Dear Parents and Friends of SJF,

Welcome to the May edition of our newsletter. In its pages there are numerous stories about the exciting activities that have taken place over the past few weeks. Exams are ongoing and I ask you to continue to keep our students in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

Finally, I am delighted to report that our Ofsted visit in May has seen the school upgraded to ‘Good’. This has only been possible through the hard work of all of our community and I am grateful for your support. The journey of school improvement is ongoing; we are determined to get even better because that is what all our wonderful students deserve.

God Bless,

Mrs D. Lennon
St John Fisher Newsletter May 2019

St John Fisher a ‘Good’ School!

As parents and carers are aware, on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd May, the school received an Ofsted inspection visit.

The report of the inspection has now been published and we are delighted to say that we have been judged to be a ‘Good’ School across all areas.

Leadership and management was praised as ‘The Headteacher, ably supported by her leadership team, has ensured that standards across the school have improved since the last inspection.’ In addition, governors ‘are knowledgeable about the school and they ensure that leaders are held to account.’

Teaching, learning and assessment was described as ‘strong’, with the report noting that ‘Teachers plan well so that activities meet the needs of pupils.’ Pupils were judged to receive a ‘broad and balanced curriculum’.

Our pupils also came in for praise, with the inspectors noting that ‘Pupils behave well in lessons and around the school. They have positive attitudes to their lessons and are keen to learn.’

Finally, in the sixth form, teaching was also described as ‘strong’ with the curriculum preparing students for ‘appropriately ambitious destinations.’

The full report can be read online at https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/23/118908.

We are thrilled with the outcome of this report, as it is proof of the significant improvements made in the school since our last Ofsted in March 2017. I am so proud of every member of our school community, which works together so well every day. I have the highest expectations and this report demonstrates the excellent progress we have made in the last two years. We look forward with excitement to the next steps for SJF, including our new build.

The outcome of this inspection would not have been possible without the hard work of everyone in our school – both staff and students – as well as that of the families and community we are privileged to work with. We would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank everyone who has supported and helped us to improve since the last inspection.

Mrs D Lennon

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Year 11 and 13 Leavers’ Mass Thursday 16th May 2019

On the 16th May, our Year 11 and Year 13 students celebrated their Leavers’ Mass with Father Baker. After a warm welcome and opening prayer led by Father Baker, further readings were undertaken by both Year 11 and Year 13 students. Our first reading was from the Acts of the Apostles 13: 13:25 which was followed by the Responsorial Psalm and then the Gospel.

Father Baker reflected on the Gospel and encouraged our students to stay close to God and be good ambassadors of faith as they have been for the past five to seven years. He also wished them well with their GCSEs and A levels.

Finally, Father Baker, along with students, celebrated with readings and bidding prayers to spiritually mark the imminent farewell of both Year 11 and Year 13 students.

Miss L Crouch

Half Term Revision Sessions

During the half term, St John Fisher ran a series of focused revision sessions for our Year 11 students. Despite being in the throes of exam season, students were motivated and focused in their work at these sessions.

Additionally, many of our Year 11 students have consistently attended school early and stayed until long after 3.05pm to engage in revision sessions offered to them – some of which have involved pizza! I am incredibly proud of the dedication and hard work that these students have shown. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who have given up their time to run these sessions for our students and to say a massive well done to the students who attended! Keep up the hard work!

Miss S Morris

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Parents’ Support Group 2019

For parents of children with ADHD & linked issues

Monday. Cost £1

Monday Afternoon & Evening

12:30pm & 7pm

Monday 1st July 12:30pm.
Chatting and Cold Enamelling with Mandy

£3 with refreshments.

Please book in advance

7:00pm: Rivermead Short Breaks

Subject to school holidays

Share a coffee with people who listen

Chatham Grammar School for Girls, Rainham Rd.
Gillingham ME5 7EH

Tel: Lesley Lucock: 01634 851312 email:lesley.lucock@btopenworld.com

Lisa Scarrott email: staspsg@yahoo.com

www.staspsg.wixsite.com/adhd
Applied Learning Student of the Month
April 2019

Student of the Month runs every month for students within Applied (BTEC) subjects. Each subject leader is asked to nominate one student from all their classes to be the student of that month. A board is located on the A floor which shows the students who have achieved student of the month for each subject, as well as an overall winner each month. The overall winner receives a fun USB from Mrs Simpson.

Applied Student of the Month April 2019

Yunus Cinar
For producing excellent work in Business Studies and overall commitment to the subject.

Student of the Month Nominees

Yunus Cinar
For producing excellent work in Business Studies and overall commitment to the subject.

