

Parentmail 21.05.21

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your amazing hard work and efforts to help your children. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns you wish to raise with us. I will continue to communicate each week by Parentmail and please also check our website for more details. As the weather has improved, pupils will no longer be allowed to stay in classrooms over break and lunchtime from this week. Students are not required to wear masks from Monday 17th of May but may do so, if they wish

God Bless.

Mrs Lennon

Last Day for Year 11, 12N and 13

The last day for Year 11, 12N and 13 is Friday 28th May. Please note the programme below, which will involve an early finish for all year groups involved:

	Year 11	Year 11 Drama Students	Year 13 & 12N	Year 12N/ 13 Maths Resit / Philosophy Students
Session 1	Normal lessons	8.55-10.30 Drama exam (C5 / Library)	Normal lessons	8.55-10.55 Philosophy and Ethics – OFF6 8.55-10.30 Maths Resit – B1 and B2
Session 2	Leavers' Mass (streamed to Y11 teaching rooms) with normal Y11 teachers.	10.30: return to usual teaching rooms to hear end of Leavers' Mass.	Leavers' Mass (streamed to Hall).	10.30: Maths students return to Hall to hear end of Leavers' Mass.
Break				
11.20-11.40	Assembly in Canteen		Assembly in the Hall	
11.40-12.25	Shirt / scrapbook signing and cake in the Canteen. <i>Students will be dismissed from site at 12.20pm via Canteen exit</i>		Shirt / scrapbook signing and cake in the Hall – VWA to organise cake. <i>Students will be dismissed from site at 12.15pm via Reception exit</i>	

Students entitled to free school meals will be able to collect a lunch from the Canteen prior to their departure.

Up Beat! Singing Club

So far, our KS3 singing club has been running online with the music teacher on TEAMS and the pupils in school. We are excited to announce that as of this coming Tuesday (18th May) the sessions will be face to face with the music teacher coming into school. This will be done following all the government and school guidelines around social distancing.

Thank you to all of the fabulous singers who are attending already and if any other Year 7 or 8 pupils would like to join please email Mr Bowers (s.bowers@stjohnfisher.school) for more details.

Medway Council Survey

Medway Council and partner agencies want to become a child friendly city, where all children and young people have a meaningful say in, and benefit from, the local decisions, services and spaces that shape their lives. To inform the development of this, we want to consult young people (aged 0 - 25) to learn more about what it feels like to be a young person living in Medway; what young people need and want; and their aspirations.

Part of the approach Medway Council is taking is to engage children and young people up to the age of 25 in an online survey that runs until Sunday 23rd May 2021.

Please can you encourage your children to complete the short anonymous survey to have their voice and opinion heard.

Here is the online survey link: <https://smartsurvey.co.uk/s/MedwayYourWay/>

Covid Testing: Lateral Flow Testing at Home

Your daughter/son should have received a new test kit.

Each box contains the items for 7 home tests and an instruction booklet. The following NHS video guidance is also useful in explaining how to conduct the test at home –

<https://youtu.be/S9XR8RZxKNo>.

It is advised that a test is conducted twice a week. We suggest the test is taken every Sunday and Wednesday evening. You are required to report the result of home lateral tests using the Covid-19 test result website (<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>) regardless if the test result is positive, negative or void.

As a school, we are also asked to track this information, so we ask that you please complete the following form to log your child's result – <https://stjohnfisher.school/wp-content/Covid-Result-Login/>. This is so that we can keep a record and advise you of the next steps if needed. Your child will need to use their normal school 'log-in' to access the site and their normal school password.

These lateral flow tests are for students with no symptoms only. If your child develops symptoms at any time, such as a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste, they must immediately self-isolate, and you will need to book a test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirustest>.

If your child's result from a lateral flow test or a PCR test is positive, please ensure you contact the school's attendance officer immediately.

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, these tests will help staff and students to remain in school safely. Up to one third of people who have coronavirus experience no symptoms. By testing we will help to stop the virus spread and help to keep our school open as safely as possible. The test is voluntary, but I would encourage everyone to take it.