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St John Fisher Catholic College

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of a short but very busy and successful term, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

We are now very close to the GCSE and A level examinations; so the focus, for Y11 and Y13 learners, over the next few weeks will be exam preparation and revision. Y11 and Y13 learners will all be given a revision pack to take home and help support them in their endeavours.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and Blessed Easter. May the power of Christ's resurrection fill our hearts with hope, and our lives with His Grace.

God Bless
Theresa Madden



Numero : Staffordshire Young Enterprise Company of the Year 2017/18

Congratulations to our student company - Numero, who were awarded with the prize for **Staffordshire Young Enterprise Company of the year 2017/18** at the World of Wedgwood on 20th March. The company, competing with around 20 schools in Staffordshire, also gained additional prizes for "**best innovation**" and "**best interview**".

The aim of Numero is to make Maths simple and fun for everyone by introducing innovative augmented reality features which allow students to visualise questions in 3D. To this end they have created a Maths revision app with questions suitable for Key Stage 3 and 4 learners. This app works alongside a set of cards and worksheets with inbuilt augmented reality features, which when scanned over by a mobile phone or laptop device come to life in 3D imagery.



The team originally gained inspiration for their product idea from the "Pharma Card" App developed by the Keele University School of Pharmacy. Keele University have been instrumental in supporting Numero in creating the Numero App, and we are grateful for their ongoing support through the Young Enterprise competition process. Numero have showcased their product idea at the Michelin "Dragons Den" and Staffordshire Young Enterprise Trade Fair at Wedgwood, to great acclaim from local business leaders.



To get to this point Numero have also had regular meetings at Keele University, held weekly board meetings in school, as well as putting in lots of time and effort in their own time to realise this idea. Well done to all students listed below, who have contributed so much over the past 6 months to the success of the company:

Johns Abraham, Marc Amil, Alysha Balderson, DanielDevis, Thomas Faulkner, Rhydion Gallo, Joel Houghton, Alwin Joseph, Ashley Matema, Ambrose Morris, Wilf Morris, Jedd Picones, Alfred Sabu, Natasha Sharma, Gursharan Singh, Isaac Syred, Zericko Templado, Valentine Uche.

Numero will now enter the next phase of the Young Enterprise competition at West Midlands level on 13th June, and we wish them every success. The Numero "starter pack" consisting of 3 cards, 3 worksheets and free access to the Numero App on Apple and Android devices will go on sale to learners from April 2018 priced at only £1.99. Watch this space!



Mathematics Department

Practise 4 Perfection Taken from the words of St Paul

" Whatever you have learned and received and heard from me, and seen in me, put these things into practice and the God of peace will be with you "
Phillipians 4:9

72% of the A level mathematicians in 2017 achieved a grade A* A or B. This is an outstanding achievement for the students.

Intermediate maths challenge

Silver **Kevin Torion** (Best in Y11),

Thomas Hurst, Jamie Grand,

Alexsis Springett (Best in Y10), **Luke Pierce- Powell,**

Ben De Vera, Tobe Okolo (joint Best in Y9 and qualifying for Grey Kangaroo) **Ruth O'Leary**

Bronze **Peter Hall, Jithu Davis, Amy Williams, Cara Shipman, Ella Wood, Melwin Baby, Rebecca Spruce, Joseph Bayley, Arooj Aslam, Salma Eldessouky, Skye Gardner, Klaudia Moga, Ammad Lohdi, Charlie Birks, Isabella Baskerville, Tom Brookfield, Nathan Slater, James Bowler, Thomas Kenny.**

“Hausarrest” – German Play on Flexible Learning Day

All learners of German from Y8 - 13 had the opportunity to watch another fabulous production from the theatre company Onatti on Flexible Learning Day.

The actors were native Germans and the whole play was conducted in German.

The son Finn was grounded following his bad school report. He thought this highly unfair as his mum only had to put up with the teachers once a year on Parents' Evening, whereas he had to put up with them every day. As he could not go out, Finn had the great idea to invite 3 different girl friends to his house and hoped they would not bump into one another. Chaos ensued!

Scarlett in Y8 had this reaction to the production:

“My favourite scene was when the boy Finn told Christina that he wanted them to break up because I understood that the best. I found the most difficult was when the mum was shouting at Finn when she came back.

When I found parts difficult to understand the hand gestures they made helped me with the words. The actors were really helpful in getting us to understand and they were also really enthusiastic”.