Anwar Hussain
For producing excellent work in Travel and Tourism and overall commitment to the subject.

Miguel Martins
For producing excellent work in Science Level 3 and overall commitment to the subject.

Charlie Murtagh
For producing excellent work in Health and Social Care and overall commitment to the subject.

Ayomide Oluwiyi
For producing excellent work in Hospitality and overall commitment to the subject.
Year 11 Leavers’ Celebration

On Thursday 23rd May following the RE examination, Year 11 were invited to attend our official leavers’ celebration. This was an opportunity for students to reflect on their time at St John Fisher followed by music, shirt signing, cupcakes and photographs. Despite being the start of an exciting new chapter in our students’ lives, the end of Year 11 can also be an emotional time for both students and staff (myself included!).

By the time that you read this, all external exams will have finished and the only thing that Year 11 will have left to do is celebrate their prom on the 5th of July. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to see these students grow over the last five years and I wish every single one of them the best of luck in all of their future endeavours!

Miss S Morris
Reading to Rome Year 7 and 8 students take part in Reading Marathon

On 7th February, 2019, our Key Stage 3 English classes set out on their latest challenge: to read their way to destinations all over Europe!

In order to challenge themselves and compete against other classes, our students have been aiming to read as many books and complete as many Accelerated Reader quizzes as possible. The points accumulated through quizzes taken equate to miles run. So far, Year 7 and 8 together have read a whopping 1,366 miles – a distance that would take us from Chatham, through mainland Europe, all the way to (and past) the Italian capital of Rome!

As part of their amazing effort, 93% of our students have now partaken in Accelerated Reader quizzes. A total number of 811 quizzes have been completed over the course of 12 weeks.

Individual classes have been rewarded with themed lessons based on destinations such as London, Paris or Bruges. This term forms the final showdown: which classes and students will win the marathon overall?

The English department would like to thank all students for their participation and parents and carers for their support. If your child is in Year 7 or 8, please speak to them about what they are reading and encourage them to read more!

A special well done to the students with the most miles run.

**Year 7:**
- Kyrese Leslie (46 miles)
- Charlie Jessup (34 miles)

**Year 8:**
- Adrian Wood (47 miles)
- Ellie Emery (43.6 miles)

*Miss K Michaelis*
PTA Football Fundraiser

After the School Council informed us that students would like some new basketball hoops, we took this to our PTA, who suggested that we hold a student vs staff football fundraising match.

On Thursday 23rd May, the sun shone for our sixth form students and staff who treated spectators to an exciting and entertaining 7-a-side football match. There had been a lot of build up to the match with students and staff speculating on the outcome, and on the day, neither side disappointed. Both sides played well in the heat but in the end the staff beat the sixth form, 6 goals to 0. Some post-match analysis came from Mr Parsons, teacher of DT, who claimed that “the sixth form team lacked structure”. Or maybe it was this season’s lucky red shirts that led the staff to victory!

One point everyone seemed to agree on was that it was a positive and relaxing way for students and staff to end another busy term.

Special thanks to all the players on the student and staff teams, and our qualified Year 11 referee, Aleksei Maksimov, for overseeing the match. We also want to thank William Mengual for providing the music and for Ellinor’s Ice Cream for donating 20% of their sales revenue. Finally, thanks to everyone who bought tickets and came along to watch.

We raised £128 towards the new basketball hoops. Congratulations to all!

Mrs J Douglas

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University of Kent Trip

On the 3rd of May, 60 of St John Fisher’s high prior attaining students (HPA) from Years 9 and 10 attended the University of Kent in order to take part in ‘University Life’ workshops, trial taster lectures and society meetings. Previously to this trip, many of these students had had little to no contact with university life, and considered university a concept that needn’t be thought about until Year 12 at the earliest. Split into three groups, our students experienced Social Sciences, Science and Humanities tutorials with university lecturers from the University of Kent, and took part in Raise and Give and Photography society activities.

As you can see, they had a great time! Many students were surprised at the size of the university campus, and more so to hear that many universities have much larger campuses. Several students felt that the visit had made them more aware of what an average university day was like, and were surprised that, although there was a lot of work involved, students seemed to have very active social lives. Others felt that they hadn’t been aware of the range of subjects they could study at university, having previously assumed it was ‘just anything you can study at A level’.

Following this trip, the students also took part in follow up sessions on the 20th of May, in which they discussed the average student day and balancing the responsibilities of studying, working and having an active social life (and not just once they get to university!)

We hope the students found the trip beneficial and have been enlightened as to what to expect should they choose to go on to university.

