nights camping out in tents, cooking a good quality evening meal in order to pass all of the criteria for the Bronze Award.

I am so very proud to say that every student that attended not just passed, but flew through the requirements! The weekend was a huge challenge for them, but thanks to everything we all learned from the practice expedition, the assessed expedition was made to seem like a walk in the park.

Each group faced their own challenges: getting lost; route changes; closed off fields; sleeplessness; misplaced kit; frustration and the occasional wildlife encounter. Every challenge was swiftly overcome by a new generation of self-confident, independent and genuinely more resilient, free-thinking students.

Of everything I personally learned last year, this seems the most important. Everything is magnified when out on expedition. Climbing a hill and seeing the church spire they've been looking for for an hour can feel like summiting a mountain and planting a flag in it. What our students achieved this summer is nothing short of spectacular and very much well deserved. I simply cannot wait to present their awards this Autumn! Thanks to the many staff and parents who supported throughout the year.

Thank you, from myself and on our students' behalf, to all the staff that made this year possible.

- Mrs Simpsons
- Mr Jennings
- Mr Jordan
- Mrs Douglas
- Mrs Drain
- Ms Gilbey
- Mr Armstrong
- And everyone else behind the scenes!

*Mr M Harman*



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**We are still accepting participants for 2019-20** for Silver (Year 10) awards.

If you wish for your child to participate, please complete and return the forms which are available from upper site reception and finish any payments (£100) via the parentmail app or website. If you wish your child to take part but feel you may have difficulty meeting the costs, please contact the DofE Manager at M.Harman@stjohnfisher.school. The deadlines to complete payment and return forms for the silver award is Friday the 18th of October.

The Duke of Edinburgh award, as you may already be aware, is a vocational award, designed to give school age children opportunities and experiences to further their education beyond the classroom. They are expected to complete a period of time volunteering, taking part in a physical activity and learning a new skill. Once these activities are completed, they will then undertake an expedition in open countryside where they will need to camp and hike for two days.

Team 4 setting out on the 2nd day.



Once all the requirements have been met, they will be awarded with a qualification which is internationally recognised and highly valued by employers and universities. Quite often it is seen as a significant advantage compared to applicants that do not possess the award.

Students who are new to the award will have a short induction to show them how to use the online evidence logging system and help them decide what activities they may wish to take part in. After this, they are then free to pursue their chosen activities in their own time at their own pace, with regular check-ins with their DofE Coordinator.

If you have any further questions or want more information, please take a look at the Duke of Edinburgh website at [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org).  
*Mr M. Harman*

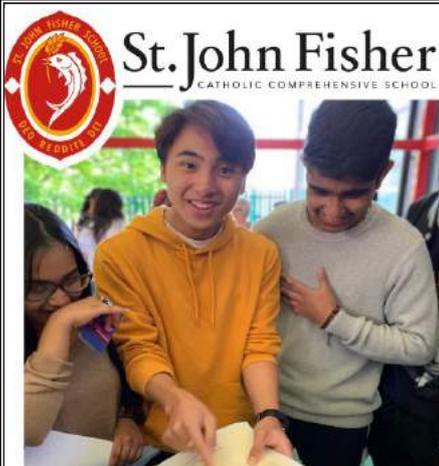


Proud and tired but finally relaxing.

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## See how we get such great results: OPEN DAYS IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER



### Year 7 Open Days – September and October 2019

Each year we arrange a series of Open Days, either in the morning or in the evening for parents and our potential students to be able to tour the school and hear the headteacher speak in conjunction with our student ambassadors. We have been delighted to welcome lots of parents and potential students to our school so that they can learn what the school is all about and ask questions in a wonderful atmosphere.

At SJF, we believe that the best way to really know what we have to offer is to hear it from the students themselves. By visiting us on one or more of our open mornings or evening, you will have the opportunity to speak with our students and ask questions about our SJF family. We are excited about this and looking forward to welcoming you.

