



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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9 March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I start this week's letter with some success for the choir at last Saturday's Coulsdon and Purley Music Festival, where they participated in three different classes, coming away with a Silver plate and a Cup.

Well done to all the students and staff involved.



International Women's Day

This Wednesday we celebrated **International Women's Day** as a whole school community. This year's theme was 'embracing equity'. Students engaged with this theme during Form worship, watching a video which explained the ways in which women have not been given equity historically, and more recent issues such as the gender pay gap. Thank you to Ms. Mozammel (Equality and Diversity Lead) for the resources and activities on the day.

Year 11 Pre Public Examination Results

Year 11 students received the raw scores from their second round of Pre-Public Examinations on Wednesday and their 'Professional Predictions' on Thursday. A raw score is the actual result based on whichever module/s were examined in his PPE2 papers. 'Professional Predictions' are the actual full grades which the students' teachers think they will receive in their actual public examinations this summer. On Friday, students will receive report comments from their child's teachers. On Tuesday 14 March Year 11 students will be completing a reflection booklet on both their raw scores and 'Professional Prediction' grades. Students been asked to share both their raw scores and professional prediction grades with their parents/carers. We will be asking for these booklets to be returned to Form tutors by Friday 24 March. A number of students and their parents/carers have been invited to school for a meeting after school on either Monday 13 March or Monday 27 March regarding their Pre-Public Examinations.

National Careers Week

It has also been **National Careers week**, with Mr. Palmer (Careers Lead) speaking to students during team meetings about the opportunities available within school, and outside. Supporting our school vision for '*Love of Learning*', on Thursday evening we welcomed Year 9 students and parents/carers for a Key Stage 4 Pathways event, giving students the opportunity to find out more about the option subjects they might be interested in. Students should submit their options choices by Thursday 30 March 2023.

Industrial Strike Action by the National Education Union (NEU), Wednesday 15 March & Thursday 16 March 2023: Days 3 & 4

As you will have read in one of my previous letters, there is national industrial strike action planned by the National Education Union for Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March. As a result, there will only be restricted attendance for students who are considered vulnerable, any students completing assessments (30 selected Yr. 10 students on Wednesday 15 March from 9.00am to 2.00pm) and those who are in public examination groups as per the guidance from the Department for Education.

Places are prioritised for the following groups of students whose parents/carers will receive additional information:

- Students in the 'Catherine' group
Students should enter/exit via the back gate.
Students should wear Games kit.

- 30 selected students in Year 10 (9.00am-11.00am and 12.00pm-2.00pm) on **Wednesday 15 March only**
Students should enter/exit via the pedestrian gate.
Students should wear full school uniform.
Students should bring all necessary materials/equipment with them.
Students should arrive promptly for 8.45am start and report to the Quad
Students are asked to bring their own snack items for break, as food is only available for students who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM).

- Students in Year 11
Students should enter/exit via the back gate.
Students should wear full school uniform.
Students should bring all necessary materials/equipment with them.
Students should arrive promptly for 8.45am start
Students are asked to bring their own snack items for break, as food is only available for students who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM).

- Students in Year 13
Students should enter/exit via the pedestrian gate.
Students should wear full school uniform.
Students should bring all necessary materials/equipment with them.
Students should arrive promptly for 8.45am start
Students are asked to bring their own snack items for break, as food is only available for students who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM).

This strike called by the National Education Union (NEU) is part of national industrial action and will be disruptive for the parents/carers of students in Years 7-10 & Year 12 and your understanding is much appreciated.

Former Student, Joe Lunn

Today marks the 2 year anniversary of the passing of former student Joe Lunn. A simple white rose was laid in our Spiritual and Wellbeing Garden in memory of Joe. Please join us in keeping his friends and family in our prayers at this very difficult time.



Mufti Day, Friday 17 March

On Friday 17 March we will be holding our next Mufti day to support the following three charities:

- **CAFOD:** <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/big-lent-walk>
- **DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal:** <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>
- **Wooden Spoon Foundation:** <https://woodenspoon.org.uk/>

Students and staff are asked to donate £2 (£1 for Year 7 who will be in Games kit) via ParentPay.

Inaugural Caritas Mass, Saturday 18 March at 12.00pm at St George's Cathedral

There is an open invitation from Canon Victor Darlington, the Episcopal Vicar for Education in our Archdiocese, to attend the Inaugural Caritas Mass which will be held on Saturday 18 March at 12.00 at St George's Cathedral.



JFA Event: St. Patrick's Day and the Six Nations Finale, Saturday 18 March

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the finale of the Six Nations Rugby Championship, the JFA are holding an event at Plough Lane Pavilion on Saturday 18 March. There will be food available, a bar and all the day's Six Nations matches will be shown on the two new 85-inch screens which were kindly donated recently.

Tickets are available on ParentPay now.

Adults: £6 (includes first drink)

Children: Free

More information can be found on the attached flyer.

Vacancy at The John Fisher School

We are currently recruiting for a Chaplain. For more information, follow this [link](#).

Details can be found on the school's website and TES. Please do share with the wider community.

Some key dates for your diary

Monday 13 March	Year 12 Post 18 Options Event: Online
Wednesday 15 March	Industrial Strike Action by the National Education Union (NEU) - Day 3
Thursday 16 March	Industrial Strike Action by the National Education Union (NEU) - Day 4
Friday 17 March	Mufti Day
Saturday 18 March	JFA Event, 12.00pm - 8.30pm (Plough Lane)
Friday 31 March	End of Term
Thursday 23 March	Yr. 12 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4.30pm-7.30pm (SDL Building)
Thursday 27 April	Yr. 8 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4.30pm-7.30pm (SDL Building)
Thursday 18 May	Yr. 10 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4.30pm-7.30pm (SDL Building)

Lent

Tutors receive a theme each week during lent for students to reflect on during Form worship. The Archdiocese of Southwark is offering a retreat experience for individuals and parishes during Lent 2023.

Final Prayer

'Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and Charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request). O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours.'

Amen

Yours sincerely,



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John Fisher Sport



The JFA invite you to...



Celebrate St. Patricks Day & The 6 Nations Finale 2023

Saturday March 18 @ Plough Lane
12pm-8.30pm

All 3
games on
the new
85" big
screens

SCO		SAT 18 MAR 12:30	ITA
FRA		SAT 18 MAR 14:45	WAL
IRE		SAT 18 MAR 17:00	ENG

Bar
serving
cocktails,
guest
beers and
Guinness

Tickets
Adults: £6
(inc 1st drink)
Children: FREE



ParentPay
COUNT ON US

Raffle

Irish music

Food served



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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FOR TICKETS: WWW.JUMBLEBEE.CO.UK/JFSSPORTSGALADINNER23



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