



# THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr P E McCullagh BSc (Hons), PGCE, MA, NPQH

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Purley  
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5 May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Although it has been a shorter week, there have still been plenty of achievements by the students and staff. On Thursday night, our U14 Basketball team won the NBA competition final against St. Andrews, with Subomola O winning 'most valuable player'. Thank you to all the staff who have helped support the students to get to this point. A special mention should also go to Kirabo K (Year 12) who has been coaching and managing this team. Unfortunately, our U13 Basketball team lost in the semi-final of the Junior NBA competition to Whitgift School.



We wish our U13 rugby league team all the best as they play in the quarter-final of the National Rugby League Cup in Castleford today.

We were delighted to see three John Fisher students representing Warlingham RFC in the WaterFall Cup Final played at The Stoop in Twickenham. James G, Ollie H and Christiano F all played superbly and helped Warlingham to a 36-5 win.



After a Coronation themed Epilogue, the choir were pictured with all of their trophies from the Purley and Coulsdon Music Festival. The Epilogue was a beautiful synergy of regal composition and classic British anthems. For those who have not experienced these short services, I do highly recommend.



And finally... a quick note about me. I wanted to let you know that this will be my final academic year at John Fisher. I will have been in post for 8 years at the end of this school year and take up a new Headship in September. It has been a privilege to have been the Headteacher at The John Fisher School, particularly having been so well supported by the team of staff, governors and parents/carers. I have been so fortunate to have had the opportunity to lead this school with full of wonderful young people and I will miss them greatly when it is time to leave. You will of course be kept updated on the Headteacher position in due course. Meanwhile, over the course of the next few months, it will be business as usual for me and I look forward to seeing you at our various school events prior to the summer break.

HEADMASTERS	
1929-61	CANON J.H.BYRNE
1961-76	MSGR. A.MCLEAN
1976-81	MSGR. J.MACDONALD
1981-93	T.J.KING
1993-05	R.GREGORY
2005-06	P.LIDDIARD
2006-15	M.SCULLY
2015-23	P.E.MCCULLAGH

### ***Some key information for you:***

#### **Sports Hall Floor Unveiling: Thursday 11 May, 6.00pm-7.00pm**

The new Sports Hall floor has now been finished and we look forward to unveiling it to students, parents/carers, staff and alumni on Thursday 11 May. We are delighted that alumnus Alex Dombrandt (England and Harlequins) will be joining us to perform the official opening.

All members of the school community are invited along; please complete this form by Tuesday 9 May to book your place: <https://forms.gle/8jK6BeiaKvYDgnmHA>

#### **Teen Sleep, Self Care & Summer Plans Webinars**

Please see the flyer attached for more information on some free upcoming webinars aimed at helping parents/carers understand and support their young person/s at home. These take place on:

- Tuesday 9 May 7.30pm-8.30pm
- Thursday 11 May 7.30pm-8.30pm

#### **St. John the Baptist Church, Purley Quiz Night: Friday 19 May, 7.30pm**

St. John the Baptist are holding a quiz night on Friday 19 May at the Parish Centre, Dale Road at 7.30pm. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

#### **Vacancies at The John Fisher School**

The school is currently recruiting for the following:

- Coordinator of Food Technology
- Clerk to the Governing Board

Details can be found on the school's website and TES [here](#). Please do share with the wider community.

### ***Some key dates for your diary:***

<b>Monday 8 May</b>	School closure in lieu of the King's Coronation
<b>Thursday 18 May</b>	Year 10 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4.30pm-7.30pm (SDL Building)
<b>Friday 19 May</b>	Mufti Day
<b>W/b Monday 29 May</b>	Half Term break
<b>Thursday 8 June</b>	Year 8 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4.30pm – 7.30pm (SDL Building) Pre-loved uniform sale, 4.00pm – 6.30pm (LRC)
<b>Wednesday 28 June</b>	Year 13 Leavers' Mass and Celebration, 7.00pm
<b>Friday 30 June</b>	INSET Day (school closed for students)

**Final Prayer:** May is the month dedicated to Mary, Mother of God.

*'O Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, in this time of trial we turn to you.*

*As our Mother, you love us and know us: no concern of our hearts is hidden from you.*

*Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence!*

*You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the Prince of Peace.*

*Holy Mother, amid the misery of our sinfulness, amid our struggles and weaknesses, amid the mystery of iniquity that is evil and war, you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life.*

*Therefore, O Mother, hear our prayer.'*

**Amen.**

Wishing you all a restful Coronation bank holiday weekend.

Yours sincerely,



P E McCullagh  
Headteacher



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# SPORTS HALL GRAND OPENING

11.05.2023

6PM-7PM

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ALUMNUS ALEX DOMBRANDT  
(ENGLAND & HARLEQUINS) WILL  
OFFICIALLY OPEN THE REFURBSIHED  
FACILITY.

SPORTING  
WINE CLUB



# TEEN SLEEP, SELF CARE, & SUMMER PLANS

A parent webinar to help understand & support  
your Young Person



There can be many challenges with teen sleep - difficulties with regular routine, intrusion of social media and technology, poor sleep hygiene, sleep disruption and reversed sleep cycles. These cycles can also become worse over summer and holiday periods for some.

This session looks at some of the research and science around sleep hygiene, teenage sleep. thinking together about the challenges - and some options for supporting from the perspective of parents.

The second part shares up-to-date resources for supporting self-care over the summer period to support positive mental health and wellbeing over the upcoming summer break.

## DATES & TIMES

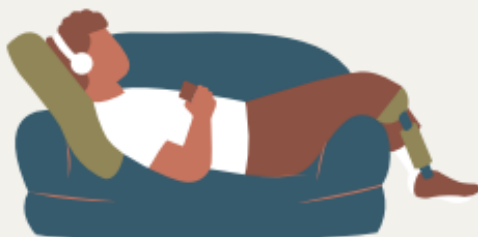
Thursday 4th May 7.30-8.30 pm

Tuesday 9th May 12.30-1.30 pm

Thursday 11th May 7.30-8.30 pm

To book on to one of our three  
available webinars, sign up for free on  
Eventbrite using the link or QR Code  
below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/secondary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-725989?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=esch>



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WHO IS?  
What is?  
WHERE IS?  
HOW MANY?

# PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

**FRIDAY 19 MAY**  
**PARISH CENTRE, DALE ROAD**  
**7.30pm FOR 8.00pm START**

**Price £10 per person, light supper included**

**BYO drinks**

(although small amount of beer/wine available to purchase)

**PRIZE FOR WINNING TEAM**

**ADVANCE TICKETS FROM**  
**JAN CZEZOWSKI 07836 204326**