#### **Open Mornings**

- An ideal opportunity to see the Lower Site school in action during a normal day
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October and 30<sup>th</sup> October
- Each morning runs from 9am-11am (last entry 10.45am)
- Taking place at our Lower School Site, 79 Maidstone Road, ME4 6DP

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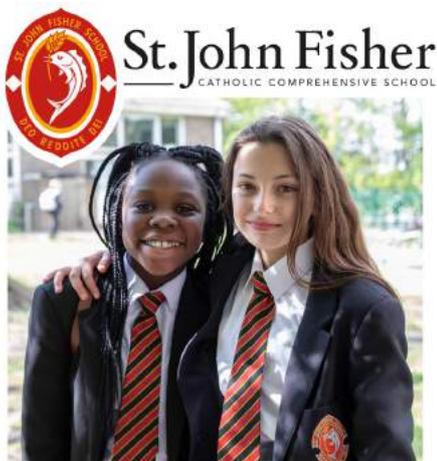
#### Open Day

- Weekend open day to meet teachers and current students
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October
- Runs from 9am-12pm (last entry 11.45am)
- Taking place at our Lower School Site, 79 Maidstone Road, ME4 6DP

Please note that we are not opening our Upper Site this year because Year 7 students starting in September 2020 are unlikely to be educated there due to our new build. However, there will be opportunities to meet and talk to Upper School students at each of our Open Events.

In addition to this, if you wish to book an individual appointment with Mrs. Lennon, our Headteacher, we would be happy to accommodate you. Please contact the Headteacher's PA, Mrs. Bovis (A.Bovis@stjohnfisher.school), at the school.

*Miss V Walker*



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**YELLOW ZIG ZAG LINES - POLITE REMINDER TO PARENTS/CARERS**

For the safety of all our students please **do not** park on the **double yellow line or the yellow 'zig-zag' lines** outside the school's main entrances. These are located in Ordnance Street and Scotteswood Avenue. Please also refrain from parking on the pavements as this makes it difficult for students to get past the cars.

School Keep Clear road markings were initially introduced in the 1964 Traffic Signs Regulations. They originally consisted of broken white lines that formed a box containing the words 'School Entrance'.

In 1975 these markings were changed to the current yellow zigzag lines with the words 'School Keep Clear' placed between the zigzag lines.

Due to the success in helping to prevent accidents between motorists and children, these yellow zigzag lines are now seen at the majority of school entrances and exits throughout the UK.

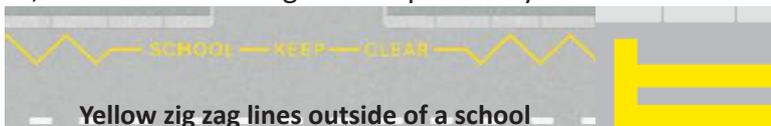
Yellow zigzag lines can also be found at the entrance or exits of hospitals, fire stations, police station or ambulance stations and are used to indicate the length of road where you should not wait, stop or park a vehicle.

Yellow and white zigzag road markings are placed to show that the area must be kept clear to allow an unrestricted view for approaching drivers and riders or children wanting to cross the road.

Double yellow lines mean no waiting at any time, unless there are signs that specifically indicate seasonal restrictions.

These restrictions apply to the carriageway, pavement and verge.

Mrs A Bovis



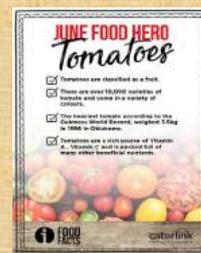
**Catering**

The school is pleased to announce that we are now working with Caterlink (<https://caterlinkltd.co.uk/>) to provide food in our canteens on Lower and Upper Site.



**Did you know...**

We serve a Mix 'n' Match lunch offer? Choose a drink, sandwich, fruit pot and either jelly or cake as a sweet treat. One item from each category. Great value at just £2.00!



**It is never too cold to chill...**

After October half term, we are launching our NEW ice crystal drink called Frutina Fruit Rush. School Food Standards compliant, it is great for hydration and super cool!



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## RE Update

In anticipation of the PPEs, Year 11 revision sessions are happening in the RE department, three times a week – students can pick a time that suits them! All Year 11s have been issued a revision guide to assist them with their home learning. The textbook is also available on kerboodle; students are asked to see their RE teacher if they have forgotten the login.