French Play

For the past 7 or so years, we have been lucky enough to have been able to invite *Onatti Productions Ltd* into school to present their KS2/3 and KS3/4 French and German Theatre to our learners and feeder-school pupils.

In February this year, our year 8s and GCSE French students, thoroughly enjoyed the production of 'Mes chers voisins' (*My dear neighbours*) which was a hilarious tale of five teenagers who live on the same street.

Performed entirely in French, but using language which is appropriate to their level of study and at a speed which allows for maximum engagement, the play kept the students focused and in fits of laughter.

Audience participation is always a 'must' with any piece by *Onatti Productions Ltd* and our students never fail to rise to the challenge. One of our year 8s even got to play the brief role of Justin Bieber!

Giving the students an opportunity to experience one of the many fun ways language-learning can take place, is essential in our culturally diverse society. We aim to show that foreign language is accessible to all and that it is not necessary to be 'fluent' in order to employ the valuable skills that language-learning brings to our students: confidence, an ability to communicate in spoken and written form and those 'much sought-after' valuable listening skills.

Mrs Higgins (Faculty Lead for MFL)

March FLD

On March 14th SJF hosted their second FLD of the year and what a day it was! There were over 30 visitors in school including a search and rescue dog, Blaze who was clearly the most popular! A taster of the day included:

Y7 students covered a range of activities from creative writing with ex head girl, Louise Emms, to litter picking with Alison Wainwright from the council, to having CSE talks from some year 9 citizenship students. Special thanks to Mrs Tinsley for helping these students.



Y8 had a German play in the morning (thanks to MFL for arranging!) and then important talks from local PSCO's Stacie and David in the afternoon talking about gang culture and how to stay safe. They also had CAFOD workshops and special thanks to Mr Phil Mayland, an old time SJF friend 😊

Y9 had an amazing talk from Synectics Solutions, a local multinational IT company that specialises in banking software and data protection. We are really pleased that we have established links with this successful company and are keen to explore further career opportunities for our young people. Year 9 also had important talks about community cohesion from our close friend, Mr Ahmed who works for Stoke Council as well as career talks from Staffs Commerce.





Y10 were the lucky ones who got to have a visit from Blaze the search and rescue dog, along with his handler John from Staffs Fire and Rescue. They also had the chance to make protein snack bars with Fay from Chartwells and have interesting talks about euthanasia from Life charity. Special thanks to Mrs Edwards who supported a small group of year 9 girls who were brave enough to deliver CSE and mental health sessions to the year 10's- the year group above, well done girls!



Y11 were lucky enough a really eye opening talk from Catherine who works at local charity Alice as well as Lynette from Arch. Both talks showed year 11 the realities that face people in the local area. NCS were again brilliant, in the two workshops that they delivered with the students, and I know that students had a great time during the team building session especially!





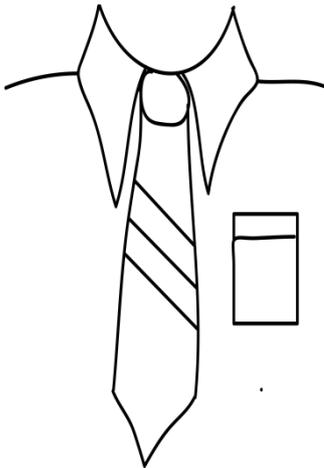
Sixth form had talks about first aid from the Red Cross as well as practical cooking sessions from Ken and Grace from Chartwells. We also welcomed in Staffs and Keele Universities to give talks about all aspects of Uni life. All sessions were focused on providing some real key life skills for when they fly the nest to Uni!

Alongside the day the school council yet again were ace!! They worked with Mrs Vodrey and Miss Addison to create flower boxes that will be collected by Newcastle Borough Council and planted on the roundabout next to McDonald's in Wolstanton, along with other plant boxes, to create a "patchwork quilt" of different flowers. So keep your eyes peeled- planting happens in July.



I would like to thank all visitors for coming in to support out FLD. We are always very grateful to you for your support, time and care that you show our students. Thank you for sharing your expertise with them and helping them to really "Aspire to be more and to not have more!"

Thank you as well to all of our talented, dedicated hardworking staff and finally, thank you to all of our students, you were, as always, AMAZING!
Ms J Rogers



Uniform updates:

If your child comes to school without their tie, they will need to borrow one from the main office. They will need to return it at the end of the school day. If it is not returned this may result in you being charged.

