Dear Reader,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school year. It was a delight to welcome students and staff back to SJF, especially to welcome the next generation to our community. Year 7 have settled in quickly and are working hard. Already there have been several trips and we have welcomed a variety of visitors; more details are in this edition.

In addition to welcoming Year 6 students and their parents to see the work we are doing in the school for our Open Days, I have recently been visiting some of our primary schools with SJF students who had attended them. It has been really good fun.

I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you over the coming year.

God Bless

Mrs Lennon

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Religious Education at St John Fisher

In anticipation of the upcoming assessments for Key Stage 4, the Religious Education department would like to make you aware of the possible resources that your child should be accessing in order to achieve success in the GCSE exams. Students may also access the online textbook for free at www.kerboodle.com and they should see an RE teacher for their user name and password.

Homework tasks and revision materials for all key stages will continue to be posted on www.showmyhomework.com. Students do not need to login, they can access homework for subjects by searching the school and then filtering by teacher/date/subject. Key Stage 3 projects are issued termly and the deadline for the current project is the week of 15th October. For Key Stage 4, students should be completing at least one section of the GCSE revision guide each week. Intervention for Year 11 will be running on a Thursday after school. Sessions will be from 3.10-4.10pm, in both B1 and B2. While there will be a separate letter sent to those students who have to attend, all students are welcome.

On Friday the 28th of September, Year 7s will be taking part in the annual Aylesford Priory retreat. Students will have the opportunity to do spiritual activities, while learning about the purpose of the priory. Students will also be participating in the Year 7 Welcome Mass, celebrated by Father Baker.

Miss J Turner

Our PTA needs you!

We would love to hear from parents/carers who can offer a little or a lot of time throughout the year to be involved with organising and running fundraising events, liaising with other parents/carers and sharing views on what’s happening in school.

If you think you would like to be involved, please register your interest by sending an email to j.douglas@stjohnfisher.school or simply turn up to our first meeting in October.

Thursday 11th October 2018
5.30pm – 6.30pm
Upper School.

We look forward to meeting lots of you before the end of term!

Thank you

Mrs J Douglas
Diocesan Mass

Archbishop Peter Smith invited students from St John Fisher School to attend a mass marking the beginning of the new school year.

The mass took place on Tuesday 11th September 2018 at St George’s Cathedral, Southwark.

A group of students from Years 8, 9 and 10 attended the mass and saw Head Teachers and Chairs of Governors from across the Southwark schools be sworn into post for the coming year.

The Mass was followed by refreshments and the group even managed to meet the Archbishop. Our students behaved impeccably and were, as always, a credit to St John Fisher Catholic School.

Mr G McCaughan
Dear Parents and Carers

Are you or anyone you know interested in considering a career change and would like to consider training to teach?

Sir Joseph Williamson’s Mathematical School is the lead school in the Medway Teaching School Alliance and offers the opportunity to train to teach through salaried and non-salaried School Direct courses. For this current academic year the Alliance has on offer a number of salaried places in Secondary subjects, in addition to a number of salaried places in Primary Schools. We also offer a significant number of non-salaried places at Secondary level where trainees have been successful in obtaining a bursary from the Government. Bursaries are available for some non-salaried posts dependent on the subject. A classification of a 1st class degree in Physics for instance, can attract a bursary of £30,000.

Details of the School Direct programme are found on the DFE website: https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/

UCAS will be open for applications from 9 October 2018, search for course provider code 1FN (Medway Teaching School Alliance).

The School Direct courses will be delivered at Sir Joseph Williamson’s Mathematical School in partnership with Canterbury Christ Church University. In order to be accepted you would have graduated with an honours degree, ideally gaining a 1st or 2.1 classification. Those with a 2:2 have been accepted on the course if deemed successful at interview and in a few cases a third class honours degree has been considered. For Primary teaching your degree can be in any subject but for Secondary it should be relevant to your chosen subject. You must have GCSEs at grade C or above (or equivalent) in Maths and English (and Science for Primary courses). You will also need to pass the Professional Skills Tests required to embark on the School Direct course.

