



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of the first full week of the term, I am delighted to share some of this week's events and activities with you. On Tuesday, we welcomed Joe Robertson (Alumni, 2017) to talk to a number of Year 10-13 students about how to get accepted into a top-ranked University. Joe is a former Head Boy of John Fisher and has recently started a PHD at Cambridge University.



On Wednesday, Year 11 students enjoyed an afternoon of workshops by Learning Performance, which were focussed on revision strategies. The students were shown a range of strategies to aid their progress as they work towards their next set of Pre-Public Examinations. Parents/carers of Year 11 students have been written to separately regarding these.



Parent/Carer Mental Health Talks

Please see included at the end of this letter, the menu of talks for parents/carers being facilitated by the South-West London and St. George's Mental Health Cluster. These include sessions on supporting your son through anxiety and supporting him with exam stress.

Rugby Success



Our Year 7 Rugby League team won their regional matches and have progressed to the last 32 in the national competition. They will go on to play teams from around the country. This is a fantastic achievement in their first year of rugby at John Fisher. They join both Year 8 and 9 in reaching this stage of the competition.

We were also delighted to hear that Ben Waghorn (Alumni, 2022) has been selected for the England Under-20 Six Nations squad and has played his first game for Harlequins. We wait to hear if both Alex Dombrandt (England) and Kieran Treadwell (Ireland) will make the senior squads for the competition.



End of Season Rugby Dinners

The end of season rugby dinners are back after a 3-year hiatus. They will take place on the following evenings at Surrey National Golf Course:

- Year 7 and 8: Friday 27th January 7.00pm
- Year 9, 10 and 11: Saturday 28th January 7.00pm
- Year 12 and 13: Saturday 4th February 7.00pm

The evening will consist of :

- A short speech from the A team coach about the overall season highlighting some special moments
- All coaches hand out their coaches player of the season and players player awards
- A short speech from the A team players

Please book via ParentPay.

The John Fisher School Sports Gala Dinner 2023

Tickets are now on sale for this year's Sports Gala Dinner. These can be purchased at the following link:

<https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/jfssportsgaladinner23>

The dinner, held on Friday 7 July 2023, will welcome a number of sporting superstars including Shane Williams (Lions and Wales) Alex Dombrandt (Alumni, England and Harlequins) and Martyn Rooney (Alumni, triple Olympian). You can find out more by clicking the link above or on the flyer attached.

JFA (Parent Association) Christmas Tree Sale 2022

The total raised by the JFA from the Christmas tree sale in December is **£2,876**. Thank you to all who purchased a tree or gave up their time to help run the event. The money raised will go to the school's ongoing investment into I.T. across the site. Over 120 Christmas trees were sold in total.

Please see the flyer attached for more information about how you can join the JFA.

Some key dates for your diary

- **Tuesday 17 January:** Year 7-9 Nasal Flu Immunisations – Catch up
- **Thursday 19 January:** Year 13 Parent Teacher Meeting 4.30pm-7.30pm
- **Thursday 26 January:** Epilogue (School Chapel) 4.00pm-4.30pm
- **Friday 27 January;** Mufti Day
- **Monday 30 January:** Year 11 start Pre-Public Examinations 2 (PPE2's)
- **Thursday 2 February:** Year 9 Parent Teacher Meeting 4.30pm-7.30pm
- **Monday 13 February** Half Term break
to Friday 17 February :

Final Prayer

Today we reflect on the words of Saint Hilary of Potiers. In his words below, he reminds us of our faith in God and the importance of acceptance of our faith rather than expecting, questioning or challenging the true nature of the Holy Trinity.

'For one to attempt to speak of God in terms more precise than he himself has used: -- to undertake such a thing is to embark upon the boundless, to dare the incomprehensible.

He fixed the names of His nature: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Whatever is sought over and above this is beyond the meaning of words, beyond the limits of perception, beyond the embrace of understanding.'

Amen

Wishing you and your families a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,



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Education Wellbeing Service

Wellbeing
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NHS in-School

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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PLATINUM AND GOLD TABLES AVAILABLE WITH A SPORTING STAR

Are you a parent/carer of The John Fisher School? Do you wish to engage further with the school?

JOIN THE JFA TODAY!

- **Raise money for the school**
- **Organise events**
- **Collaborate with other parents**
- **Every student benefits from decisions!**

Initiatives include:

- **School Fundraisers**
- **Christmas Hampers**
- **All Stars Rugby Match/Fete**
- **... & more!**

**Monthly
meetings at
Plough Lane!**

**Commit to as much, or as little, as you like.
Email johnfisherassoc@gmail.com for more information.**