

St Francis Xavier's College

SFExtra Information for Parents

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Leadership Message

Welcome to our first edition of the parent bulletin. We are keen to keep parents more informed about what is going on in our College community. We want to share important information with you and for you to also see some of the positive things that are happening here at SFX.

Attendance

Whilst we know this year has been extremely challenging with attendance overall, we can keep focussing on the week by week attendance by ensuring each pupil strives for 100% each week. The figures below are far too low and we would like parents to help us significantly improve this by ensuring your son/daughter attends every day.

W/C 26th April:

Year 7 = 92.4%
 Year 8 = 93.3%
 Year 9 = 90.2%
 Year 10 = 91.1%
 Year 11 = 91.5%
 Year 12 = 93.7%
 Year 13 = 88.8%

Best form KS3 = 7 Lewis
 Best form KS4 = 10 Almond
 Best form KS5 = 12 Almond

W/C 4th May:

Year 7 = 91.6%
 Year 8 = 92.7%
 Year 9 = 91.3%
 Year 10 = 89.5%
 Year 11 = 89%
 Year 12 = 95.6%
 Year 13 = 84.8%

Best form KS3 = 8 Bryant
 Best form KS4 = 10 Almond
 Best form KS5 = 12 Almond

Curriculum

Art

In Art our Year 11's have been developing work inspired by artist and social commentator Grayson Perry. They have focused on representing their individualism through a series of studies in a range of materials throughout their sketchbooks. Perry is best known for pots, hence their final response in 3D form.

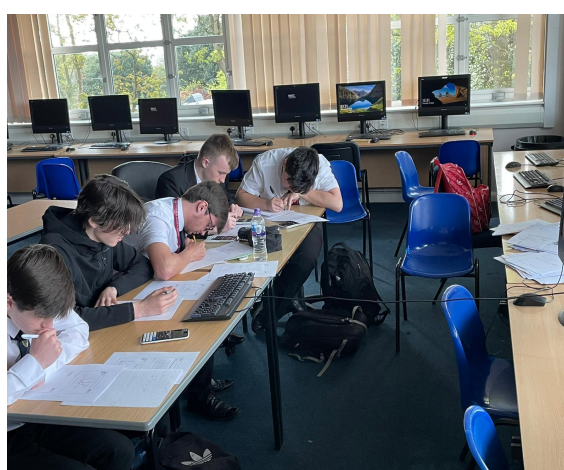
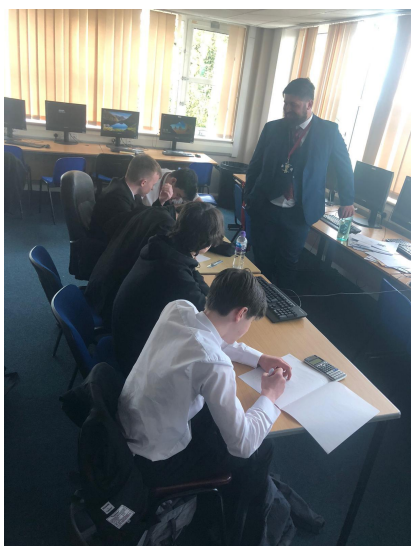


Maths

On Thursday 29th April our Year 12 Maths class participated in an online Problem Solving Booster afternoon run by the Advanced Maths Support Programme.

Students were guided through an online platform by Trainee Teachers from University of Chester and had the opportunity to develop mathematical problem-solving skills through discussion and collaboration. The problems were designed to help students to develop strategies and confidence when tackling unfamiliar problems in maths and will help with preparations for taking advanced papers such as the MAT, TMUA and STEP examinations. At the same time, the problems used in the course were fun and rewarding.

Our students demonstrated their competitive streak when they were trying to beat other schools involved in solving the problems quickly and accurately! The session was a great success and will greatly enrich students' mathematical experience and help them to develop a better understanding of A level Mathematics.



Science

In Science year 10s have been investigating how rates of reaction are impacted by different factors - temperature, concentration, surface area, pressure and catalysts. Students have spent some time investigating how concentration affects the rate of reaction using an experiment called the disappearing cross experiment - timing the amount of time taken for a cross to disappear, being covered by sulphur precipitation. The unfortunate side-effect of this experiment is that sulphur has the smell of rotten eggs - so not appetising at all!



Standards



Top 10 Xaverian Standards

Xaverians are **DIFFERENT**
 Xaverians want to make a **DIFFERENCE**
 Xaverians have a **PLAN**
 Xaverians **NEVER GIVE UP**
 Xaverians know **THEIR WORTH**
 Xaverians look after **THEMSELVES**
 Xaverians care for **OTHERS**
 Xaverians **PLAY FAIR**
 Xaverians **WIN**
 Xaverians know when to ask for **HELP**

We are Xaverians

There is always much debate when it comes to school shoes. We always know the shops that try and sell school shoes that are clearly trainers. At SFX all school shoes must be formal, smart, all black shoes. This means no pump or trainer style footwear must be worn. Below are a couple of images of shoes that are **NOT** allowed to be worn in school;



All pupils must be in the correct footwear when they return after May half term.

Other Important Information

- [Teacher Assessed Grades 2021](#)
- [JCQ Guidance for Students and Parents of Year 11 and 13](#)
- Please sign up to our Your School Lottery page and support the school's PTA for just £1 a week. Each week, one player from our school community wins upwards of £20 as well as all entries being in for the big prize of £25000 nationally. Your School Lottery has raised over £8000 for the PTA in less than 5 years, please help us keep this going! New members who sign up also have a chance of winning a £100 voucher for B&Q.
Sign up at: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for St Francis Xavier's College.






- Help us raise essential school funds
- Support our lottery from just £1 a week
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- Win up to £25,000

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Safeguarding

Please make use of the [Safeguarding Resource Hub](#) which holds a wealth of information for all ages about the safeguarding of young people.

Calendar Items

Half term - W/C 31st May
 Year 7-9 Assessment Week - W/C 28th June
 Year 10 & 12 Assessment Week - W/C 14th June
 Year 7 Parents Evening - Thursday 10th June
 School Sports Week - W/C 28th June

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