If you are interested, I would like to offer you the opportunity to further your interest in our School Direct programme by inviting you to join our School Taster Morning on Monday 29 October 2018 from 9.00 to 11.00 am. The morning will offer an opportunity to see our school in action and attend a presentation about the work and support offered by the MTSA.

Please note this is not an open day for parents. The sole purpose is to offer those interested in a change of career the opportunity to explore a teaching career.
I do hope you are able to join us. Please book your place by completing the form below and return to the MTSA Office, via Sir Joseph Williamson’s Mathematical School or email to info@mts.co.uk

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Bowes-Read
ITT Manager, MTSA

Please return to info@mts.co.uk

I am interested in attending the School Direct School Experience day on Monday 29 October 2018.

Name: __________________________________________

Email address: ______________________________________

Phone number: ______________________________________

I would / would not like to take the opportunity to be given a tour of the school.
SEA FOLK SING

CALLING SINGERS IN NORTH KENT AND EAST KENT

We are looking for singers across North Kent to join us for performances of a large-scale choral work.

The new music work will be co-created by composer Emily Peasgood and participants of the Sea Folk Sing workshop series. The work is a reflection on the end of WW1 and the process of reconciliation.

Performances will take place on the Sheerness train line, in Strood and at Chatham Historic Dockyard during November 2018.

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**GET IN TOUCH**

To register your interest call or text 07713 865955, email seafolksing@ideastest.co.uk or visit ideastest.org.uk/seafolksing.

There is no need to read music and there will be sound files available to assist learning.

If you want to take part you need to come to 4 out of the 6 rehearsals, including the final 2 rehearsals as listed below.

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Sea Folk Sing is a two year project commissioned by Ideas Test and produced by SparkedEcho and is part of the national Celebrating Age programme funded by the Baring Foundation and Arts Council England. We are also generously supported by Kent County Council, Optivo and Involveing Medway.

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Thorpe Park Trip - Year 11

The Thorpe Park trip took place on the Thursday 20th September. Around 30 students attended the trip from Travel and Tourism, Health and Social and BTEC PE. Students had to meet up in the canteen before 8 o’clock so teachers could take a register. The coach arrived a bit late, but we were ready to go just after 8:30. The journey to Thorpe Park took just under 2 hours which included an information and safety talk, an exchange of numbers with Miss Simpson, lots of singing, laughing and sleeping.

When we arrived at the Thorpe Park, everyone was excited and had planned which rides they wanted to go on. Every one of us tried to get on the Stealth which was amazing, exciting and full of screaming. Let’s just say it is an experience we won’t forget. Some of the other rides that people went to were The Walking Dead, which most of us agreed was a waste of time, for a forty minute wait it wasn’t anything special. The weather was dry and a bit windy. That didn’t mean that people didn’t get wet! Tidal Wave was surprisingly powerful and half of us got soaked.

One of the other rides was Nemesis Inferno. For some, it wasn’t scary, just a lot of fun. Others, however, were dead scared to the point of fainting... almost!

Another fun ride (and one of the best rides in the park) is The Swarm, you have to go on it to feel it. For the fans of horror movies, the ride Saw was pretty cool actually. Lots of scary talk and tension rise before the actual ride. The ride was cool, scary and interesting; lots of spins, level changes, falling, light-dark contrasts and speed changes. Just when you think it’s over, it scares the life out of you.

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People went on all sorts of rides, arcade games and places to grab a snack. Thorpe Park really does have attractions and entertainment for all age groups. As a group we learned about why theme parks are attractions all year around, and how to attract tourists to go to certain themes park even when there are so many on offer. It was actually funny seeing all of us running to the meeting point as we just got off the last ride of the day. It is a day that most of us will have stuck in our memory for a long time. The worst part of the day was waiting excitedly in the line for the rides, to be fair we did make most of them.

That’s it. The end of day at Thorpe Park. The ride back was interesting, hearing the different experiences and emotions of people that went on the same rides. Some were scared, some excited, some lived through small heart attacks, and some just loved every bit of it. All of us want to go again, repeat some rides and try some new ones. All of us enjoyed this day to the last bit of it. That’s probably why we fall asleep on the way back...

