



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Purley
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17 March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your understanding during this week's national industrial strike action by the National Education Union. It is encouraging to learn that there are going to be discussions taking place over this weekend between government representatives and the various professional associations. As we fast approach Easter, there is no letting up of activities, achievement and success, with students enjoying a number of key events this week. We also look ahead to the final two weeks of term, with Year 13 PPEs beginning on Monday 20 March (parents/carers have been written to separately and the timetable is on the school website).

Mufti Day: £1556.00 so far!

Thank you to those who have already donated towards today's mufti day to support the following three charities:

- **CAFOD:** <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/big-lent-walk>
- **DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal:** <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>
- **Wooden Spoon Foundation:** <https://woodenspoon.org.uk/>

Donations will be accepted until 12.00pm on Tuesday 21 March. Students and staff are asked to donate £2 (£1 for Year 7 who will be in Games kit) via ParentPay.

JFA Event: St. Patrick's Day and the Six Nations Finale, Tomorrow!

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the finale of the Six Nations Rugby Championship, the JFA are holding an event at Plough Lane pavilion tomorrow. There will be food available, a bar and all the day's Six Nations matches will be shown on the two new 85-inch screens which were kindly donated recently.

If you have not already booked via ParentPay you can turn up and pay on the door. More information can be found on the attached flyer.

Adults: £6 (includes first drink) / Children: Free



British Science Week:

The Science department celebrated British Science Week with assemblies, in-class events and an opportunity to visit 'Lab in a Lorry' at Plough Lane. The theme this year was 'Connections', and the importance of people working together to help future generations.

End of term arrangements, Friday 31 March

All students in Years 7-11 will be in school on Friday 31 March at normal time for registration. The school day will run until Period 3 and students will be dismissed from 12.00pm. During the morning, students will take part in the end of term Kennedy Cup and celebrate this term's achievements.

Barney the Therapy Dog

This week we welcomed Barney, from Therapy Dogs Nationwide, to meet students in our Catherine group. The charity has volunteers all over the UK who take their trained therapy dogs into organisations to provide comfort, distraction and stimulation.



Music Success

Congratulations to the Wind Band Junior Ensemble who were awarded Honours and gained first place at the Purley and Coulsdon Festival last week. The String Ensemble also gained first place and were awarded Distinction.



U14 Basketball Surrey Cup Winners

Congratulations to the U14 basketball team who are now the proud winners of the Surrey Cup, winning the final 80-58. The student leadership shown by the older students to support this team has been very impressive. Well done to all the students and staff involved.

John Fisher Alumni: England vs Ireland

Congratulations to alumni, Kieran Treadwell, who has been selected for the Ireland squad who will be going all out to win the Six Nations Rugby Championship and Grand-Slam this weekend against England. We also congratulate former student, Alex Dombrandt, who will be in the starting line-up for England. This will be the first time they play against each other at International level.

It is rare that a school would have two alumni represent their country in such a significant international game like this.



IRELAND

vs ENGLAND at AVIVA STADIUM | KICK OFF 5PM

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| 15. HUGO KEENAN | 1. ANDREW PORTER |
| 14. MACK HANSEN | 2. DAN SHEENAN |
| 13. ROBBIE HENSHAW | 3. TADG FURLONG |
| 12. BUNDEE AKI | 4. RYAN BAIRD |
| 11. JAMES LOWE | 5. JAMES RYAN |
| 10. JOHNNY SEXTON (C) | 6. PETER O'MAHONY |
| 9. JAMISON GIBSON-PARK | 7. JOSH VAN DER FLEET |
| | 8. CAELAN DORIS |

REPLACEMENTS

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| 16. ROB HERRING | 17. CIAN HEALY |
| 18. TOM O'TOOLE | 19. KIERAN TREADWELL |
| 20. JACK CONAN | 21. CONOR MURRAY |
| 22. ROSS BYRNE | 23. JIMMY O'BRIEN |

FORWARDS

1. ANDREW PORTER

2. DAN SHEENAN

3. TADG FURLONG

4. RYAN BAIRD

5. JAMES RYAN

6. PETER O'MAHONY

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Parent/Carer Sessions: Tuesday 21 March and Tuesday 28 March

