



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

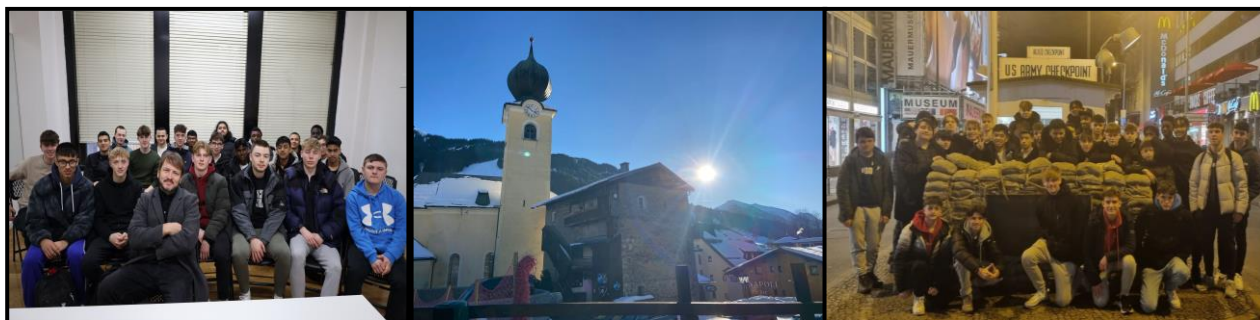
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24 February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcomed the students and staff back this week after a well-deserved half term break. Over the break, there were three very successful trips that went to Berlin, New York and Saalbach-Hinterglemm, Austria. It was especially impressive that Mr. Grimes managed to find a JFS alumnus to visit whilst in New York. Piers Fawkes (1989) welcomed the students to his PSFK offices for a talk on innovation. Thank you to all the staff who gave up their half term to run these culturally enriching opportunities for the students.



This week has been packed with activities, events and achievements. On Monday, Year 10 enjoyed a workshop as part of the 'Show Racism the Red Card' initiative. Students were given the opportunity to hear about how racism can be presented, myth busting and how they can challenge it in society. Thank you to Ms. Mozammel for arranging this event. We have also held House assemblies this week, with students and staff looking ahead to this half term's house events which will all contribute towards the Easter Kennedy Cup results assembly.



On Wednesday we welcomed a school from Holland, who joined in with Sixth Form lessons, sampling the UK educational culture before heading to Plough Lane for a football match against some of our students. Thank you to Mr. Souici for facilitating their visit.

On Thursday, our 'Catherine' group visited Morrison's, Purley Way. They were given a tour before trying their hand in the bakery, butchers and fish counter. Thank you to Mrs. Hall for arranging this trip.



Attendance Award: John Fisher in Top 10% Nationally

We were delighted to receive a National School Attendance Award for last term. The award, given by Fischer Family Trust (FFT) was for being in the top 10% of schools nationally.

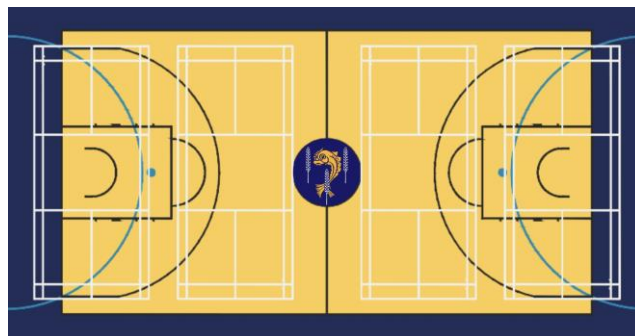
Sports Hall Floor Fundraiser: We are nearly there!

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Sports Hall floor fundraiser. The design work is underway, and the new floor will be enhanced by new lighting.

We are very close to being able to make this a reality. Every £1 donated is being matched by an alumnus, Paul Hooper (1965) which means that every donation is really having double the impact.

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>



Clothing Bank Donations, Saturday 25 February

The main school gates will be open tomorrow between 10.00am and 11.30am, so that parents/carers can drop off any donations they may have for the clothing bank.

The items accepted are clearly shown on the front (see image). Please remember to put items in bags before depositing.

The bank is located to the right of main reception.



Industrial Strike Action by the National Education Union (NEU), Thursday 2 March 2022: Day 2

As you will have read in one of my previous letters, there is industrial strike action planned by the National Education Union for Thursday 2 March. As a result, there will only be a partial opening for students who are considered vulnerable and those who are in public examination groups as per the guidance from the Department for Education.

Places are prioritised for the following groups of students whose parents/carers will receive additional information:

- Students in the 'Catherine' group
Students should enter/exit via the back gate.
Students should wear Games kit.
- Students in Year 11
Students should enter/exit via the back gate.
Students should wear full school uniform.
Students should bring all necessary materials/equipment with them.
Students should arrive promptly for 8.45am start
Students are asked to bring their own snack items for break, as food is only available for students who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM).

- Students in Year 13

Students should enter/exit via the pedestrian gate.

Students should wear full school uniform.

Students should bring all necessary materials/equipment with them.

Students should arrive promptly for 8.45am start

Students are asked to bring their own snack items for break, as food is only available for students who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM).

This strike called by the National Education Union (NEU) is part of national and regional industrial action and will be disruptive for the parents/carers of students in Years 7-10 & Year 12 and your understanding is much appreciated.

World Book Day, Friday 3 March

It's that time of year again - World Book Day! This year, we are encouraging all Year 7's to dress up as a book character or author on Friday, 3rd March. There will be prizes for the best costumes and a celebration event in the LRC at lunch time, along with a whole host of activities and contests throughout the week for all year groups. Please find attached your digital book token which can be redeemed for either a free book (chosen from a selection of titles) or £1 off a book of your choice.

More information can be found here: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>



Year 9 Immunisations, Wednesday 8 March

A reminder that Year 9 students who have parental consent, are due to have their immunisation on Wednesday 8 March. The deadline for completing the online consent form is Thursday 2 March.

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.



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.

Six Nations: Kieran Treadwell gains Ireland call up

We were delighted to find out that former student, Kieran Treadwell, has been called up to the Ireland Six Nations squad for this weekend's match against Italy. Alex Dombrandt starts again for England who play Wales, and Ben Waghorn has been named as a replacement for England U20.



Some key dates for your diary

Tuesday 28 February:	JFA Meeting, 7.30pm (Plough Lane) All parents/carers welcome
Thursday 2 March:	Industrial Strike Action by the National Education Union (NEU) - Day 2
Friday 3 March:	World Book Day 2023
W/B Monday 6 March:	National Careers Week
Wednesday 8 March:	Year 9 Immunisation and International Women's Day
Thursday 9 March:	KS4 Pathways event for Yr. 9 parents/carers, 3.30pm-5pm (Main Hall)
Thursday 23 March:	Yr. 12 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4.30pm-7.30pm (SDL Building)

Final Prayer:

Today we celebrate the feast day of St. John Theristus who showed courage as he escaped slavery and became a monk.

*'Dear God, give me courage,
I need courage before men against their threats
and against their seductions.
I need courage to bear unkindness,
mockery, contradiction.
I need courage to fight against the devil,
against terrors and troubles, temptations,
attractions, darkness and false lights,
against tears, depression, and above all fear.
Strengthen me with Your love and Your grace.
Console me with Your blessed Presence
and grant me the courage to persevere
until I am with You forever in heaven.'*

Amen

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'P. McCullagh'.

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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



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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

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READY

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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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