Adriana Serepec
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Year 8 Football Match Against Brompton Academy 13th September
SJF 4 - 1 Brompton Academy
Report written by Augusto Chiari (Year 8)

It was our match day and the debut of our new team. Hearts were beating rapidly and fingers tapping constantly. Pressure was kicking us in the back, constantly telling us to not lose. As we were putting our boots on, the team captain and vice-captain, George and Michael, hyped us up, helping us cope with the pressure.

Then we met eyes with Brompton Academy; no-one blinked. It was the start of a staring contest that went on throughout the match. We started to warm up and ran from one side of the pitch to the other, then we got in a circle and took turns showing a stretch before Mr. Gough called us over and told us our starting line-up.

In goal we had Kaden, looking strong. Now onto our defence. At left back we had Michael, alongside Malachai at left centre back, a player noted for his unlimited pace the year before. At right centre back we had Ozegebe with a strong tackle; alongside him we had Augusto, a right centre back with stunning strength.

Now onto our midfield; at left mid we had Daniel P with his amazing ball skill, alongside him was Daniel A with his great pace. At right centre mid we had Michael with eyes like an owl, and alongside him at right mid we had George, with his first touch perfection.

Now onto the strikers. At right front we had Archie with a shot that packed a punch and alongside him, at left front we had Adedemi, with 100% accuracy.

The first half started and it was a Brompton kick-off. As they kicked off, the upper half of the team applied pressure and after multiple chances from both teams, Michael was on the ball. He passed an overhead ball to George and BANG – it was at the back of the net! No sooner had we celebrated than Brompton bounced back with a bottom left corner goal. The first half finished 1-1.

The second half commenced and it was a St John Fisher kick-off. Brompton applied pressure and SJF kept their cool. Then Augusto passed the ball up the line to George, who shot and scored again. 2-1. The SJF team applied pressure and soon won the ball; there was another pass from Augusto to George and he crossed the ball into Daniel P; another goal was scored! Michael took possession of the ball again, passed it to George and he scored! George had scored a hat-trick!

The match ended. The teams shook hands and went their separate ways.

Thank you to the PE staff who organised the game.

Mr S Gough
**Deanery Games 2018**

On Wednesday 19th September 2018, St John Fisher Catholic School hosted the Deanery Games. The event involved six primary schools from the Deanery and forty Year 8, 9 and 10 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 Mary’s Catholic Primary School. All students from St Mary’s received a medal and certificate from the Deputy Head Teacher Mr McCaughan. The winning team were also presented with the winning shield. After engraving the winning school’s name, this will be presented to the school by Mr Gough.

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*
Dr Hickey’s Visit

It gave us great pleasure to welcome Dr Mary Hickey back to St John Fisher to launch an appeal for the homelessness through our PSHRE programme.

Did you know?

• According to the Guardian’s figures, the average age of a rough sleeper at death was 43, nearly half the UK life expectancy.
• Around 90% of those who died in the last five years were men.
• One in every 200 people in UK are homeless, according to Shelter.
• Government street counts and estimates give a snapshot of the national situation. The latest figures show that 4,751 people slept rough across England on any given night in 2017 - a 15% increase compared to the previous year, and more than double the amount in 2010.

Dr Hickey is asking for our help. So how can we help?

There is an urgent need for any of the following items:

Tooth brushes, tooth paste (travel size), tissues, combs, brushes, blankets, sleeping bags, sweets (not chocolate), hats, scarves, gloves, shoes, trainers, underwear, socks, t shirts and plastic macs.

Any travel size toiletries will be greatly appreciated.

Can you afford to send in with your child any of the above? If so, please please do, urgent supplies are needed before winter takes hold.

Please note: Items do not have to be new. Second hand good quality supplies will be gratefully received.

Please give to your child’s Head of Year.

Miss L Crouch

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Parliamentary Review

St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School is a secondary school based in Chatham, Kent. Following poor GCSE results in 2016, Dyna Lomax was appointed as the new head teacher, which has led to more successful results and significant changes in the way the school is led. Dyna explains how her restructuring has changed the school for the better and enabled the community to be proud once again.

St John Fisher is delighted to have been included in this year’s Parliamentary Review for South-East England. The Parliamentary Review is published annually and aims to give ‘a comprehensive picture of the state of secondary education currently, and the head teachers who are leading the way in best practice’. Senior staff will represent SJF at the Parliamentary Review Gala in London on 1st October.

