



# THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Some important messages for you:

## **Message from Mrs C Forde - Industrial Action**

*The school has been informed by the National Education Union (NEU) that members will be continuing to take industrial action next week. This will not be for three days like this week, but for one day, which will be on Thursday 19th May. Public examinations have now started and these will continue to take place even on days of industrial strike action. Talks for the various parties concerned will be taking place again next week. This is obviously a great concern for our students who will be reminded of the school's expectations regarding the posting of messages regarding this matter. Parents/carers are asked to be mindful of their posting of messages online as well and are reminded that the school also has a social media policy for parents/carers. Our school community are encouraged to pray for a resolution, in the hope that a way forward can be found by all concerned.*

## **Year 9 Parent/Carer Teacher Meeting**

Due to the industrial action planned for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May by the NEU, the planned Year 9 Parent/Carer Teacher Meeting will no longer be able to take place on this evening.

## **Free School Meal Vouchers**

The Government has further extended the Household Support Grant until September 2022, meaning that Sutton Local Authority has additional funding to support households in the borough. This means that eligible families will receive a free school meal voucher to cover the May Half Term break. Nothing has yet been confirmed for the summer holidays.

## **Joint Council for Qualifications**

JCQ guidance on special consideration for this summer's examinations. The key points are:

- Candidates will not be given free Covid tests during the series and will not be asked to provide tests to authenticate absence.
- In applying for special consideration on the grounds of absence, there is a slight relaxation of the rules this year, meaning that candidates can still get a grade if they have completed one unit/exam, rather than the previous requirement of 25%.
- Candidates aged 18 and under who are unwell and have a high temperature, should be advised not to attend examinations until they feel better and no longer have a temperature.

- Candidates who are 19 and over who have symptoms of a respiratory infection and a high temperature or do not feel well, should be advised not to attend examinations until they feel better and no longer have a high temperature.
- Candidates who test positive for Covid (if they have chosen to take a test or have been directed to do so by a medical professional) should be advised not to attend examinations for 3 days if they are 18 or under, or 5 days if they are 19 or over.

### **Year 11 Update**

Parents of students in Year 11 were sent a letter this week. The whole year group will be in school on Monday for their Religious Studies examination.

### **Year 13 Update**

Parents of students in Year 13 received a letter this week regarding study leave and the forthcoming examinations.

### **Final Prayer - Our Heavenly Queen**

*Hail Mary, Our Mother, Our Heavenly Queen,  
whose loving arms embrace those who are poor  
and protect those who are weak,  
Our Lady, we love you.*

*Hail Mary, Our Mother, Our Heavenly Queen,  
whose loving care will soothe all who suffer and calm those in fear,  
Our Lady, we need you.*

*Hail Mary, Our Mother, Our Heavenly Queen,  
whose loving gaze looks into our hearts and eases our pain,  
Our Lady, we adore you.*

*Hail Mary, Our Mother, Our Heavenly Queen,  
whose endless love surrounds us completely  
and is always present,  
Our Lady, pray for us.*

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher