



# THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr P E McCullagh BSc (Hons), PGCE, MA, NPQH

Peaks Hill  
Purley  
Surrey  
CR8 3YP

15 July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Some important messages for you:

## **Heatwave: Monday 18th July and Tuesday 19th July**

You will be aware that there is going to be an exceptional hot spell of weather on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July.

During these severe weather conditions, The John Fisher School will remain open but with the following necessary adjustments:

### ***Before school:***

- Parents/Carers are encouraged to ensure students apply sunscreen before they come to school and to bring this with them in order to re-apply it when necessary. The school does not provide sunscreen due to allergies.
- Students should bring a bottle of water to school which can be re-filled.
- Students can wear their John Fisher School PE kit (shorts and shirts) and staff can wear loose, light coloured clothing.
- Students can wear their John Fisher School caps or a non-branded equivalent. Students and staff are also welcome to wear sunhats with wide brims.

### ***During school:***

- Students are encouraged to stay in the shade during their breaks and not engage in any vigorous physical activity.
- Students can bring an umbrella to school for additional shade.
- All of the school's water fountains are in use and bottled water can also be purchased from Harrison's Catering.
- Students will be provided with an additional 5 minutes at the end of each transition to refill their water bottles.

We are fortunate to have air conditioning in some of our buildings at school.

Lesson activities will be changed to avoid increasing body temperature.

Blinds and curtains have all been drawn going into the weekend to keep the other buildings as cool as possible.

The school will continue to monitor the weather after both of these days.

### Art Exhibition at Lexus, Croydon.



Tuesday saw our first art exhibition for 3 years at the Lexus showroom on the Purley Way. Students in Year 11 and 13 had their artwork on display for 5 days, with a final viewing and award giving on Tuesday. Alongside the art work was a Lexus car which had been hand tattooed, as well as Sushi being cooked fresh by award winning chefs.

The quality of work is always so high so we charged the Lexus staff with the very difficult job of selecting the following winners:



Key Stage 4 winner: M. Pereira (Year 11)

Key stage 5 winner: B. Ford (Year 12)

Best piece overall: K. Bersamin (Year 11)

Students received an award (sponsored by Oyster Partnership, owned by alumni, Sasza Bandiera) and K. Bersamin and family were given a special prize by Lexus; a new Lexus convertible for the weekend!

Thank you to our school partner Jemca Lexus for their continued support.

### Year 7 and 8 Celebration Evening

We welcomed over 200 parents/carers and students on Wednesday evening for our Year 7 and 8 celebration evening. The students were able to show their work, enjoy live music and performances, with drinks and nibbles provided by the John Fisher Association (JFA). Thank you to everyone involved in arranging the event and to all those who came along.

### Speed Careers

On Wednesday afternoon, Year 9 undertook the Speed Careers event as part of their Careers Week focus. We welcomed over 30 guests onsite to share their experiences and journeys since leaving school. With over 15 alumni, it was wonderful to welcome back so many familiar faces. Students heard from a vast array of industries including engineering, finance, immersive technologies and even Formula 1.



Year 12 also took part in Speed Careers having selected a talk to attend earlier in the day based on their own aspirations and interests. Thank you to all those parents/carers and alumni who volunteered their time.

## Enrichment Day

To finish the week, all of our students took part in Enrichment Day. Year 7 had a whole day experiencing a range of sports at Plough Lane, with awards given by alumni Mike McKenna (GB Athletics coach) and Tom O'Brien (Invictus Games discus thrower).



Year 8 enjoyed a trip to London Zoo as part of their study on habitat and environment.

Year 9 finished off their Careers Week with a day of work experience, giving them the opportunity to sample a chosen work environment for a day.

Year 10 were lucky enough to hear from a range of guest speakers including Akeem Bundu-Kamara (Alumni, 2008) who was on this year's series of The Apprentice.

It has been another exhausting week, with so many events and activities bringing together our whole school community.



## Lost Property

Students will be dismissed from school at 12pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Please remind your son that he should collect any items from lost property before he leaves. Unclaimed lost property which can't be identified will be disposed of during the summer holidays.

## Some other key dates for your diary:

- **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July:** Final Saturday Detention 9am-12pm
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** Final Epilogue 4pm (Chapel)
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July:** **End of Term** - Students leaving at 12pm

## Looking ahead to next academic year:

- **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September:** Staff INSET Day 1
- **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September:** Staff INSET Day 2
- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September:** Year 7 and 12 Induction.
- **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September:** All students return to school.

## Final Prayer

As we reflect on yet another week of opportunity and community, let us pray for the wonderful gift of our children and the God given talents every one of them possess:

*O Father of mankind, who hast given unto me these my children, and committed them to my charge to bring them up for Thee, and to prepare them for everlasting life: assist me with Thy heavenly grace, that I may be able to fulfil this most sacred duty and stewardship. Teach me both what to give and what to withhold; when to reprove and when to forbear; make me gentle, yet firm; considerate and watchful; and deliver me equally from the weakness of indulgence, and the excess of severity; and grant that, both by word and example, I may be careful to lead them in the ways of wisdom and true pity, so that at last I may, with them, be admitted to the unspeakable joys of our true home in heaven, in the company of the blessed Angels and Saints.*

**Amen.**

I hope you and your families have a restful weekend enjoying the continued warm weather.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. McCullagh'.

P E McCullagh  
Headteacher