The full article can be viewed online at http://www.theparliamentaryreview.co.uk/editions/secondary-education/secondary-education-south-east

Miss V Walker
Summer School 2018

Transition from Year 6 (primary) to Year 7 (secondary) school can be a difficult stage in a child’s development. However, with the right guidance and support, Year 6 leavers can enter secondary education with fewer concerns and a positive frame of mind.

At St John Fisher we take great care in ensuring we support our new pupils from the moment they gain a place at our school. We feel that, in pastoral terms, the one off induction day doesn’t go far enough in introducing pupils to their new peers, teachers and learning environment; therefore, our annual summer school has proven to be an effective way of easing pupils into their new environment allowing them to get to know the staff at St John Fisher and their peers.

Another benefit of the summer school is the opportunity it provides for our new Year 7 to get used to the school itself. Activities this year such as ‘Nature’s Alphabet’ led by Mrs Drain and ‘Scavenger Hunt’ led by Mr Jennings allowed for pupils to explore the school site, with fewer time restrictions and without the rest of the school community, allowing the pupils to familiarise themselves with their surroundings. In addition, it is a good time for parents to allow their children to come to school independently during the summer programme so that they can try out the school route.

Activities this year specifically focused on skills that the pupils focused on during their transition taster day visit to St John Fisher School, such as team work, team building, communication, problem solving and leadership skills. Literacy and Numeracy were also a focus. These activities allowed for healthy competition between the form groups, which in turn created a sense of camaraderie, which will particularly be beneficial for the new year ahead. Such activities also lend themselves well to allow for friendships to be formed in a positive and dynamic environment.

Summer school was attended by more than half of our prospective Year 7 pupils and provided a solid social grounding for the academic year ahead. Pupils were placed into their tutor groups and over two days engaged in competition to win the Summer School Shield. Throughout the two days, individual students were also identified by staff members as showing good leadership skills, communication skills and good teamwork. Individual certificates were presented to these students by their Head of Year Miss Clarke during the presentation at the end of summer school in front of their parents and carers.

Congratulations to St Peter who won the Summer School Shield.

It is a great pleasure to coordinate the summer school at St John Fisher and witness the ways in which the programme benefits our new Year 7s. It’s a fantastic way of introducing newcomers to their peers, teachers and school environment in a fun and positive way.

Miss L Crouch
Visits to primary schools

This term, Mrs. Lennon has been undertaking visits to some of our local primary schools to share the work that we do at St John Fisher with primary pupils and their teachers. Each time she has been accompanied by some of our students, as they are our best ambassadors.

Pictured here are Samuel, Kassia and Ruby outside their former primary school, English Martyrs.

On each visit the primary pupils have the opportunity to ask any and all questions that they have about SJF – we’ve been hugely impressed by their curiosity and the quality of their discussion!

Planned visits:

- Monday 17th September – St Mary’s
- Friday 21st September – English Martyrs
- Thursday 27th September – St Augustine’s
- Monday 1st October – St Benedict’s
- Wednesday 3rd October – St Thomas More
- Thursday 11th October – St William of Perth
- Friday 12th October - St Thomas of Canterbury

Miss V Walker
Social Media Announcement

We have recently learned that there are some fake social media accounts pretending to represent St. John Fisher staff and school. The only genuine social media channels used by SJF are the Facebook and Twitter accounts listed below. They are also accessible through the links on the top-right hand corner of our website.

https://twitter.com/St_JohnFisher

https://www.facebook.com/StJohnFisherMedway/

Parents and carers will be advised through this newsletter if there are any changes to the school’s social media profiles.

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Class of 1978 return to SJF!

On Saturday 1st September, St John Fisher welcomed the class of 1978 back to school for their 40th anniversary reunion.

The ex-students were welcomed to lower site by Mrs. Lennon, Headteacher. They then had a tour of the upper site with Miss Walker, Deputy Headteacher, before walking to St. Michael’s Church where they attended a Mass celebrated by Father Baker. He had been their parish priest when they attended SJF too!

