



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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3 March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, Mr. Barry (Subject Leader of Religious Education) and Mr Lawton (KS3 Leader of Religious Education) co-led our Service of Penance for all students. The Collective Worship focussed on the story of the Prodigal Son and links to next week's Collective Worship with a theme of Compassion. We are currently recruiting for a Chaplain. Details can be found on the school's website and TES. Please do share with the wider community. For more information, follow this [link](#).



Today we celebrated **World Book Day**, with a range of activities and discussions taking place. The staff very much enjoy sharing their love of reading with the students and their costumes did not disappoint today. Thank you to the Literacy team for designing the resources for today's 'Drop Everything and Read' session which saw every student reading and discussing during Period 1.

Speak Out Challenge: The Jack Petchey Foundation

This week, 30 students in Year 10 took part in the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge which is a competition for Year 10 students in every state school in London and Essex. Students were taken through a series of workshops to give them the skills and encouragement to speak more confidently in public. The day culminated in each student delivering a 60 second speech on a particular area of interest. One student will be chosen to represent The John Fisher School in the regional finals. Well done to all students who took part.



Under 14 B Football vs Glyn School

A special mention to the U14B team who drew 3-3 this week against Glyn School. Despite being 1-0 down at half time, and 3-1 with 5 minutes to go, they showed incredible resilience to draw 3-3, with Joshua B scoring his hat-trick with the last kick of the game. Well done to all involved.



Matthew McDonagh (Alumnus, 1990)

On Wednesday we welcomed back former Head Boy and alumnus Matthew McDonagh to speak to students about his time at John Fisher as a student and how this shaped him on his journey to becoming a Barrister. Matthew spoke very passionately about students choosing the subjects and paths they love, rather than those they think they should pursue. An inspiring message and one which will no doubt help students on their own career journeys in years to come.



JFA Event: St. Patrick's Day and the Six Nations Finale, Saturday 18 March

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the finale of the Six Nations Rugby Championship, the JFA are holding an event at Plough Lane Pavilion on Saturday 18 March. There will be food available, a bar and all the day's Six Nations matches will be shown on the two new 85-inch screens which were kindly donated recently.

Tickets are available on ParentPay now.

Adults: £6 (includes first drink)

Children: Free

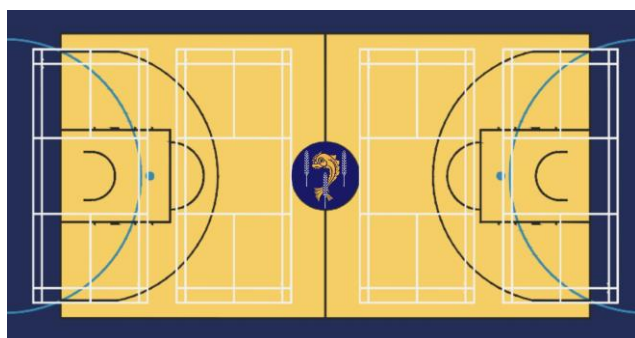
More information can be found on the attached flyer.



Sports Hall Floor Fundraiser

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Sports Hall floor fundraiser. The contractors have been booked and work is scheduled to begin on Monday 27 March.

This has been made possible by the Fisher Family, with over 200 donors, including alumni, parents/ carers, staff and local businesses. In just 4 weeks and 3 days, we have



been able to raise enough money to replace the floor, some painting and new doors for the Sports Hall. We are just £1,201 short of our £100,000 target, with this final amount allowing us to also replace the lighting.

If you feel you can contribute, no matter the amount, you can find more information here:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/a-new-sports-hall-floor-easter-2023>

Mufti Day, Friday 17 March

On Friday 17 March we will be holding our next Mufti day to support the following three charities:

- **CAFOD:** <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/big-lent-walk>
- **DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal:** <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>
- **Wooden Spoon Foundation:** <https://woodenspoon.org.uk/>

Students and staff are asked to donate £2 (£1 for Year 7 who will be in Games kit) via ParentPay.

Some key dates for your diary

W/B Monday 6 March:	National Careers Week
Wednesday 8 March:	Year 9 Immunisations and International Women's Day
Thursday 9 March:	KS4 Pathways event for Yr. 9 parents/carers, 3.30pm-5pm (Main Hall)
Monday 13 March:	Year 12 Post 18 Options Event: Online
Friday 17 March;	Mufti Day
Saturday 18 March;	JFA Event, 12.00pm - 8.30pm (Plough Lane)
Thursday 23 March:	Yr. 12 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4.30pm-7.30pm (SDL Building)

Final Prayer:

This week we celebrate the feast day of St. Katherine Drexel who spent her life, and fortune, on setting up schools, a University and many Chapels, Convents and Monastries.

*'Blessed are You, loving Father,
For all your gifts to us.
Blessed are You for giving us family and friends
To be with us in times of joy and sorrow,
To help us in days of need,
And to rejoice with us in moments of celebration.'*

Amen

Yours sincerely,



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John Fisher Sport



The JFA invite you to...



Celebrate St. Patricks Day & The 6 Nations Finale 2023

Saturday March 18 @ Plough Lane
12pm-8.30pm

All 3
games on
the new
85" big
screens

SCO		SAT 18 MAR 12:30	ITA
FRA		SAT 18 MAR 14:45	WAL
IRE		SAT 18 MAR 17:00	ENG

Bar
serving
cocktails,
guest
beers and
Guinness

Tickets
Adults: £6
(inc 1st drink)
Children: FREE



ParentPay
COUNT ON US

Raffle

Irish music

Food served



Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents 2022/23 Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

**22ND,
26TH OR
27TH
SEPT**

Mental Health during the teenage years -
an introduction and overview
For year 7 & year 8 parents

**9TH,
10TH OR
15TH
NOV**

Supporting your teen through emotional
storms - emotion regulation skills and
strategies
For all secondary school parents

**26TH,
30TH OR
1ST
JAN/FEB**

Understanding and supporting anxiety
during the teenage years
For all secondary parents

**13TH,
16TH OR
17TH
MAR**

Supporting and managing exam and
assignment stress: top tips and ideas for
parents
For all secondary parents - year 11 and 13 focus

**4TH,
9TH OR
11TH
MAY**

Understanding and supporting teen sleep:
an overview of the research and
recommendations
For all secondary parents

We also provide free 1:1 support programmes for parents to support with their
child's anxiety or behavioural challenges. Speak to your school to find out more

Scan QR code with your phone's camera to sign up for free via eventbrite or
search:

www.eventbrite.com/cc/secondary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-725989



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

Even when the pressure is on, choosing to read

BOOSTS YOUR WELLBEING

Make a

READING HABIT

try scheduling 10 minutes a day

Choose your

READING to match your MOOD

Hide distractions to find

YOUR FOCUS

GET

READY

take a breath or two

MIX IT UP

try an audiobook on a walk

SOCIALISE

chat about it, read together or
join a book club

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SPORTS GALA DINNER 2023



Friday 7th July, 2023

Surrey National Golf Club

7PM: CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION 7.30PM: SIT DOWN 3-COURSE MEAL 12AM: CARRIAGES

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