Year 9 and 10 have been developing their GCSE skills while studying key Catholic teachings and beliefs and the different ways that Catholics express beliefs.

*Miss J Turner*



Deanery Games 2019

On Wednesday 18th September 2019, St John Fisher Catholic School hosted the Deanery Games. The event involved 7 primary schools from the Deanery and 39 Year 8 and 9 students from St John Fisher Catholic School.

Ten students from each school participated in the Olympic inspired events run by the St John Fisher Catholic School students. All schools competed with great passion and determination to do their school proud. After a tightly fought event, the eventual winners were St Benedict's R C Primary School. The teams finishing in first, second and third all received medals presented by Mr Gough and Miss Cheedy. The final positions for all schools was:

- 1st St Benedict's R C Primary School
- 2nd St Thomas More C Primary School
- 3rd St Michael's R C Primary School
- 4th English Martyrs School
- 5th St William of Perth R C Primary School
- 6th St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School
- 7th St Thomas Of Canterbury R C Primary School

Praise was given to all primary schools and the St John Fisher Catholic school students for their outstanding performance and behaviour during this event.

*Mr S Gough*



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## 'Make Medway Your Classroom'

Make Medway Your Classroom is an exciting, innovative transition project between St. John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School, The Victory Academy, Ideas Test, Royal Opera House Bridge and Medway Council.

### **The aims of the project are to:**

- Improve the Year 7 experience for pupils transitioning to SJF and Victory academy by exposing students to a wide variety of cultural experiences in and around Medway.
- Develop students' understanding of, and sense of belonging to, the Medway community
- Develop students' soft skills, such as confidence and teamwork
- Develop students' understanding of career pathways in the arts and engineering.
- Enable each student to secure their Bronze Arts Award
- Enable SJF to secure the Silver Artsmark Award

### **During the year on Wednesday afternoons, groups of students will:**

1. See a theatre performance before developing and stage a performance of their own, with the support of a professional theatre group.
2. Visit an art gallery before embarking on and exhibiting work of their own, with the support of a professional artist.
3. Produce a musical group performance, with the support of a professional musician.
4. Engage with an engineering problem before devising their own solution
5. Develop and stage a dance a performance of their own, with the support of a professional dance artist.
6. Share these experiences with primary pupils.

We are delighted to include a report on the first Make Medway Your Classroom session, which was run by the Strangeface Theatre Company (<http://www.strangeface.co.uk/>).



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### Make Medway Your Classroom

#### **What can you do with cocktail sticks and midget gems?**

On Wednesday 11th September, 07Peter had a visitor join them in their Design and Technology lesson.

Mrs Edwards set the students the challenge of making structures with cocktail sticks and midget gems.

First, the students had to create a square with four cocktail sticks and four midget gems.

Secondly, they created tetrahedrons by adding four cocktail sticks and joining them with another midget gem.

Joining forces, students paired up to join their tetrahedrons together, one right-side up, one upside down to build a bridge structure.

After they completed that task, the students were then set the challenge of creating the tallest structure using what they have learnt.

There were some great outcomes. Well done!

*Mrs Owen*



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## Year 8 Football Game - St John Fisher v The Victory Academy

The Year 8 football started their season with an away fixture to the Victory Academy. The Year 8s are a new team, playing their first fixture together. The team were excited, filling the minibus on the short journey to the game with chatter about their dreams and aspirations.

Under the manager's advice, team captain Jake Hand won the toss and decided to play up hill in the first half and against a blustery wind. Jake's plan was to use the advantage of the downhill pitch in the second half, hoping that the opposition would tire, and we could take full advantage. The tactics went to plan and at the end of the first half, the Victory school failed to take advantage with the teams locked at 0-0.

After some inspirational words at half time it was now time for the team to put Jake's plan into action. Everything looked to be going well in the first 5 minutes with SJF having several attempts at goal, but a lack of composure saw the game still goalless. The Victory team kept attacking and in the 11th minute managed to open their score from a well-planned corner. SJF continued to press but failed to hear the ball hit the back of the net and Victory scored a further 3 goals before the final whistle.

With the final score at 4-0, the SJF team shook the oppositions hands and congratulated them on their win.