Finally, the alumni returned to the lower site where they danced the night away. As Dan Vu, one of the alumni, later wrote, ‘We had so much fun and laughter - but deep down, it was quite an emotional day for all of us as we walked through the classrooms which had built the foundation of where we are today.’

Many thanks to Mr. Leach, the caretaker, for opening the sites; to Father Baker, for celebrating the Mass; and to Clem Rutter, for sharing photographs of the night.

If anyone reading this article is a member of the class of 1978 and has fallen out of touch with their peers, please do contact the school and we will put you in touch with the event organisers.

If you are interested in running a similar event or hiring out the school premises after teaching hours, please contact Mr. McCaughan, Senior Deputy Headteacher, at the school.

Miss V Walker
Summer 2018 A Level Results

Sixth form students at St John Fisher have surpassed themselves yet again with:

- 54% of all grades were equivalent to A or A*
- 65% of all grades were equivalent to A*- B
- 76% of all grades were equivalent to A*- C

All students seeking university places have been successful - this includes more than 80% of the year group.

Progress has been exceptional with average scores in Applied Studies at Distinction* considerably exceeding national averages.

St John Fisher continues to offer a hybrid curriculum at Key Stage 5 which enables students to select the pathways and subjects which most suit their learning needs.

We are thrilled with their achievements. Overall, our results are a mark of the effort and dedication shown by all our students and staff over the past two years.

Of particular note are:

**Shahmir:** Maths A Level (Grade ‘A’), ICT BTEC (‘Distinction*’), Applied Science (‘Distinction*’), and Business (‘Distinction*’). Shahmir will be studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Surrey.

**Thomas:** Health and Social Care (3 x ‘Distinction*’) and Travel and Tourism (2x ‘Distinction*’). Thomas will be studying Criminology and Sociology at the University of Kent.

**Duo:** Maths A Level (Grade ‘A’), ICT BTEC (‘Distinction*’) and Applied Science (‘Distinction’). Duo will be studying Computer Science at the University of Leeds.

**Anastacia:** Health and Social Care (3 x ‘Distinction*’), Applied Science (2x ‘Distinction*’, ‘Distinction’) and Biology A Level (Grade ‘B’). Anastacia will be studying Biomedical Sciences at the University of Surrey.

**Marina:** Health and Social Care (3 x ‘Distinction*’), Applied Science (2x ‘Distinction*’, ‘Distinction’) and Biology A Level (Grade ‘C’). Marina will be studying Biomedical Sciences at the University of Surrey.

**Chloe:** Religious Studies A Level (Grade ‘A’), English Language and Literature A Level (Grade ‘C’) and History A Level (Grade ‘C’). Chloe will be studying History at the University of Reading.

Receiving an education at St John Fisher has empowered our pupils to achieve great results at Sixth Form, of which they and we are rightly proud. It has also prepared them for the next steps in the journey of their lives, whether that be university, apprenticeship or the world of work. We have educated our students, and hope to have inspired them; they now go on to benefit our community.

Mrs E Bailey

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GCSE Results 2018

Thursday 23rd August saw Year 11 students anxiously lined up outside the SJF gates, waiting to collect their GCSE results. In the end, the news was wonderful!

- 48% of students achieved a grade ‘4’ or higher in both English and Maths
- 63% of all students achieved a grade ‘4’ or higher in English
- 51% of all students achieved a grade ‘4’ or higher in Maths
- 33% of all grades were equivalent to grade ‘5/B’ or higher
- 55% of all grades were equivalent to grade ‘4/C’ or higher

This included the following outstanding student achievement:

- Naomi Bell (one grade ‘9’, three grade ‘8’, one grade ‘7’, three grade ‘6’, one grade ‘5’ and one ‘B’ grade)
- Julianna Slawek (two ‘A*’ grades, one grade ‘8’, two grade ‘7’, four grade ‘6’, one grade ‘5’, one grade ‘4’ and one ‘B’ grade)
- Lukas Stonkus (two grade ‘8’, one grade ‘A’, two grade ‘7’, one grade ‘6’ and two grade ‘5’)
- Maria Anifowose (one grade ‘8’, equivalent to five grade ‘7’, two grade ‘6’, one grade ‘5’ and one grade ‘4’)

We are delighted with these results, as they represent the culmination of five years’ hard work by staff and students, building on the excellent work from our local primary schools. Headteacher Dympna Lennon said that ‘The changes in culture and increasingly high aspirations at St John Fisher are evident in these wonderful results. I would like to pay tribute to our families, staff and students for their immense hard work.’ Head of Year 11, Stephanie Morris, said ‘We are thrilled with the hard work and effort our students have put in to secure their GCSE results.’

