



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all of your support during the first half of this academic year. Many of us have been clinging onto a much-needed half-term holiday over this last two weeks when we can leave behind some of the recent Covid related turbulence. Spring is a time of renewal and hope, and I look forward to welcoming your sons back after the break on Monday 21st February with renewed enthusiasm and optimism. Hopefully, there will be fewer challenges to face, but even if there are then we will be doing the very best we can to overcome these.

Public Examinations

On 7th February, the government confirmed that public examinations **will** be taking place this summer. Alongside this announcement, the government released a number of useful pieces of information that are worth a read:

- A high-level overview of the measures put in place to help students prepare for their GCSEs (attached)
- A guide on coping with exam pressure:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coping-with-exam-pressure-a-guide-for-students/coping-with-exam-pressure-a-guide-for-students>
- Subject by subject support:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/subject-by-subject-support-for-gcse-as-and-a-level-students-in-2022>

Our departmental teams, led by the Subject Leaders, are reviewing the recent information and will be adjusting plans for the run in to the examinations accordingly. Further information and subject specific resources will be provided to the students after half term and where appropriate, we will also be adapting schemes of work and lesson planning.

As parents, you play a crucial role in supporting your son to make sure he is doing enough high quality revision and that needs to start now. Does your son have a revision timetable at home? Is there a quiet, purposeful part of the home where he can revise or perhaps use a local library? Is that place somewhere you can help him and monitor him, removing distractions such as mobile phones?

We hope that the parents/carers of Yr 11 found the recent Parent Teacher Meetings a useful experience to help prepare your son for his upcoming assessments and eventual examinations.

Road Safety

Thank you to all of you who responded to our recent survey. We received over 500 responses. The feedback has been shared with a residents group which will then be hopefully shared with the local MP.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Vouchers have been issued to the families who are eligible for the Free School Meal Vouchers over the February half term break.

Celebration of Success

The school has had a lovely article written about all of the excellent charitable work which takes place by an organisation called 'First Give'. Please see the document attached to this correspondence. Thank you to all of our students and parents/carers who support all of our wonderful charitable work.

Lateral Flow Test kits

Your son will have received a home test kit this week to take home for use over the half term break and the first weeks back at school.

Dismissal times

The Dismissal times for KS3 & KS4 students in the next half term are as follows:

Year 7: 3.25pm

Year 8: 3.15pm

Year 9: 3.25pm

Year 10: 3.15pm

Year 11: 3.25pm

Important Dates: Half Term 4

RSHE Evening: Tuesday 22nd February at 6.00pm

Epilogue: Thursday 24th February at 4.00pm

Yr 7 Parent Teacher Meeting: Thursday 24th February

Ash Wednesday service: Wednesday 2nd March

World Book Day: Thursday 3rd March

Memorial Mass for Joseph (Joe) Lunn: Tuesday 8th March, 6:30pm at St. Teresa's, Morden

JFA Meeting: Wednesday 9th March

Yr 12 Parent Teacher Meeting: Thursday 24th March

Wishing you a peaceful half term break.



P E McCullagh
Headteacher