Dear Readers,

Welcome to the June Edition of the newsletter from St John Fisher Catholic School. The GCSE, AS and A Level examinations are completed and we wait with anticipation for the results in August. I am incredibly proud of how hard our students worked for the many weeks of examinations. Over two months of examinations is a gruelling process and our students showed great determination. They were well supported by our wonderful staff with revision sessions running from early mornings to late evenings and throughout half term. Staff and students are looking forward to relaxing and celebrating at the Year 13 Leaver’s event in June and the Year 11 Prom in July.

St John Fisher Feast Day was a delight. We were blessed with beautiful weather for our open air Mass and events and welcomed a number of special visitors including governors, representatives from the education authority, the Diocese and local schools. Ms Crouch, assisted by a huge team, organised the whole event and our Chaplaincy team, Mrs Leach and Mr Jones, organised the Mass. I would like to pay tribute to them for their hard work. More details and pictures in this edition.

We currently have 20 visitors from Spain on the lower site which you will read more about in July. They are spending a week with us and our students seem to be thoroughly enjoying working with them.

Ms Walker has organised our twitter profile @St_Johnfisher so please follow us to get a sense of our vibrant school community.

There have been a number of school trips in recent weeks with more to follow before the end of the year. Reports and pictures to follow in July.

We have also welcomed a number of visitors from other schools who are interested in the work we are doing to develop teaching and learning and the education we are delivering to all our students.

God Bless

Mrs D Lennon
Headteacher
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News From Chaplaincy

St John Fisher Feast Day 22nd June 2018

On Friday 22nd June, the whole St John Fisher school community and guests celebrated our school’s Patron Saint with a very special day. Our day started with an open air Mass celebrated by Father Baker, parish priest of St. Michael's Church, Chatham. Father Baker was joined on the Altar by Deacon James Coleman. During our service, hymns were sung by the St John Fisher Choir, who were accompanied by Mr Darby and Mr Headon on guitar - making this whole school Mass a very joyous and prayerful occasion.

Following Mass, students returned to their PSHRE forms for various activities. Afternoon celebrations included Arts and Crafts activities, giant chess, swing ball, table tennis and face painting, plus ‘Challenge the Teacher’. Any money collected will go to the school’s chosen charity. New this year was St John Fisher’s Got Talent. If students were not taking part in the various activities, they were able to watch and cheer on their year group and friends.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our special guests and the whole of the St John Fisher community for making this a truly special day.

Total amount of money raised for charity was £194.20p.

Miss L Crouch and Mrs P Leach  Lay Chaplain

Prayer of St John Fisher

Father,

You confirm the true faith with the crown of martyrdom. May the prayers of Saint John Fisher give us the courage to proclaim our faith by the witness of our lives. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

God Bless, Mrs P. Leach and the Chaplaincy Team
Belgium Trip - Year 8

Dear Readers,

I am delighted to say that this year’s Year 08 trip to Belgium was a resounding success. Despite a very early start, all students enjoyed a fantastic trip to several important sites. The behaviour of our students was immaculate and the respectful way in which they carried themselves was commended, on several occasions, by the public. Students were, as always, a credit to themselves, their families and their school. Please enjoy a small selection of photographs and reports from our students.

Mr. M J Roberts

“The Belgium trip was a really good opportunity for me and everyone else because you can get even more educated by having fun and exploring with your friends. I am so happy I went because I feel like I now know a lot more about WWI and those who fought it and how people from totally different countries went there and fought for their freedom. This shows how brave these people were. The first place we visited on Mr Roberts’ amazing Belgium trip was the Menin Gate, a memorial of 54,000 people who fought for their country and how brave they were. They are still in our hearts.”

Anita Rumenova

“There were many names on the wall that showed people who died in WWI. Many people came to reflect and see how many people died. Everyone was taking pictures. On the wall it said the names of people and their ranks in the war and where they came from. Then we went into the town to the famous Belgian chocolate shop. Everyone got chocolates and then we went in groups to explore the town. We went to the ice cream parlour and I bought ice cream. There was also a cathedral and café to explore. The next place we visited was Sanctuary Wood which was my favourite because it is a working museum. We explored the trenches which were really fun because we went through them and there were tunnels to explore but it was very dark! We went to several cemeteries, some British and others German. The German cemetery was very different, quiet and with shared graves. I thought it was disrespectful because everyone deserves a respectful burial.”