Danielius Rindokas	Ezekiel Daniel	Ethan Cullen	Charlie Hudson
Olamide Soyinka	Aaron Heron	Ephraim Sarpong	Kyrese Leslie
David Ngene	Jake Hand	Ebrima Bojang	Andrew Tomasoni
David Miole	Charlie Hudson	Elliot King	

*Mr S Gough*

## Year 8 Football Game - St John Fisher v The Hundred of Hoo

The boys were upbeat on the journey to the fixture despite a previous loss. With the arrival of David Ngene in the centre of defence, we had a fresh look to the back four.

With overcast conditions and rain in the air, the boys warmed up with some passing and shooting drills. The first half followed the same pattern as the Victory game, with both teams having opportunities to score, but failing to hit the target. The closest effort came from the SJF forwards hitting the post.

After 8 minutes of the second half, Aaron Heron went down injured from a Hoo tackle. With a man down and the referee allowing play to continue, the Hundred of Hoo boys took full advantage, putting themselves 1-0 up. 5 minutes later, the centre mid player from the Hundred of Hoo played a through ball into the penalty area. David Ngene chased down the striker, bringing him down in the area to give away an obvious penalty. The penalty was well saved by Danielius Rindokas, pushing the ball back into the oncoming Hoo players, who slotted the ball into the net. Hoo were now 2-0 with 15 minutes left on the clock.

St John Fisher continued to play well, creating several opportunities and forcing the Hoo goal keeper to make an impressive save from 6 yards. Both teams were playing some good passing football and in the 23rd and 27th minute, the Hundred of Hoo team managed to find the back of the net. When the final whistle blew, St John Fisher found themselves with a 4-0 losing result. I was proud of the way they congratulated their opponents and look forward to their future successes.

Danielius Rindokas	Ezekiel Daniel	Pelumi D-Onafowokan	Ebrima Bojang
Olamide Soyinka	Charlie Hudson	Ethan Cullen	Aaron Heron
David Ngene	Jake Hand	Ephraim Sarpong	Kyrese Leslie
David Miole			

*Mr S Gough*

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## Maths In Action

On September 12, 2019, fourteen Year 10 students went on a trip to the University of Greenwich's Medway campus to participate in Maths in Action. This exciting day featured a series of lectures, each focusing on a different aspect of maths, and how maths can reach far beyond the classroom.

The first talk of the day was about building a bridge to rescue some soldiers. This helped to inspire the next generation to enjoy and get involved with not just maths, but science, technology and engineering too.

The next talk which stood out to our students was about how different kinds of sequences are being used in fashion. They were able to see linear sequences, Fibonacci sequences and quadratic sequences in making beads for fashion and style. This was an unusual area of maths to explore and made students see how maths is crucial to daily life.

Lastly, the organiser, Derek Couzens showed us some magic maths, demonstrating how mathematics is involved in all forms of magic.

It was an interesting day and the different uses of maths in the real world certainly made the students understand how diverse the subject is.

*Mr S Oni*

## School Photos

Van Cols school photography company visited both sites on Friday 27th September to take student photos.

The company have gone away to process the pictures and have said the proofs will be with us shortly. Once received, they will be handed to students so that any parents who wish to buy a copy to keep may do so. Instructions on how to purchase the copies will be included in the packages containing the proofs.

*Miss T Chapman*

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**Kent  
Police**

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We need your help to warn young people about the dangers and consequences of becoming a money mule.

**What is a money mule?**

A money mule is someone who transfers stolen money through their own bank account on behalf of someone else and is paid for doing so.

Criminals need money mules to launder the profits of their crimes.

Young people are increasingly being targeted to become money mules. They are approached online or in person, including through social media, at school, college or sports clubs. Sometimes people they know persuade them to take part, often because they are also acting as money mules.

Mules will usually be unaware of where the money comes from – commonly fraud and scams – and that it can go on to fund crimes such as drug dealing and people trafficking.

**Being a money mule is illegal.**

When someone is caught, their bank account will be closed, and they will have problems getting student loans, mobile phone contracts and credit in the future. They could even face arrest for money laundering which carries a maximum sentence of 14 years in prison.

