



THE JOHN
FISHER
SCHOOL

A photograph of three young boys in school uniforms, smiling and looking towards the camera. They are wearing blue blazers over grey shirts and blue and white striped ties. The boy in the center has light brown hair and freckles, while the boy on the right has dark hair. The boy on the left is partially visible, showing dark hair and a red digital watch on his wrist. The background is slightly blurred, showing other students in uniform.

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PROSPECTUS

Catholic Formation for Life



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A Message from Mr Teague, Headmaster at The John Fisher School

Welcome to The John Fisher School. With a distinguished history of educating boys for nearly 100 years, our school combines deeply rooted tradition with an innovative, forward-looking approach to education.

Life at The John Fisher School places strong emphasis on academic achievement, while also promoting personal growth through a vibrant wider curriculum and excellent pastoral care.

The all-round development at the heart of the school's mission includes moral and spiritual formation. We want our students to become great young men who add value to the lives of others. That is why we encourage them to cultivate virtues such as generosity, sincerity, service, and self-discipline that will benefit them both at school and in later life.

This emphasis on character and the wider curriculum complements, rather than detracts from, academic success, giving our students the best possible opportunity to flourish in all their endeavours.

Our Catholic ethos is central to school life. We aim to provide the formation needed for students to strengthen their faith as they journey towards adulthood, while always respecting their freedom.

Above all, we want our students to understand that they fulfil their potential by making a positive contribution to the lives of others.

As a boys' school, we understand what makes boys tick. We enjoy their energy, humour, ideas, and zest for life, helping to create a culture in which they can thrive.

If you share our vision of an education that values high academic achievement while recognising the importance of developing grounded, well-rounded young men, I hope you will consider The John Fisher School for your son.

Mr Teague
Headteacher



“We believe that academic excellence goes hand in hand with kindness, integrity, and service, helping our students grow into confident young men of character.”

-Mr Teague

About The John Fisher School

The John Fisher School is a Catholic school founded in 1929, and we are dedicated to forming young men of character, responsibility, and academic ambition. Rooted in our Catholic ethos, we encourage every student to develop respect, discipline, integrity, and resilience, while striving for academic excellence and taking pride in themselves, their school, and their community. We offer a calm, structured environment with a strong sense of belonging, where each student is known, supported, and challenged to grow in confidence and achieve their best

Throughout our history, we have built a national reputation for academic and sporting excellence. We are proud of our heritage and of our students and alumni, who have gone on to succeed in a wide range of fields including sport, public service, the arts, and beyond. Today, we continue to inspire every student to aim high, work hard, and realise their full potential.





Catholic Life & Ethos



At The John Fisher School, our Catholic ethos is central to school life and shapes everything we do. We are committed to developing the whole person - spiritually, academically, and morally - encouraging students to live with faith, integrity, compassion, and respect for others. Through high academic standards, strong pastoral care, and a calm, supportive environment, we help every student grow in confidence, resilience, and character.

We believe in the importance of community, service, and leadership, and encourage our students to make a positive difference both within the school and beyond. Guided by the teachings and values of the Catholic Church, we inspire young men to fulfil their potential and lead lives of purpose, responsibility, and service to others.

Our Catholic life includes:

- Regular Mass and liturgical celebrations
- Daily prayer and reflection in tutor time
- Charity work and service projects
- Strong links with the parish and Diocese



Core Curriculum



With Christ at the centre of our school, we aim to create memorable experiences that will enable all students to fulfil their God-given talent through an engaging curriculum. The John Fisher School is committed to providing an inclusive curriculum that is challenging and rigorous, and which fosters a love of learning and service. We match our curriculum to all abilities and interests creating excellent life opportunities for our students. Our aspiration is that every student who leaves The John Fisher School is a Catholic gentleman equipped with the qualifications and character to flourish in the modern world.



Humanities

- Geography
- History
- Religious Education (RE)
- RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education)



English and Languages

- English
- Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)





Mathematics and Sciences

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Combined Science
- Mathematics
- Computer Science



Technology and Design

- Design Technology
- Food Technology



Business and Social Sciences

- Business Studies
- Economics
- Careers



Physical Education

- Physical Education (PE)



Creative and Performing Arts

- Art
- Drama
- Music

Academic Excellence

At The John Fisher School, we are committed to ensuring that every student is challenged, inspired and supported to achieve their full academic potential. We believe that high attainment is not simply about ability, but about developing intellectual curiosity, resilience and a genuine love of learning.

Through a culture of high expectations, ambitious teaching and personalised support, we encourage all students to aim beyond their perceived limits and to aspire to the very highest academic standards. Students with exceptional academic potential are identified through a range of evidence, including prior attainment, classroom performance, teacher recommendations and academic engagement.

