



# THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week's Collective Worship has focussed on the life of much-loved alumni Bishop Howard Tripp. Throughout the week, students have heard about his life, from his time at The John Fisher School, to his work with the Catholic Children's Society. We have recorded this and would like to share it with our wider school community. Please find the recording here: <https://youtu.be/yjkqyVvpGzw>



Today we welcomed Sister Monica and Sister Mary-Christine from the Little Sisters of the Poor, who cared for Bishop Howard Tripp towards the end of his life. They were able to meet some of the staff who were confirmed by Bishop Howard, talk to some of our students from Hong Kong as well as see Bishop Howard as a student in a school photograph from 1943. The school presented the Sisters with a cheque for £500, which was raised through today's mufti day. We also learnt that the Little Sisters of the Poor are currently supporting another of our former students, Thomas Scannell, and had cared for one other, Gregory Moore, in his final days.



Thank you to all those who have contributed to today's mufti day. The total is **currently £1,631**. This will remain open on ParentPay until noon on Tuesday 18 October, for those who still wish to contribute. Students are asked to contribute £2 via ParentPay, except for Year 7 who are asked to contribute £1. I will update you on the final figure and the amounts awarded to the other charities next week.





### **Virtues Programme Certificates**

This week, Year 10 students received their John Paul II Foundation 4 Sport Virtues Programme certificates in recognition of the work they have done. The programme focuses on how students live out their faith, demonstrating our Catholic and shared values, such as integrity and acceptance. Well done to all of those who received their certificate.

### **Year 7 and 8 Wellbeing Ambassador Training**

Today, 25 x Year 7 and 8 students undertook Mental Health and Wellbeing Training, as they become Wellbeing Ambassadors in school. Using resources from 'Worth It', our Wellbeing Co-ordinators, Miss. Fowler and Mrs. Davies, trained the students in supporting others, discussed important topics such as social media pressure, and took ideas from the students on how to build on the role.



### **Cross Country: National Cup and Borough Championships**

Well done to the students who took part in the first round of the National Cup. Both the Juniors and Seniors gave it their best in a very difficult competition. Ewan S finished seventh, which is a superb achievement. On Thursday, we took part in the Sutton Borough Championship, and won the Year 7, 8 and 9 groups. Ewan S won this event by quite some distance. We await the overall result.



### ***Some important messages for you:***

#### **Sixth Form Open Evening: Thursday 3 November from 5:30pm until 7:30pm.**

The event will feature talks from the Headteacher and Director of Sixth Form at 5:30pm and at 6:30pm in the Chapel. The 'in-person' subject introduction event, will be held in the Sports Hall by Subject Leaders. Here, students are invited to speak to different Subject Leaders about their course choices to help them make an informed decision about their options. Please be mindful of our local residents when parking on the surrounding roads.

## Election of Parent Governor

The role of a School Governor is extremely important and many essential decisions about this school are taken by our Governing Board. School Governors work together with the school leadership team to continually improve the education for every child at our school.

Nominations have been received from three parents who are willing to become School Governors. They are: Bianca JAMES, Andrew MITCHELL and Nathalie WALSH.

I hope you will vote in the election to select a new Parent Governor. A ballot paper is attached to this week's email along with personal statements from the candidates.

Please read the personal statements carefully. You are then asked to vote for one Governor by putting an 'X' next to their name on the ballot paper. Each parent/carer has one vote, even if they have more than one child at the school.

**Please return your ballot paper to the school by 12.00 on Wednesday, 19 October.**

You can either:

- Bring it to the school and post it in the ballot box in main reception or
- Arrange for your child to bring it to school and post it in the ballot box or
- Email your vote to [johnfisherschool@johnfisherschool.org](mailto:johnfisherschool@johnfisherschool.org) marking in the subject 'parent governor election'. Please put the name of your son in the email, which will validate your vote.

Votes will be counted on Thursday 20 October and the result will be announced on Friday 21 October.

## Year 11 PPE Dismissal Times (W/B 17 October)

Please find below the dismissal times for students in Year 11 only next week.

Date	Students in class	Students in exam
Monday 17 October	Dismissal – end of period 5	Dismissal at end of exam
Tuesday 18 October	Dismissal – end of period 5	Dismissal at end of exam
Wednesday 19 October	Dismissal – end of period 4	Dismissal at end of exam
Thursday 20 October	Dismissal – end of period 5	Dismissal at end of exam
Friday 21 October	Dismissal – end of period 5	Dismissal at end of exam

## Harrisons Catering

Please read the letter attached to this week's communication from Harrisons Catering regarding their increase in tariff from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022.

## Some key dates for your diary:

- **Tuesday 18 October:** JFA Meeting at 7.30pm, Plough Lane Pavilion (CR8 3QJ)
- **Monday 24 to Friday 28 October:** Half Term (No students on site)
- **Monday 31 October:** School re-opens for all students
- **Thursday 3 November:** Sixth Form Open Evening: 5.30pm-7.30pm
- **Sunday 13 November:** Remembrance Sunday

**Final Prayer: Our Lady of the Rosary**

*Heavenly Father,*

*We pray that we may know more of Jesus so that we may understand Your way and Your will for our lives. Thank You that Your loving-kindness is new every morning and that Your grace is sufficient, and thank You that in Christ, we are enabled to walk in the way that You would have me go. May we lift my soul to Him, submit my life to Him, and follow His leading always.*

*In Jesus' name we pray,*

**Amen**

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. McCullagh' with a stylized flourish at the end.

P E McCullagh  
Headteacher