Miss V Roberts
Duke of York Update - Bronze Award

Computing skills are required for most jobs and careers in today’s world. As part of this, all Key Stage 4 and 5 students at St John Fisher are being encouraged to sign up for and complete the DoY award.

The programme helps you develop digital, enterprise and employability skills for free. Through a series of online challenges and events, you can win career and life enhancing badges, unlock new opportunities and, ultimately, gain industry recognised awards that help you stand out from the crowd. This award is about lifelong learning, for anyone who wants to develop their skills. Nationwide, programme learners include school pupils, apprentices, business leaders, pensioners, students and community groups.

Discover skills you never knew you had and hone the ones you’ve already got by taking our online challenges. The challenges are split into core categories, each with its own series of badges to be won - citizen, worker, maker, entrepreneur and gamer. As well as being fun, these badges will help you show off what you’ve learned and could, when the time comes, help you land the job you want.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our latest Bronze Award Holders:

Kealan Wade
Jenson Gurr
Filip Gucwa
Saloni Rana
Stephanie Beeching
Kyan Noel
Gloria Owolabi
Cristyan Martins

Mrs G Baxter
Using Parental Controls and Privacy Settings

What are parental controls?

Parental controls are the names for a group of settings that put you in control of what content your child can see. Combined with privacy settings these can help you protect your children from the certain types of information / images they shouldn’t see or experience online.

How to set parental controls

Many parents are put off using controls and settings as they think they will be difficult to set up, or complicated to use. www.internetmatters.org has over 70 step by steps guides for all major networks, devices, services and entertainment providers that can help make it simple and straightforward.

To access the help, go to https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/

Then in the blue box type in the name of the guide you are looking for e.g. Sky

From there chose the information you need.

Source https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/
Good Samaritan Mass

A group of students attended the Good Samaritan Mass at Southwark Cathedral on 1st May.

The Good Samaritan Mass is an opportunity for pupils and staff from Catholic secondary schools across the Diocese to come together and celebrate the kindness and generosity that our students show in giving to different charitable causes.

The Mass was held in aid of the Southwark Crisis fund, and as always, our students were truly a credit to St John Fisher.

Mr G McCaughan

St Anselms Mass

A group of students attended a celebration Mass for St Anselm’s School which was held in Canterbury Cathedral on 30th April.

The Cathedral was beautiful and the pupils were true ambassadors for the school, even when Mr McCaughan, who was driving the minibus, took what he called the ‘scenic route’ to get to the cathedral!

Mr G McCaughan

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6th Form Aylesford Priory Trip

In May, Year 12 and 13 students had the opportunity to attend the Aylesford Priory Retreat led by Deacon Jim Coleman and Mr Adam Jennings.

Students were bussed from St John Fisher to Aylesford Priory, where they settled in the chapel. Deacon Jim led a prayer for the day. Students were then introduced to the topic of debate for the day, “Should euthanasia be allowed?” Students split into their teams and went into the beautiful grounds of Aylesford Priory to prepare for the debate. They returned a short while later where they engaged in a heated yet respectful debate on Euthanasia. The students argued admirably on the topic, exploring ideas about the sanctity of life and quality of life, discussing whether the government should decide what happens to our bodies and debating the influence of religion on the law. Students also reacted impressively to occasional ‘grenades’ dropped in by Mr Jennings and Deacon Jim, who couldn’t help but get involved in what was a thoroughly enjoyable debate.

Following the debate, Deacon Jim led the students in a blessing where the students got involved in prayer readings before receiving the Eucharist. Finally, the students were given time to explore the grounds once more before joining Mr Jennings and Deacon Jim in the coffee shop for lunch.

The Sixth Form Aylesford Retreat was relaxing and restful and, most importantly, enjoyed by both students and staff.

Mr A Jennings
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Star of the Month

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

1st Place
Treesa Biju Year 8
174 points

2nd Place
Owen Li Year 9
170 points

3rd Place
Summer Pudney Year 7
163 points

4th Place Rajveer Kaur Year 7
5th Place Octavian Paun Year 10
6th Place Matilda Koleowo Year 9

7th Place Osbert Biskup Year 9
Dylan Greenwood Year 10
and Oliver Maloney Year 10
8th Place Megan Grey Year 9
## Term Dates for Academic Year 2018 – 2019

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- Good Friday – Bank Holiday: 19th April 2019
- Easter Monday – Bank Holiday: 22nd April 2019
- May Day - Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2019
- May Break: Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019
- TERM 6: Monday 3rd June 2019 to Tuesday 23rd July 2019

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS/SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

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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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