



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Hapy New Year. I hope you had a restful Christmas holiday. This week we welcomed back our students and it was a pleasure to see so many smiling faces eager to return to the classroom. Over the festive period, amongst the celebration of Christ's birth there was also sorrow at the passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who finished his earthly pilgrimage and returned to the Father. He once said, *"Reason and faith can come to each other's assistance. Only together will they save man. Entranced by an exclusive reliance on technology, reason without faith is doomed to flounder in an illusion of its own omnipotence. Faith without reason risks being cut off from everyday life."* As we look to 2023 with hope and opitism, we pray that those in power heed these words and work together to bring peace and prosperity for all.

Before Christmas we were the grateful recipient of a large IT donation on behalf of Crown Workspace and ERBD organised by one of our parents, Mr. Chapman. The range of laptops, PCs, classroom screens and other hardware will make a huge difference to the IT provision of the school for many years to come. I wanted to also thank both the Iyke and Timlin families for their donations of IT hardware to the school. These will support student learning and help us improve the digital literacy of all of our students.

UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) Guidance

The UK Health Security Agency has issued some advice to parents/carers on how they can help to ensure that their child doesn't catch and spread illness in school. Specifically, the guidance states:

- emphasise routines of handwashing
- keep your child off school if they are ill and have a temperature
- get a flu jab for your child if they are eligible

Drop Off/Pick Up

Parents/carers are reminded not to drop off or pick up right at the school gates as this increases the level of risk on the roads outside of the school. At the back gate, parents/carers of Yr 7 and Yr 8 students are also kindly requested not to park across the driveways of our neighbours.

Electronic Items

A number of students received new electronic items such as mobile phones and AirPods over the Christmas break which they are discouraged from bringing to school.

Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Drugs Foundation Webinar

We were delighted to hear that Fiona Spargo-Mabbs has been recognised in the New Year's Honours List with an OBE. Her work with young people on drugs awareness has made a real difference and we are proud to have worked with her directly since she started the foundation in 2014.

Fiona and her team will be in school on Tuesday 7 February to work with Year 9 students, before running an online webinar for parents/carers at 7pm. More information on how to sign up to this event will be shared next week.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Online Webinar

Parents/carers may wish to sign up to the Anna Freud Centre webinar on healthy coping strategies for young people. This is a free course and can be signed up to by following the link below:

<https://www.annafreud.org/training/training-and-conferences-overview/online-conferences-webinars-and-events/healthy-coping-strategies-for-young-people/>

Please see included in this letter, the menu of talks for parents/carers being facilitated by the South-West London and St. George's Mental Health Cluster. These include sessions on supporting your son through anxiety and teen years, as well as supporting him with exam stress.

Year 13 and Year 9 Parent Teacher Meetings

For those parents/carers who have sons in Year 9 or Year 13, please note the dates below for the upcoming Parent Teacher Meetings:

Year 13: Thursday 19 January (Bookings will open at midday on Thursday 12 January via Edulink)

Year 9: Thursday 2 February (Bookings will open at midday on Thursday 26 January via Edulink)

December 2022 Mufti Day

I am pleased to confirm that last term's Mufti Day raised £1,572. This has now been shared amongst the four charities; NSPCC, Catholic Relief Services, Link to Hope and Together for Short Lives.

The John Fisher School Sports Gala Dinner 2023

Tickets are now on sale for next year's Sports Gala Dinner. These can be purchased at the following link:

<https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/jfssportsgaladinner23>

The dinner, held on Friday 7 July 2023, will welcome a number of sporting superstars including Shane Williams (Lions and Wales) Alex Dombrandt (Alumni, England and Harlequins) and Martyn Rooney (Alumni, triple Olympian). You can find out more by clicking the link above or on the poster attached.

Some key dates for your diary:

- **Tuesday 10 January:** JFA Meeting- 7.30pm (Plough Lane)
- **Wednesday 11 January:** Year 11 Revision Session with Learning Performance (1.45pm-3.25pm)
- **Thursday 19 January:** Year 13 Parent Teacher Meeting 4.30pm-7.30pm
- **Tuesday 26 January:** Epilogue 4.00pm (Chapel)
- **Friday 27 January:** Mufti Day
- **Thursday 2 February:** Year 9 Parent Teacher Meeting 4.30pm-7.30pm

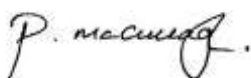
Final Prayer - On the Feast of Epiphany lets us pray:

'O Lord, You led the wise men to the manger by a radiant star; illuminate our path and help us to perceive the journey that your Son calls us to travel, that we may find true wisdom and joyfully abide with you.

We humbly ask this through him who came as a light to all nations.'

Amen

Yours sincerely,



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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





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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