

THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Isolation period

As you may have seen in the news, the self-isolation period for people who test positive for Covid-19 is being cut to five full days in England. From Monday, people will be able to leave isolation after negative lateral flow tests on days five and six (24 hours apart). With a second negative test, people will be able to leave isolation at the start of day six.

Information for parents/carers of Year 13

Please ensure to have read the letter from Mr Woolford regarding the virtual Parents Evening on Thursday.

The final deadline for your son to submit his UCAS application is 6:00pm on Wednesday 26th January.

University of Oxford Offer

One of our Year 13 students has been offered a place at the University of Oxford this week to study Economics. Wonderful news for such a delightful student.

John Fisher Association (JFA)

Many thanks to all of the parents/carers who attended the Parent Teacher Association Meeting on Wednesday night. New members are always welcome.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Bank Holiday

An extra bank holiday has been announced for 3rd June 2022 to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As this falls during the May Half Term break, the Department for Education (DfE) has allowed schools to close for one day at another time within the year. The school will therefore be closed on Friday 4th February.

Emails received this week

'Could you please extend my gratitude to the teachers who sent work for my son; he has completed most of it and has emailed a teacher about one of the assignments. Thank you for being so supportive.' (Parent of a Yr 9 student)

'Happy New Year to all of the staff and a big thank you for such a positive and amazing first full week back at school. My son is so glad to be back and has spoken with great enthusiasm about the new topics starting in his subjects, alongside a week of sport keeping him active, as well as being able to attend mass before school. It feels like normality has resumed. Congratulations to the Year 13 student who obtained a place at Oxford University, what a fabulous role model for the younger students. We are so proud and blessed to be part of this school, it's community and the wonderful achievements. Wishing you all a year of health, happiness and continued success.' (Parent of a Yr 8 student)

Fundraising

Thank you to the parents/carers who have contributed to our recent fundraising appeal which has now reached £31,500. Here are some examples of the messages that have been provided:

'Very happy to donate and will very much be part of the Fisher Family for life.'

'Long association with the school and my youngest grandson has just started there. Happy to support.'

'Thank you for the hard work and support you're providing your students. God bless you all.'

'Great cause and fantastic school. Happy to contribute and play a small part. Good luck.'

'Every teacher goes above and beyond to help every student achieve their potential. Which is why we have two very happy boys at JFS. Another will be there soon. Good luck with the fundraising.'

'Continue doing the best job you can do, we love the ethos of this school. You helped shape our boys and we are eternally grateful.'

Final prayer

"None of us comes into the world fully formed. We would not know how to think, or walk, or speak, or behave as human beings unless we learned it from other human beings. We need other human beings in order to be human. I am because other people are."

Desmond Tutu

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

P E McCullagh Headteacher