Save money by downloading the School Gateway app

If you have an Apple or Android supported smartphone, both you and the school can save money when you download the 'School Gateway' app from your app store (Apple App store and Google Play Store). By using School Gateway you will be able to:

- View messages from school in one central place
- Send messages to school for FREE
- Have one login - even if you have children at different schools
- Help school significantly reduce the cost of texting

*** We're aiming to get 50% of parents using the app - please help us achieve this *** It's quick and easy to do. Just search for and install "School Gateway" from your app store. All you need to register is the email address and mobile number that school holds on record for you.

If you have problems activating your account or logging in, it may be because the school doesn't have your current email and mobile phone number on record. Please contact the school and we'll update the details on our system.



SCHOOL CATERING



The school has taken the decision to move catering services 'in-house' from September 1st 2018. A new range of menus will be developed offering pupils a wide variety of choice using quality ingredients. Further details will follow over the next few months and parents and pupils will be given the opportunity to attend 'taster sessions' prior to the September launch.

School Council

Well done to the school council who worked with Ryn Bentham of Support Newcastle to create a local newspaper promoting all free events for the lonely and elderly to get involved in.

Ryn commented on how bright and professional she thought the students were and she enjoyed working with them.



Well done to **Holly Houghton** in Y11 whose beer coaster was chosen as the top one by the local Belong Village. The company will now be making this in to proper beer coasters for use in their in-house pub and we are looking forward to visiting in May!



Lockers at St John Fisher Catholic College

In order to ensure a better quality and a fully maintained locker and to drive down costs in school with effect from 1st September 2018 our Lockers will be provided by a Company – Independent Locker Solutions Ltd (ILS).
The Lockers will be available to rent on an annual basis. Rental costs are £22 per year allowing use from September through to July.

Please note your current school locker will need to be vacated before the end of the summer term.

Lockers for September 2018 – July 2019 will be available online from June 1st. Lockers are subject to availability please book early to avoid disappointment. All available lockers are shown online. To guarantee a locker please book online at their website www.ilsschools.co.uk
If you do not have access to the internet your local library can provide this facility free of charge.

All rentals are subject to the company’s terms and conditions which are available during the booking process.
Please note that ILS is a separate entity from the school and all dealings will be directly with the company.
Lockers cannot be reserved or booked via the Company’s office telephone.
For parents who have purchased a locker for the duration of their time at school, please contact lockers.sjfcc@ctkcc.co.uk about a pro-rated refund.

Please bear in mind a charge will be made for lockers that are damaged or dirty, which will be deducted from the pro-rated amount due. The refunds will be processed in July.

Many thanks
Mrs V Bowers - Bursar



CALLING ALL PARENTS!

We are currently compiling a presentation folder for all of our parents.

Inside the folder there will be space to include

**ADVERTISEMENTS
FOR LOCAL COMPANIES
AND BUSINESSES**

3,000 folders will be produced

and distributed to the parents of all our pupils, teachers and any others who request information about the school.

Advertising revenue will generate income to
BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS

Please, take this opportunity to support the school and promote your business

Space is limited - act now to reserve your spot

Log your interest with FSE
on **01933 303520**

We are delighted to announce that our wonderful school project to replace the mobile classroom has begun.

The new building will be three storeys and will house 14 teaching spaces including a new Sixth Form Centre. The Condition Improvement Fund money has been fully funded from the Education Funding Agency for £2.2 million. The building will be completed by September 2018.

The image shows what the building should look like once it is completed.

You have an opportunity to purchase a brick which will be personally engraved with a maximum of 2 lines containing 13 characters including spaces. The brick will be a permanent reminder of your connection with St John Fisher Catholic College.



Each engraved brick will be in a prominent position in the new build concentrating around the building entrance. The cost is £22.00 per brick.

Please complete the attached template when making your purchase and return to the school reception or by email to: buyabrick@CTKCC.co.uk . Please ensure you double check the spelling as mistakes cannot be rectified after ordering. All proceeds will be put towards classroom facilities in the new building.