**What to look out for**

Tell-tale signs that someone might be involved could be them suddenly having extra cash, buying expensive new clothes or top-of-the-range mobile phones and gadgets with very little explanation as to how they got the money. They may also become more secretive, withdrawn or appear stressed.

You and your child can learn more and get advice by visiting [www.moneymules.co.uk](http://www.moneymules.co.uk) together.

If you are worried that someone close to you might be caught up in money muling, you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

**Please do not attempt to contact any individual you suspect of organising money muling.**

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**Faith in Action**

During the week commencing 26th September, St. John Fisher’s Faith in Action Group led whole year group assemblies on Peace, one of our core values as a Catholic community. Throughout the assembly, students and staff were asked to reflect on how we as individuals and as a Catholic community can help bring about peace. Questions were asked such as:

- How can my eyes, the way I look at people, bring peace and love?
- How can I use my feet to do good and bring happiness and peace?
- How can I use my hands to bless and help and bring peace to those around me?

The assembly finished with students understanding the role CAFOD plays in peace building around the world.

Well done to the Faith in Action group for the delivery of an informative and thought provoking assembly on our role as individuals and as a Catholic community in how we too can help to bring about peace.

*Mrs L Bennett*



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**Geography Field Trip to Chatham**

Two groups of Year 10 students visited their local area of Chatham as part of their Geography GCSE course. They investigated how and why quality of life changes as you move away from the town centre. In order to help students come up with answers, they carried out several surveys. This required students to approach members of the public and ask different questions.

Our students did this with a very caring approach, and many were complimented on the way they asked questions.

We had a lot of walking to do from Chatham town centre down to the Dockside and back. Our students were fantastic despite the long journey and hot sun beating on their backs.

Data will now be analysed to prepare them for their exam next year.

Well done to both Year 10 classes!

*Ms D Donnelly*



**Geography Field Trip to Reculver**

Forty five Year 10 students visited Reculver beach on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd of July as part of their compulsory fieldwork requirement of the Geography course.

We were extremely fortunate to have blue skies and warm sun to help us along on our field trip.

We spent some time on the protected side of the coast where we investigated coastal management methods. The crucial role of groynes, sea walls and gabions brought classroom Geography vividly to life as students learnt to assess the success, failures and sustainability of these management methods.

Understanding that a lot of land has been sacrificed to the sea, and with future sea levels rising and more frequent storms, was a stark reality.

The students enjoyed their day and collected lots of data which will be followed up in class in preparation for their Paper 3 exam.

*Ms D Donnelly*

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# Star of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who received the highest number of positive points this month:



**1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
Robbie Cutler Year 9  
224 points



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
Joseph Stephens Year 9  
219 points



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**  
Duncan Davies Year 9  
212 points

4<sup>th</sup> Place Emily Warren-Heys Year 8

5<sup>th</sup> Place Cristyan De Azevedo Martins Year 10

6<sup>th</sup> Place Adrian Wood Year 9

7<sup>th</sup> Place Katie Tumber Year 8

8<sup>th</sup> Place Danielius Rindokas Year 8

9<sup>th</sup> Place Ray Krasniqi Year 10

10<sup>th</sup> Place Rebeccah Akinsanya Year 8

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**Term Dates for Academic Year 2019 – 2020**

	<b>START</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>FINISH</b>
TERM 1	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2019	to	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
<b>Autumn Break</b>	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b>
TERM 2	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	to	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
<b>Christmas Break</b>	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020</b>
TERM 3	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	to	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
<b>February Break</b>	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020</b>
TERM 4	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	to	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020
<b>Easter Break</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b>
Good Friday – Bank Holiday	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2020		
Easter Monday – Bank Holiday	13 <sup>th</sup> April 2020		
TERM 5	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	to	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020
Bank Holiday	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2020		
<b>May Break</b>	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>
TERM 6	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020	to	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2020

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS/SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

TERM 1	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2019 – CPD in school Open Day - Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 – In school School closed to Teachers and Students - Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 in lieu of open day
TERM 2	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 - School Closed
TERM 6	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 - School Closed
TERM 6	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 - School Closed
Term 6	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2020 - School Closed

**Please note that in accordance with the local and national guidelines, St John Fisher do not authorise holidays during term time.**

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