



# THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Some updates for you:

**INSET Day:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October is an INSET Day when no students will be in school.

### **Vaccination against Covid-19 for 12-15 year olds**

You may have seen from our website earlier in the week that vaccination for 12-15yr olds (who consent) would be taking place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October. We have now been informed that this will instead be taking place after the half term break on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Lateral Flow testing**

We have distributed more lateral flow test kits to students this week and would advise that students are tested on a Wednesday and on a Sunday. Please upload the results via the TestRegister platform.

### **GCSE & A-level Examinations – Summer 2022**

The DfE and Ofqual published a number of documents setting out plans for GCSEs and A-levels. Here are some of the headlines:

- There will be optional topics and content in GCSE English Literature, History, Ancient History and Geography.
- If necessary, centres will be allowed to deliver practical work in GCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics by demonstration.
- Students taking GCSE and A-level Art and Design will be assessed on their portfolio only.
- Exam boards will provide advanced information about the focus of the content of exams for all GCSE and A-level subjects except GCSE English Literature, History, Ancient History and Geography by 7 February 2022 at the latest. This could be released earlier 'if circumstances require'.
- Students will be given a formulae sheet for GCSE Mathematics and a revised equation sheet for GCSE Physics and Combined Science.

### **Literacy Evening**

The parents/carers of over 100 students in Years 7-9 attended our Literacy Evening on Wednesday evening. We hope that you found it helpful.

### **Mufti Day**

Our first Mufti Day of this academic year will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October. This will be for a minimum donation of £1 for students in Year 7 (who will be wearing their Games kit) and a minimum of £2 for the students in all other year groups. The money raised will be split between Young Minds

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/> and Our Streets Now <https://www.ourstreetsnow.org/>

### **Beginning of Year Mass at the Cathedral**

A representative from each of the Year 7 Forms attended Mass at the St. George's Cathedral this morning with both myself and Fr. James. The students represented the school with pride and distinction.



Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of P. E. McCullagh in black ink.

P E McCullagh  
Headteacher