Many of our pupils will continue being part of SJF’s community in our sixth form, and we look forward to empowering them to achieve their dreams; others are going on to local grammar schools, colleges and apprenticeships. We wish all our students luck in their bright futures.

Miss V Walker
Year 11 GCSE Drama Trip – The Globe Theatre

On Wednesday 19th September, the two GCSE drama groups embarked on a trip to The Globe Theatre, on London’s Bankside, to watch a brand new play called ‘Eyam’ based on the true story of a village quarantined during the Black Plague.

As part of their GCSE Drama course, students are required to have seen at least one live performance for a written exam they will take in the summer. However, the live performance can be of anyone’s choosing and this dramatic play set among a quarrelling village filled with secrets and sin was really exciting for our Year 11’s.

As well as becoming ‘groundlings’ in one of England’s most famous theatres, students embarked upon a scavenger hunt on London’s Bankside. Students put their performance skills and confidence to the test as they were challenged to create the best group photos in some iconic locations - you can see some of their ideas here!

Mrs S Dare
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Sport

George Moore from Year 8 has been selected to play for the District U13 team.

He attended trials with boys nominated by all the other schools in Medway. George is one of only fifteen boys to be selected - we are really proud of his achievement and look forward to seeing him play!

Mr S Gough

National Citizen Service

Congratulations to the following eight St. John Fisher students on their successful completion of the National Citizen Service Award during the summer holidays.

Tyler Collins
Symran Bining
Liam Davis
Tayef Ali
Savannah Pearce
Theo Calladine
Emily Worboys
Nya Joseph

This valuable four week course aims to develop key skills in confidence, leadership and independence. All those who successfully complete the programme receive a signed certificate from the Prime Minister. I would urge those students in Year 12 who are eligible to take part in the Autumn programme and those in Year 11 who are eligible for the summer programme to sign up today at www.ncyes.co.uk.

Mr D O’Halloran

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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
Robot Wars

Those parents and carers who follow SJF on Twitter may recall that, at the end of last summer, three budding Year 11 engineers won the University of Greenwich’s ‘Design a Robot’ Competition. Their prize? To build their robot ‘Unipup’ (part unicorn, part puppy), and prepare it for the Battle Royale of the year on 20th September.

The creation of the robot was a collaboration between the St John Fisher Science and Technology departments. The robot took shape, utilising the phenomenal art skills of our students, as well as their design and technology knowledge and work on electronic circuits.

The Science and Technology departments, and the school as a whole, are exceptionally proud of the accomplishments of our students. This programme not only showcases the exceptional talents and aspirations we have here at St. John Fisher, but also demonstrates the growing range of enrichment and outreach programmes available to our pupils.

I am certain the entire school community will join with me in congratulating these young ladies on their achievements and wishing them every success in the later stages of the competition. Look out for updates in the next newsletter.

Miss V Roberts

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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
Leticia Neves Year 8
172 points

2nd Place
Shauna Xavier Year 8
166 points

3rd Place
Sara-Nikol Erolova Year 7
160 points

4th Place Abigail Baker Year 8
5th Place Shaniah Collinson Year 9
and Amber-Rose Davis Year 7
6th Place Richa Rai Year 9
7th Place Kene Ezeh Year 8
8th Place George Moore Year 8
9th Place Indica Greene Year 8

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STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS/SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

TERM 1
- Monday 3rd September 2018 – CPD in school (School closed to Students)
- Open Day - Saturday 13th October 2018 – In school
- School closed - Friday 19th October 2018 in lieu of Open Day

TERM 2
- Friday 21st December 2018 - Staff Development Day (School closed to Students)

TERM 6
- Monday 22nd July 2019 - Staff Development Day (School closed to Students)
- Tuesday 23rd July 2019 - Staff Development Day (School closed to Students)

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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