One of the concerns faced by parents/carers is how they can help their young people feel safe and how they can keep them safe, especially with news coverage and social media fuelling. The Ben Kinsella trust is an educational charity that campaigns against knife crime and helps young people make positive choices and stay safe. They have just launched a FREE online course entitled "Exploitation, Gangs and Knife Crime Awareness". This is a two-part course delivered over two evening sessions on 21 March and 28 March, from 7.00pm until 9.00pm. These sessions are delivered by a former Metropolitan Police Officer and come highly recommended. They are a valuable resource and signposting tool in understanding what is regular teenage behaviour and what is not helping to prevent serious youth violence and exploitation. If you are interested in attending these sessions please follow the link below to secure your place: <https://benkinsella.org.uk/event-signup-parents-and-carers-workshop/>

These sessions will be run regularly, please follow The Ben Kinsella Trust on their social media pages to keep abreast of new dates.

Year 9 Pathways

Please remember that the deadline for the submission of Year 9 Pathway choices is 12.00pm on Thursday 30 March. Just to remind you, when your son is logging into his email, to accept the invitation he has received for the options website, he must use the @lgflmail.net details.

When the Google login is required at the next step, he must use the @johnfisherschool.org details.

Public Examinations Summer 2023 – Contingency Dates

The Examination contingency dates for this year's public exams are:

- Thursday 8 June
- Thursday 15 June
- Wednesday 28 June

Students must be available on these dates.

A Free Online Meal Planning Service for Families

FiveDinners.com is an online meal planning service. They usually charge £49.99 per annum however, in an effort to help families they are currently giving their service away for free. Every week they issue a new meal plan with a single shopping list, set to the number of people you are feeding so you know exactly what you need to buy for the week. All their recipes are easy to follow, with a nutritional breakdown and many have accompanying videos. Members can create their own meal plans choosing from vegetarian, GF, kid friendly, quick and easy, airfryer, etc.

Please see their website for more information: <https://fivedinners.com/>

'Passion of Jesus' in Trafalgar Square on Monday 7 April

This is a free event and all are welcome. One hundred Wintershall players bring their electric and moving portrayal of the final days of Jesus to this Trafalgar Square in London. There are two 90-minute live performances at 12.00pm and 3.15pm which are projected onto a big screen.

Vacancy at The John Fisher School

We are currently recruiting for a Chaplain. For more information, follow this [link](#).

Details can be found on the school's website and TES. Please do share with the wider community.

Parking in the local roads

Thank you to those who are considerate when picking up or parking in the local roads around the school. There have been instances recently where the school has been contacted by local residents and road users to share their frustrations about inconsiderate parking and driving around drop off and pick times. Please be mindful of others at these very busy times.

Some key dates for your diary

Thursday 23 March	Yr. 12 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4.30pm-7.30pm (SDL Building)
Thursday 30 March	Yr. 9 KS4 Pathways – deadline for submitting choices
Friday 31 March	End of Term
Monday 17 April	Beginning of Term 3 for all year groups
Thursday 27 April	Yr. 8 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4.30pm-7.30pm (SDL Building)
Monday 1 May	May Day Bank Holiday (school closure)
Monday 8 May	School closure in lieu of King's Coronation
Thursday 18 May	Yr. 10 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4.30pm-7.30pm (SDL Building)

Final Prayer: St. Patrick's Day Prayer

'May your days be many and your troubles be few.

May all God's blessings descend upon you.

May peace be within you, may your heart be strong.

May you find what you're seeking wherever you roam.

May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us.

May the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us.

May thy Salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and for evermore.'

Amen

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher



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John Fisher Sport



The JFA invite you to...



Celebrate St. Patricks Day & The 6 Nations Finale 2023

Saturday March 18 @ Plough Lane
12pm-8.30pm

All 3
games on
the new
85" big
screens

SCO		SAT 18 MAR 12:30	ITA
FRA		SAT 18 MAR 14:45	WAL
IRE		SAT 18 MAR 17:00	ENG

Bar
serving
cocktails,
guest
beers and
Guinness

Tickets
Adults: £6
(inc 1st drink)
Children: FREE



ParentPay
COUNT ON US

Raffle

Irish music

Food served



Education Wellbeing Service

Wellbeing
Support Service
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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SPORTING
WINE CLUB



FOR TICKETS: WWW.JUMBLEBEE.CO.UK/JFSSPORTSGALADINNER23



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