



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Some important messages for you:

Industrial Action - School Closure: Tuesday 10th – Thursday 12th May

Message from Mr Paul McCallum, COO, Archdiocese of Southwark

'The National Education Union have initiated a dispute with the Governing Body of The John Fisher School who are the employers of staff in school. The dispute involves fewer than 70 staff at the school. The governing body are working to address the union's concerns; some governors gave a day of their time last week to attend meetings with ACAS and the unions, and will attend further meetings next week. They are committed to addressing the action recommended by Ofsted to restore stability to governance as quickly as possible, particularly for sake of the pupils who are shortly to take important exams.'

The full version of Mr McCallum's letter is attached to the email where you have accessed this letter. You can also access this letter [here](#).

UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award: Playground Charters

This week, a group of students who are leading on our UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools' Silver Award, produced and shared a video explaining a new playground charter. Based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) the charter covers 54 articles encompassing all aspects of a child's life, such as the right to be heard, the right to freedom of expression and the right to be safe from violence. The students have then asked every form group to sign up to these articles, stating that all playgrounds will continue to be spaces where students can enjoy these articles.

You can find out more information here:

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>

<https://vimeo.com/705155150/40c50ab497>

Year 11 Celebration Mass

Thank you to Father Gerard Bradley who led our Yr 11 Celebration Mass this week. The Mass celebrated the 5 years that students have been at the school, and represents one of the last times the students will be together as a group. It was a lovely occasion.



Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health Awareness week takes place from Monday 9th May to Friday 15th May. This year, the theme is 'Loneliness'. Form tutors will be discussing this with students in form time on Friday and will be sharing a range of resources with the students. The link below leads to the Mental Health Foundation website, which contains the details of a range of services and organisations that offer help and support directly: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/your-mental-health/getting-help>

Looking ahead

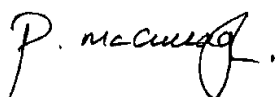
- The summer exam season starts on Monday 16th May. A full timetable can be downloaded here: <https://www.johnfisherschool.org/academic/examinations>
- Yr 12 Post-18 Information Evening 6.00pm – 7.00pm (virtual event)

Final Prayer

'Lord God, You came to give honour to the least, those forgotten, overlooked and misjudged. You came to give first place to the last, those left behind, misunderstood and undervalued. You came to give a warm welcome to the lost, those who are orphaned, abandoned and destitute. Help us to be your ears to listen to their cries. Help us to be your voice speaking out love and acceptance. Help us to be your feet walking beside those in need. Help us to be your hands to clothe, feed and shelter them. You came for the least, the lost and last of this world. Lord, hear our prayer.

Amen.

Yours sincerely,



P E McCullagh
Headteacher