These students become part of our Academic Excellence and High Aspirations programme, where they benefit from a rich programme of extension opportunities designed to deepen subject knowledge and develop the skills required for success at the most competitive universities and professions.





Extra Curricular Activities



❖ Sporting Success

Sport is a defining strength of life at The John Fisher School and plays a central role in developing discipline, teamwork, leadership, and resilience. We have a proud tradition and national reputation in rugby, cricket, cross country, and athletics, with many students achieving county, regional, and national honours, including representation for England, Ireland, Wales, and Scotland at schoolboy level.

Rugby remains a major focus of the school, alongside football, cricket, basketball, and athletics, with students competing in fixtures both locally and nationally. Through experienced coaching, strength and fitness programmes, and a strong culture of commitment and pride, we encourage every student to represent the school with dedication while reaching their full potential both on and off the field.

"The extracurricular opportunities at John Fisher have been one of the best parts of my time here. Whether it's representing the school in sport, performing in concerts, or taking part in clubs after school, there's always something to get involved in. I've made great friends, developed my confidence, and discovered interests I never knew I had."

-Year 11 Student

Music

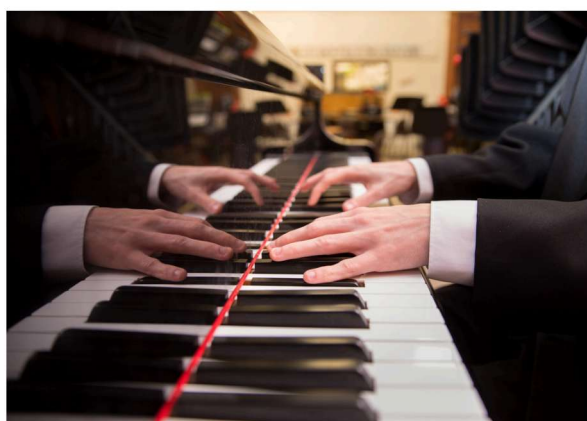
Music plays a vibrant role in life at The John Fisher School, with opportunities for students of all abilities to develop their talents and perform with confidence. Through ensembles, choirs and instrumental tuition, pupils are encouraged to discover a lifelong appreciation of music.

Art

Art provides students with the opportunity to develop their creativity, imagination and technical skills in a supportive environment. Through a variety of artistic disciplines and enrichment opportunities, pupils are encouraged to express themselves and take pride in their work.

Other

A wide range of clubs and activities allows students to pursue their interests beyond the classroom while developing new skills and friendships. Popular opportunities include Chess Club, Book Club and Faith Club, ensuring there is something for everyone to enjoy.





Our Alumni



The John Fisher School has a proud tradition of developing young men who go on to achieve success in every walk of life. Our alumni have built distinguished careers in medicine, law, business, education, the armed forces and the creative industries, while our sporting heritage is recognised nationally and internationally.

Among our notable Old Boys are actor **Bill Nighy**; broadcaster and DJ **Gilles Peterson**; England rugby internationals **Alex Dombrandt** and **Paul Sackey**; Olympians **Martyn Rooney** and **Walter D'Hondt**; world-renowned cancer scientist **Professor Sir David Lane**; journalist and editor **Stefano Hatfield**; sculptor **Diarmuid Byron O'Connor**; historian **Professor Jack Scarisbrick**; and leading motorsport engineer **Professor Tony Purnell**.

Many other former pupils have gone on to represent their countries and excel in professional sport, academia, engineering and public service, reflecting the breadth of talent and ambition fostered at The John Fisher School.

Just as importantly, many former students remain an active part of our school community, returning to mentor pupils, support careers events and inspire the next generation. At John Fisher, becoming an Old Boy means joining a lifelong community built on friendship, service and success.

The John Fisher School
is proud of its long
tradition of producing
successful alumni who
have excelled in sport,
business, public service,
and many other
professions.



Choosing The John Fisher School means joining a community where academic excellence, strong values and exceptional pastoral care help every young man to thrive. We look forward to supporting you through the admissions process and welcoming your family to our school.

Admissions Process



01

Read our admissions information

Start by reading our Admissions Policy and Guidance to understand the admissions criteria, application process and key dates.

www.johnfisherschool.org/admissions



02

Complete your application

Submit your Local Authority Common Application Form (CAF) through your home local authority and complete The John Fisher School Admissions Administration Form. Both forms are required as part of the application process.



03

Submit supporting documents

If you are applying under a Catholic admissions category, please provide the required supporting documents, including a copy of your son's Baptism Certificate and, where applicable, a Certificate of Catholic Practice. Applicants from other faiths or no faith are welcome to apply and do not need to submit religious documentation.



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Receive your offer

Once applications have been processed, offers are made by your Local Authority on National Offer Day. If your son is offered a place, we look forward to welcoming your family to The John Fisher School community. If a place is not offered, information about the appeals process is available through the school.



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