



# THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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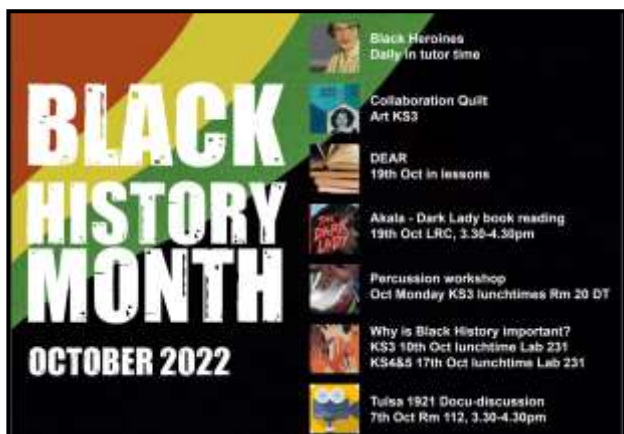
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Dear Parents/Carers,

We were saddened to hear about the passing of former student Bishop Howard Tripp. He was one of our much-loved alumni and will be greatly missed. Next week's collective worship will focus on his life since he left The John Fisher School. In recent years, Bishop Tripp was cared for by the Little Sisters of the Poor, where he was a much-loved member of the community. We will be supporting their ongoing work as part of our mufti day next week. The intention is to hold a Mass for our alumni. Details of the funeral have not yet been made available. We pray for the repose of the soul of Bishop Howard Tripp.

May he Rest in Peace.



## Black History Month

We will be celebrating Black History Month in school throughout October. There are a number of events for students, which I would encourage them to attend; thank you to the staff IDEA group who have put this together. The History department have also put together a range of Form time activities, which students will be enjoying throughout the month.

## A Week of Sport

It has been a very busy week for the sports department and students. Since last weekend's block fixture against Whitgift, we have played Carshalton Boys and Riddlesdown this week, with Langley Boys our block fixture tomorrow.

Thank you to all of the staff and students who represented the school values so brilliantly last weekend. The 1<sup>st</sup> XV game was an exhibition of determination and passion, with a large crowd



enjoying the spectacle. Across all 22 fixtures, we saw over 500 students represent the school in what is one of the largest schoolboy block fixtures in the country. Good luck to all the students and staff this weekend, and thank you to the parents/carers who are providing the teas for both teams.

We have also hosted Trinity School in an U18 basketball fixture this week, winning 53-48.



The cross-country team competed in the Kings Trophy on Wimbledon Common. This prestigious and historic event stretches over 5 miles on a varied terrain and attracts schools such as Judd, St. Albans and RGS Guildford. We finished 7<sup>th</sup> of 13 schools with a very young and promising squad. Well done to all the runners. Special mention should go to Ewan. S (Year 9) who finished 30<sup>th</sup> overall.

### Catholic School Alliance Mass

On Monday, we welcomed staff members from the other Sutton Catholic Schools to Mass in the Chapel. The 'New Beginnings Mass' takes place at the start of each new academic year and is an opportunity for the staff to come together to celebrate Mass and the opportunities in the year ahead.



### Alumni Supporting The John Fisher School

As part of Monday's training day, staff had the option to speak to two alumni; Mr. Alan Page (1967) and Mr. Neil Ridulfa (1997). This is part of our ongoing work to support staff mental health and wellbeing. With some uncertainty ahead due to the cost of living increase, we wanted to share some information with parents/carers.

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- Mr. Ridulfa works for Energise E-Bikes in Coulsdon who specialise in electric bikes with low running costs. This low-cost method of transport, can be funded through the government travel voucher scheme. For more information please see [www.energiseebikes.co.uk](http://www.energiseebikes.co.uk)

***Some important messages for you:***

**Parking in the Local Roads**

Please be considerate to our local residents when parking on Peaks Hill, Great Woodcote Park, Plough Lane and any adjacent roads. We receive a number of concerns when cars are parked at junction exits, on double yellow lines or covering driveways. Please support us in working with our local community.

**Year 7 'Transitioning to Secondary School: Managing your Child's Worries' Online Parent/Carer Workshop**

On Monday 10 October, 5.30pm-6.30pm, Year 7 parents/carers are invited to join an online webinar being hosted by the Sutton Education Wellbeing Service. This aims to help support parents/carers if their child has any worries or concerns since joining secondary school. For more information, please see the flyer attached with this letter. You can book your spot here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/428850542517>

**Mufti Day: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

We will be holding our first mufti day of the year next Friday. Students are encouraged to wear something yellow as part of 'Hello Yellow' World Mental Health Day which we will be celebrating on this day. We will be collecting for four charities: *The South East Cancer Centre* (<https://www.sechc.org.uk/>), *Little Sisters of the Poor* (<https://www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/>), *AKT* (<https://www.akt.org.uk/>) and *Young Minds* (<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>).

Students are asked to contribute **£2 via ParentPay**, except for **Year 7 who are asked to contribute £1** as they will be wearing their games kit.

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

- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October:** Year 11 PPE's start
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October:** Mufti Day
- **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October:** JFA Meeting at 7.30pm, Plough Lane Pavilion (CR8 3QJ)
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup>- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October:** Half Term Break
- **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October:** School resumes for students

## **Election of Parent Governor**

The role of a School Governor is extremely important and many essential decisions about this school are taken by our Governing Board. School Governors work together with the school leadership team to continually improve the education for every child at our school.

Our School Governors have 3 core functions:

1. Ensure the clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of our school;
2. Hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of our school and its students, and the performance management of staff; and
3. Oversee the financial performance of our school and make sure its money is well spent.

Nominations have been received from three parents who are willing to become School Governors. They are: Bianca JAMES, Andrew MITCHELL and Nathalie WALSH.

I hope you will vote in the election to select a new Parent Governor. A ballot paper is attached to this week's email along with personal statements from the candidates.

Please read the personal statements carefully. You are then asked to vote for one Governor by putting an 'X' next to their name on the ballot paper. Each parent/carer has one vote, even if they have more than one child at the school. Please return your ballot paper to the school by 12.00 on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October.

You can either:

- Bring it to the school and post it in the ballot box in main reception or
- Arrange for your child to bring it to school and post it in the ballot box or
- Email your vote to [johnfisherschool@johnfisherschool.org](mailto:johnfisherschool@johnfisherschool.org) marking in the subject 'parent governor election'. Please put the name of your son in the email which will validate your vote.

Votes will be counted on Thursday 20 October and the result will be announced on Friday 21 October.

I hope you will decide to vote, as the Governing Board is very important in the decision making of the school.


### **Final Prayer: Our Lady of the Rosary**

*'Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of Resurrection.*

*Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.'*

**Amen.**

Yours sincerely,



P E McCullagh  
Headteacher