Mrs Vicky Bowers - Bursar

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BUY-A-BRICK CAMPAIGN
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN UPPER CASE THE LETTERS
EXACTLY HOW YOU WISH YOUR BRICK TO BE ENGRAVED:-



PLEASE MAKE PAYMENT VIA PARENT PAY OR ALTERNATIVELY CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO:-
Christ the King Catholic Collegiate
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Note for Parent Pay users:

Please be aware that an email is sent out to parents with an email address assigned on Parentpay for all trips when they are first loaded on to on Parentpay. Therefore, it is important if possible that you have an email address signed to Parentpay that these messages will go to. You can also manage your alerts and emails addresses when you log onto ParentPay so that when a new payment item is added you get an alert to that effect. Please see details below:

Parent Pay – New Item Alert

I wanted to bring to your attention to a useful feature on Parent Pay that you may not be aware of. New Item alerts - an alert will inform you when the school creates a new payment item. Email alerts are free of charge, but you will be charged for text alerts to your mobile. All that you have to do is click email or text under "New Item Alert". To set this up simply follow the directions below:-

Click on Profile at the top of the screen

Click on Alert setting on the left hand side

New Item alerts - click email or text (please ensure your email address is registered)

Press save at the bottom of the page

Parent Pay - Refunds

Please bear in mind that if you ask for a Parent Pay refund for any reason, refunds will go back to the Parent Account rather than the parents bank account.

You will need to log in to your Parent Pay account and if you wish to withdraw go to *Parent Account > Withdraw* and they can withdraw back to the payment card that was used.

Parent Pay School Break and Dinners

Please be aware that cashless payment for purchasing of school dinners and break is now in place. Please ensure that the relevant Parent Pay accounts are **topped up every week** and that students have either had their fingerprint data taken or have their PIN. **You must ensure that accounts are topped up before 11.30am on the day** any food is required as after this time the money does not get transferred to the kitchen until the next day. Without finger print scan or PIN students will not be able to access food from the canteen. Biometric Consent forms can be requested from the Finance Office.

You can set up a **Balance Alert** where once your balance drops below say £5.00 you can receive an email alert which will prompt you to top up their lunch account.

School Fund

School Fund is a voluntary payment of £10 per year, which helps the school to support a range of activities including: supporting district and county sports representatives; providing additional yard equipment; supporting the diverse range of lunch clubs on offer and more.

Thank you for your support, so far we have received so far a **massive £1,510**.

If you are able to support the school fund by giving £10 then please do this through Parent Pay. This donation will go directly to supporting all the children in the school.

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**Learning Express
Department**
Find us in LE room 1 and LE
room 2

Come along and enjoy!
Dance Club, Monday after school



Year 11 revision support, Tuesday after school
Lunchtime Clubs e.g. Lego Club, Sewing and Art Club.
Homework Support, morning club and lunchtime



Well done to learners who are being supported
with reading and maths interventions before
school and during registration!

***Happy Easter from everyone in the
Learning Express Department!***

School Terms and Holiday Dates 2017 / 2018

Summer Term 2018

Staff & Pupils: Monday 16 April - Friday 25 May
May Day: **Monday 7 May**
Holiday: **Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June**
Staff & Pupils: Monday 4 June - Friday 20 July
Holiday: **Monday 23 July - Friday 31 August**

School Terms and Holiday Dates 2018 / 2019

Autumn Term 2018

Staff Monday 3 September - Friday 26 October
Pupils Wednesday 5 September - Thursday 25 October
Holiday (pupils) **Friday 26 October - Monday 5 November**
Holiday (staff) **Monday 29 October - Friday 2 November**
Staff Monday 5 November - Friday 21 December
Pupils Tuesday 6 November - Friday 21 December
Holiday **Monday 24 December - Friday 4 January**

Spring Term 2019

Staff & Pupils Monday 7 January - Friday 15 February
Holiday **Monday 18 February - Friday 22 February**
Staff & Pupils Monday 25 February - Friday 12 April
Holiday **Monday 15 April - Friday 26 April**
Easter Sunday Sunday 21 April

Summer Term 2019

Staff & Pupils Monday 29 April - Friday 24 May
May Day **Monday 6 May**
Holiday **Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May**
Staff & Pupils Monday 3 June - Friday 19 July
Holidays **Monday 22 July - Friday 30 August**

Pupil absence line

If your child is ill please ring the school pupil absence line 01782 346333 - which is available 24 hours a day. Don't forget to send a note in when your child returns after an absence.



Well done to three Y7 classes who took part in the sports relief "run a mile" event on Thursday 23rd March with Jonathon the area manager of Sainsbury's. Thank you to Sainsbury's, Newcastle, for the bananas and water as well.

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Ms J Rogers

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The newsletter is available in full colour on the school website. If you would like the newsletter in a printed format, please let the office know.

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