



# THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has really showcased the vast range of personal development opportunities the school has to offer for all our students. This reinforces what Ofsted's initial findings were:

- *Leaders ensure there are a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities*
- *Pupils benefit from leadership opportunities*
- *Pupils understand the concept of social responsibility*
- *The school has won awards for the development of pupils' personal development*

It is hoped the final report will be available before the end of the academic year so that the 'Fisher family' can celebrate the successes identified by the inspectorate.

On Monday, a group of students visited St. George's Cathedral for Mass as part of the Sutton & Merton School Alliance Mass. The students were fine ambassadors for the school and it was humbling for both myself and Ms Waters from the Ursuline High School in Wimbledon to be recognised for our work as Headteachers as we leave our current schools for the next challenges in our professional careers.



On Tuesday we were able to present the National Therapy Dog Charity with a donation from our recent Mufti day. We have been welcoming Barney, the therapy dog, for over a term now and he has been bringing much joy and calmness to the students. Thank you to those who contributed to the Mufti day, helping us raise £1,150 in total.

This week also saw two events for the arts; the drama production of 'Animal Farm' and our annual Summer Music Concert. Both were very well attended and showcased the God given talents our students possess. Thank you to all the students, staff and parents/carers who attended.



Some students enjoyed a tour of the Harry Potter Studios as part of our rewards programme. They got to sit in the Great Hall, go to platform 9 ¾ and see behind the scenes footage. Thank you to the staff for organising this trip.



At The John Fisher School, we know that cybersecurity skills are crucial for our students' success in today's digital landscape. That's why we're proudly leading the way on the Cyber Explorers High Achiever Schools Leader board for June 2023!

You can find out more here: <https://www.cyberexplorers.co.uk/knowledge-hub/6370521803067735037>.

### **Summer 2023 Reading Challenge**

Well done to all the students in Years 7 and 8 who undertook the Summer Reading Challenge. The winning Forms are 8B and 7M with an impressive 34,205 and 19,340 minutes of reading respectively!!

### **Fisher Family Fun Day**

Thank you to those of you who helped or attended this event. It brought the whole school community together again, with glorious sunshine and live music. The JFA will share the total amount raised in the final end of term newsletter.

### **Art Exhibition: Lexus, Tuesday 11 July - Sunday 16 July 2023**

You are all invited to our annual Art Exhibition held at Lexus, Croydon, with a private view on Thursday 13 July 5.30 - 7.30pm. It will be lovely for parents/carers to join us on Thursday for a drink and enjoy the exhibition.



### **Yr. 7 & Yr. 8 Awards Evening, Tuesday 18 July 2023**

Invitations have been circulated today to those parents/carers whose son will be receiving an award/s.

### **Epilogue & Summer Arts Evening, Thursday 20 July 2023**

Please join us for the Final Epilogue followed by an excerpt from 'Animal Farm' and Art exhibition in the Main Hall with refreshments served in the Quad on Thursday 20 July 3.45pm-6.30pm.

### **Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)**

The HAF programme offers free holiday club places to those aged 11-16yrs eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) over the summer holidays, giving them opportunities to develop new skills and enjoy free nutritious meals each day. Further details can also be found on the Sutton website: <https://www.sutton.gov.uk/w/covid-19-schools-and-education-holiday-activities-and-food-haf-programme>

### **Collection of Examination Results, August 2023**

Letters have been circulated today regarding the collection of public examination results this summer. Copies of these letters for the parents of Yr. 11 and Yr. 13 students can also be accessed via the school website.

### **Library Survey: Please have your say!**

The Literacy Team is looking to revamp the Library Resource Centre and we need your help! Please have your son complete the following survey to provide us with the vital feedback we need to make enhancements to our library provision: <https://forms.gle/tf9RorHfZ19nBtSb7>

This has also been posted on SatchelOne by Miss Carquez for all students to access.

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

<b>Thursday 13 July</b>	Art Exhibition at Lexus, Croydon. 5.30pm-7.30pm
<b>Monday 17 July</b>	Yr. 8 & Yr. 9 HPV immunisations – catch-up session
<b>Tuesday 18 July</b>	Yr. 7 & Yr. 8 Awards Evening – invitation only, 5.30pm (Main Hall)
<b>Thursday 20 July</b>	Final Epilogue and Arts Evening, 4.00pm (Chapel) Industrial action by the RMT Union, affecting National Rail services
<b>Friday 21 July</b>	End of Term: Dismissal from 12.00pm
<b>Thursday 17 August</b>	A Level Examination Results Day
<b>Thursday 24 August</b>	GCSE Examination Results and Sixth Form Enrolment Day
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<b>Monday 4 September</b>	INSET Day, school closed for students
<b>Tuesday 5 September</b>	Yr. 7 & Yr. 12 Induction and INSET Day
<b>Wednesday 6 September</b>	All students return for 8.45am

**Final Prayer:** As we keep The Study Preparatory School community in our prayers, as well as all those who are suffering loss or grief around the world.

*'Father of mercies and God of all consolation,  
Let us find in your Son, Jesus,  
comfort in our sadness,  
certainty in our doubt,  
and courage to live through this hour.  
Make our faith strong  
Through Christ our Lord.'*

**Amen.**

Yours sincerely,



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