

THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we continue to follow the aftermarth of the earthquake in Turkey and surrounding areas, please keep in your prayers all those affected. We will be supporting the international relief effort in due course.

We wish all students and staff safe travel as they head off on their trips to Berlin and Saalbach-Hinterglemm, Austria. You can follow updates on the Ski trip via their Facebook page 'John Fisher Junior Ski Trip'.

This week, we have welcomed 'Power Up' as part of National Apprenticeship Week, who spoke to Year 9 about the wide ranging opportunities in the construction industry. It is also Safer Internet and Children's Mental Health week, with all students focussing on these themes during Form worship this week.



On Tuesday afternoon, we welcomed back The Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation to perform their play; 'I love you Mum' for Year 9 students. This critically acclaimed dramatization tells the story of Daniel and how his life was cut short because of drugs. This was followed by an online parent/carer workshop in the evening which provided information on the types of drugs and advice on how to approach difficult conversations with children and young people.

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Sports Hall floor fundraiser this week. The John Fisher

School has long been supported by its' parents/carers. Whether this has been to raise money for the purchase of laptops to help students during the pandemic, or to help our ongoing work to improve I.T. across the school. We are truly appreciative and we hope that students will enjoy the new Sports Hall floor very soon. We are very close to being able to make this a reality. Every £1 donated is being matched by an alumni, Paul Hooper (1965) so every donation is really making double the impact.

If you feel you can contribute, no matter the amount, you can find more information here:



https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/a-new-sports-hall-floor-easter-2023

Final Flu Community Walk-in Clinic, Tuesday 14 February

The final community walk-in catch up clinic for children (Reception to Year 9 only) who have missed the nasal flu vaccine at school, will take place during the half term break on Tuesday 14 February from 10.00am to 12.00pm, at Minor Hall, Trinity Church, Cheam Road, Sutton, SM1 1DZ.



- This is a walk-in clinic for children in Sutton & Merton schools from Reception to Year 9.
- No appointments are necessary.
- Parents/carers can consent on the day.

Clothing Bank Donations, Saturday 25 February

The main school gates will be open on Saturday 25 February between 10.00am and 11.30am, so that parents/carers can drop off any donations they may have for the clothing bank.

The items accepted are clearly shown on the front. Please remember to put items are in bags before depositing.

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

On Saturday 18 March, the JFA are holding an event at Plough Lane Pavilion to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the finale of the Six Nations Rugby Championship. There will be food available, a bar and all the day's Six Nations matches 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.

Former students: Ben Waghorn & Alex Dombrandt

Well done to former student, Ben Waghorn, who has been selected for the England U20 squad for this weekend's Six Nations match against Italy. Congratulations also to Alex Dombrandt who has been selected to play in the senior England team against Italy.

Harrison Catering

Parents/carers are asked to read the correspondence from Harrison Catering regarding an increase in the current tariff by a further 5% from Monday 20 February.





Some key dates for your diary

Monday 20 February:	Yr. 10 Anti-Racism workshop: 'Show Racism the Red Card' (Main Hall)
Wednesday 22 February:	Ash Wednesday (parents/carers are asked to take their son to their parish
	Church for their ashes)
Thursday 23 February:	Yr. 7 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4.30pm-7.30pm (SDL Building)
Tuesday 28 February:	JFA Meeting, 7.30pm (Plough Lane) All Parents/carers welcome
Thursday 2 March:	Industrial Strike Action by the National Education Union (NEU) - Day 2
Thursday 9 March:	KS4 Pathways event for Yr. 9 parents/carers, 3.30pm-5pm (Main Hall)
Thursday 23 March:	Yr. 12 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4.30pm-7.30pm (SDL Building)
Friday 31 March:	End of term

Final Prayer: We pray for all those impacted by the tragedy in Turkey and Syria

- 'God of mercy,
- We pray for the people of Turkey and Syria
- following the recent earthquakes.
- We mourn the death and destruction.
- and pray for those who have died and those who grieve.
- Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.
- We hold in our hearts those who are injured,
- and those who have lost loved ones, livelihoods, and homes.
- Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.
- Inspire us to unite in solidarity,
- acting swiftly and generously,
- so that help may reach all who need it.
- Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.'

Amen

We wish all of our families a happy half term break. All students return at the normal time on Monday 20 February.

Yours sincerely,

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