

### THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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11 November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Remembrance has featured at the heart of the school this week. Collective worship each morning, has given the students a chance to reflect on what Remembrance Day means in the modern world.

Today we shared a Remembrance service, remembering everyone that has lost their life or been affected by war. This culminated in students and staff laying the school wreaths at our Memorial Cross at the front of school. All members of the school community took part in a two-minute silence and teachers shared some excellent resources created by the history department. All alumni are invited to the Remembrance Mass on Sunday in our school Chapel at 11.30am.

'They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.'



#### Music - This Week's Ensemble and Christmas Events

Well done to all the students who performed at this week's music ensemble after school on Wednesday. We approach a very busy period for our music department. The choir are particularly busy with a number of events in December. Some key dates for your diary:



- Epilogue: 4.00pm, Thursday 24 November (Chapel)
- Christmas Bonanza: 7.00pm, Thursday 1 December (Main Hall)
- Sutton Sings Christmas: 7.30pm, Thursday 8 December (St. Andrew's Church, Cheam)
- Service of Lessons and Carols by Candlelight: 7.00pm, Thursday 15 December (Chapel)

For more information and tickets, please see the music department's social media channels:



**Twitter:** JohnFisherMusic



Instagram: john\_fisher\_musicdpt

#### Sport - Primary School Festival and U13 Rugby League

Today we welcomed 26 teams from local primary schools for a tag rugby festival run by our Sixth Form BTEC Sport students.



Well done to our Under-13 rugby league team who won all three matches in their local heats to progress to the national cup regional round. We await the draw to find out who we will be playing.



#### Some important messages for you:

#### The JFA Christmas Tree Sale, Saturday 3 December 9.00am - 1.00pm

The JFA will be selling Christmas trees, wreaths and reindeer on Saturday 3 December at Plough Lane. All purchases can be made via ParentPay, see the attached poster for more details. All profits will be going back into the school to support the continued investment in I.T.

#### Year 7 and 12 Student Photos

Gillman & Soame were on site in September taking Year 7 & 12 portraits. If you have not already ordered, please do so as soon as possible if you would like the photographs for Christmas. If you have mislaid the details, please contact Gillman & Soame directly at <a href="mailto:action@gillmanandsoame.co.uk">action@gillmanandsoame.co.uk</a> or on 01869 328200 with your child's name, quoting the security password johnfisher488hwu2022.

#### St Elphege's Retreat, Saturday 26 November 2022 9.45am – 3.00pm

St Elphege's Catholic Church in Wallington will be holding a Youth Retreat on Saturday, 26 November for those aged 11 and above. This will take place in the Maurice Reaney Hall from 9.45am to 3.00pm. Registration details can be found on the parish website (stelpheges.co.uk) under 'Notices'.

#### **Surrey Cricket, Free Student Cricket Programmes**

There are two cricket programme posters at the end of this letter. Both 'Street Cricket World Cup 2023' and 'Street Cricket' are FREE cricket programmes run by Surrey Cricket. For more information, please ask your son to speak to Mr. O'Connor (Head of Cricket).

#### Advent Adoration Nights for the Youth, Adoremus Te

This will take place every Friday during Advent at St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Morden starting with Mass at 7pm. Please find more information on the flyer attached.

#### Mental Health & Wellbeing Parental Workshops:

#### 'Supporting Your Teen Through Emotional Storms' and 'Supporting Your Teen With Exam Stress'

Please find attached information on two webinars run by the South-West London and St. George's Mental Health Education Wellbeing Service. These parent/carer sessions focus specifically on helping you support the mental health and wellbeing of your family.

- <u>Supporting Your Teen With Exam Stress</u>
   Monday 21 November 2022, 1.30pm-3.00pm (Virtual)
- <u>Supporting Your Teen Through Emotional Storms: Emotional Regulation Skills</u> Thursday 15 November 2022, 7.30pm-8.30pm (Virtual)

#### Some key dates for your diary:

• Sunday 13 November: Remembrance Sunday (Old Boys' Mass 11.30am-12.30pm in the Chapel)

• Tuesday 15 November: Year 10 and 11 Careers: Further Education Fair

• Thursday 17 November: Year 11 Parent/Carer Teacher Meeting (4.30pm-7.30pm in the Sports Hall)

Tuesday 22 November: JFA Meeting (7.30pm at Plough Lane)
 Thursday 24 November: Epilogue (4.00pm in the Chapel)

• Saturday 3 December: JFA Christmas Tree Sale (9.00am-1.00pm at Plough Lane)

## Final Prayer. On this day of Remembrance, we remember those who have been affected by war around the world.

'We commit ourselves to work

in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations,

that all people may, together,

live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain

continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives,

in world wars and conflicts past and present,

have been given and taken away.'

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#### Amen

Wishing you and your families a restful weekend,

Yours sincerely,

P E McCullagh Headteacher



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#### FOR MORE INFORMATION



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# **ADVENT SPECIAL**

(FRIDAY'S DURING ADVENT)

## ALL YOUNG PEOPLE ARE WELCOME BY ST. TERESA'S YOUTH

250 Bishopsford Road, Morden, SM4 6BZ.
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# **ADOREMUS TE**



Starting with 7pm Mass



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Adoration and Confession