Nawal Rehan

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Belgium Trip - Year 8 (cont.d)

“On Friday 15th June we got the chance to go to Belgium. We had to get up very early but it was worth it. I was very excited and happy. So, as planned, we went to the Menin Gate which was a memorial place with walls covered in the names of people who died in WWI. Lots of people were reflecting on those who have passed away and others were taking photos. After this, we started making our way down to this wonderful old town. I bought some different chocolates to try and I also got an ice cream which was delicious. The next place we visited was Sanctuary Wood - this was one of my favourite places we visited on the trip because they had these trenches that we could go and explore. We then visited Tyne Cot cemetery. This was a beautiful place and it was so peaceful there. Here we got to walk around the graves - it was so pretty, sunny and there were some really nice flowers there. Before we left, we had some group photos and we laid some flowers to remember those who died for their country.”

Chantelle Cutler

“After visiting Ypres we reached the next destination – Sanctuary Wood. This is a reconstructed battlefield where Germany and France fought each other, but the special thing about this place was that we were allowed to go in the trenches and experience first-hand what it was like.”

Toby Fowler-Wright

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Applied Learning Student of the Month
May 2018

Student of the Month runs every month for students within Applied (BTEC) subjects. Each subject leader is asked to nominate 1 student from all their classes to be the student of that month. A board is located on the A floor which shows the students that 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 May 2018

Oliwier Zoladek
For producing excellent work in Travel & Tourism and overall commitment to the subject.

Student of the Month Nominees

Stanley Amodubello
For producing excellent work in Health and Social Care and overall commitment to the subject.

Kieran Beckett
For producing excellent work in Foundation Learning and overall commitment to your work.

Lilymae Excell
For producing excellent work in Sports Studies and overall commitment to the subject.

Jaidan Lang
For producing excellent work in Business Studies and overall commitment to the subject.

Malwina Maleszyn
For producing excellent work in Art and overall commitment to the subject.

Oliwier Zoladek
For producing excellent work in Travel & Tourism and overall commitment to the subject.
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Medway Council urgently need foster carers who can offer a child a warm, loving and caring home.

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You could foster if:
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- You have a spare room
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Remember you can foster irrespective of your marital status, ethnicity, religion, gender or sexuality.

Why foster with us?
- You could help make a real difference to the lives of children and young people by becoming one of our foster carers.
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- We offer competitive rates and reward packages.
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Parents Support Group 2018
For parents of children with ADHD & linked issues
Monday 7 – 9pm. Cost £1

Monday Evening

3rd July : Sofie Wheeldon, Jade Griffiths - Child Health Services. 'Self Esteem'
10th Sept : Julie Taylor. EP
SUNDAY 16th Sept : CELEBRATION of ADHD

Share a coffee with people who listen
St Augustine's Church Room, Rock Av. Gil. ME7 5PW
Tel: Lesley Lucock: 01634 851312 email:lesley.lucock@btopenworld.com
Lisa Scarrott email: loxenham005@icloud.com
www.staspsg.wixsite.com/adhd

ADHD Afternoon Club 2018
For parents of children with ADHD & linked issues
Monday 12:30 - 2:30pm. Cost £1

Monday: Afternoon

3rd July : Sofie Wheeldon & Jade Griffiths Child Health team. ‘Anxiety’
10th Sept : Charlton Athletics
16th Sept : CELEBRATION of ADHD

Light Lunch will be available for additional donation

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Returning to St. John Fisher this year, the Duke of Edinburgh Award!

Beginning in the new academic year (2018-19) for Year 9 students, St. John Fisher will once again be proudly providing the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) award to our students. The award is nationally recognised by employers, colleges and universities as an indicator of hard work, life experience and teamwork. It is also the chance for our students to explore their own abilities outside of an academic setting and consider what they may wish to do after school.

The award is split into 3 tiers, bronze, silver and gold. To earn the award, each student must demonstrate a commitment to sport, a new skill, volunteering and complete an expedition. Each tier will increase their commitment, with a Gold award being the ultimate achievement, and with it, the chance to meet royalty!

Running the award will be our newly appointed DofE co-ordinator Mr Matthew Harman who brings years of expedition and outdoors experience to the role.

“I cannot wait for our students to discover more about themselves, the natural world and our community, which is always so very supportive. I am hoping that DofE will get our students out and away from computer screens and social media to just enjoy themselves doing something different or exciting. In my opinion DofE is just brilliant for children.”

Mr Harman

While the process of developing the award programme is underway, any donations of old unwanted hiking/camping/walking gear (with the exception of sharps and gas cylinders) from staff or our community would be wonderfully appreciated and put to use.
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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
William Mengual Year 8
170 points

2nd Place
Kayleigh-Jane Miles Year 7
167 points

3rd Place
Samantha Fleming Year 8
135 points

4th Place Shaniah Collinson Year 8
5th Place Reanne Allan Year 7
and Shauna Xavier Year 7
6th Place Tiger Hutcheson Year 7

7th Place Lee Ellis Year 7
8th Place Molly Seaney Year 8
9th Place Daniella Augustine Year 7

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