



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Some messages for you from this week:

Mufti Day Friday 9th October 2020

Sincere thanks to all of the students and parents/carers who contributed to our Mufti Day today. We have already raised £1,335 which is fantastic. All money raised will be split between two charities YoungMinds and Link to Hope. Any students or parents/carers who would still like to contribute can still do so via ParentPay until Wednesday 14th October.

'Nerds' Sweets

I am sure that you saw/read in the news this week reports of children feeling unwell having eaten what appeared to be sweets (called 'Nerds') in a Camden School. The main symptoms they presented with were nausea, hyperactivity, elevated heart rates and hallucinations. The sweets probably contained THC, which is the principal psychoactive substance in cannabis, and the dose each sweet contained was potentially very high. Please help raise awareness amongst your children of such potential dangers.

Catering

We were meant to be trialling a new menu offer this week with Sixth Form students but were informed at the weekend about another student in Year 13 who tested positive for the coronavirus. Fortunately, we were able to restrict the number of students who had to isolate in this 'bubble' to less than 20 students. School leaders have met with the Catering providers this week and will be meeting again next week on widening the catering provision for after the half term break.

Attendance: W/b Monday 5th October

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	99%	98%	97%	98%	97%
Year 8	96%	97%	95%	95%	94%
Year 9	94%	92%	93%	93%	93%
Year 10	90%	94%	94%	92%	94%
Year 11	97%	97%	98%	98%	97%

Training for Teachers

There will be an early closure for students after their Period 4 lesson on Thursday 22nd October. Our teaching staff members are being provided with new I.T hardware to support with 'Remote Education' and will be receiving training on their new device to include learning to conduct a 'virtual Parents Evening'. We will be trialling our first 'virtual Parents Evening' after the half term break with Year 10 parents/carers.

Parent Forum

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who attended the first parent forum meeting on Saturday 26th September. We will be running parent forum groups for parents/carers in Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 in this academic year. If this trial is successful, then we will be looking to introduce this to the parents/carers of students in other year groups moving forward as well.

Unfortunately, one of our parent Governors has had to give up his role for personal reasons. We will therefore be communicating with parents/carers this term regarding this vacant position on the Governing Body.

Open Events

We will have our third and final 'virtual' Open Event tomorrow morning at 9.00am for students in Year 6 who are interested in joining Year 7 in September 2021.

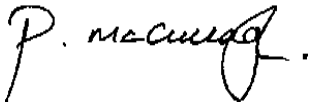
The 'virtual' Sixth Form Open Evening for students in Year 11 who are interested in joining Year 12 in September 2021 will take place on Thursday 12th November at 7.00pm.

Congratulations

Last week, a sister of one of our former students contacted us to share that her brother has just started working for NASA in Silicon Valley, California as a Research Scientist which is a fantastic achievement. This week, we have congratulated one of our old boys on his selection in the England Rugby training squad.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,



P E McCullagh
Headteacher