

# THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Some important messages for you:

## Duke of Edinburgh Award

It was a perfect week for 82 x Year 9 students and 12 x Year 12 students to enjoy their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition. After completing their practice walk, students focussed on map reading skills and camp craft, cooking their own dinner and breakfast. All students passed the award.

Well done to all the students and staff involved!

# Year 11 and Year 13 Photographs

A reminder that the 2022 Year 11 & 13 photographs taken at school can be ordered online and delivered to your home address using the details below:

https://www.gsimagebank.co.uk/johnfisherschool/t/fpnm723fcea2022 If you have any queries, please contact Gillman & Soame by email directly at enquiries@gillmanandsoame.co.uk or on 01869 328200.



#### Key Stage Administrator Change for Year 9

Parents/Carers of students in Year 9 will have a change of Key Stage Administrator from Monday 27th June 2022. If your son is going to be absent from school, please notify Mrs Cody, KS4 Administrator by telephone or email at <u>m.cody@johnfisherschool.org</u>

Parents/Carers of students currently in Year 7 and Year 8 should continue to contact Mrs Maynard, KS3 Administrator.



#### Art Exhibition at Jemca Toyota, Croydon Showroom (Purley Way)

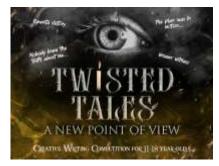
After a two-year absence, we are pleased to announce that Toyota are hosting our annual Art Exhibition. Students' work will be on display from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July until Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022. On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 6.00pm-8.00pm, parents/carers are invited to come along for a private viewing when we will also be presenting some awards to students. There will be some refreshments, along with some music provided by some of our students.

#### The JFS Music Department Summer Concert

Please find attached more information about this year's Summer Concert on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 7.00pm in the Main Hall.

#### **Trusted Tales Creative Writing Competition**

The English department have launched the Trusted Tales Creative Competition this week. This is open to all students and they have until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July to submit their 100 word mini saga. All entries will be entered into the national competition run by Young Writers UK. More information can be found on Show My Homework.



#### Year 8 and Year 9 Parent/Carer Teacher Meetings

We are pleased to confirm that we have been able to reschedule the Parent/Carer teacher meetings for both Year 8 and Year 9 students as below:

- Year 8: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 4.00pm-7.30pm (Appointment bookings will open at 12pm, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June)
- Year 9: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 4.00pm-7.30pm

(Appointment bookings will open at 12pm, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July)

As these are rescheduled dates, there are some staff who are unable to make the dates for a number of reasons including school trips, previously booked commitments and childcare arrangements.

You will be able to see which teachers are available when you access the booking system.

#### Enrichment Day: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July (Years 7- 10 and Year 12)

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup>, all students in Years 7-10 and 12 will enjoy an enrichment day. The aim of the day is to allow students to explore learning outside of the classroom, developing their skills, readiness for the wider world and cultural capital. You will receive a letter specific to your son's year group in due course with more information, but this is the overview for the day:

**Year 7: 'Alternative Sports Day':** The PE department will lead a day of alternative sports, allowing students the opportunity to try out some new sports for the first time.

**Year 8: 'London Zoo':** As part of your son's Science studies we have focussed on the Biology topic 'Variation and Survival' and the Chemistry topic 'Using our Earth Sustainably'. To give the students an insight into these topics, a trip to London Zoo for the whole of Year 8 has been organised by the Science department.

**Year 9: 'Take your son to work day.'** As part of a week focussed on career advice for Year 9, students are being given the opportunity to attend the workplace of their parents/carers, or close family member. They will enjoy a week cantered on careers, including the 'Speed Careers' event on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July in school.

**Year 10: 'Inspiration':** The students will enjoy a mixture of guest speakers, visiting artists and a number of workshops. We will welcome some former students to the school who have gone on to succeed in their chosen field. This includes Akeem Bundu-Kamara who was on the most recent series of The Apprentice.

**Year 12: 'Team Building':** As part of their Enrichment Week, students will enjoy a day of team-building activities and final preparation for UCAS/Year 13.

#### Warmer Weather

There is a message on the school website regarding expectations in warmer weather. During this period of warmer weather, we want to ensure our students are well protected from the sun.

## Before School:

- Students are encouraged to apply sunscreen before they come to school and to bring this with them in order to re-apply it when necessary. Sunscreen is not provided by the school as some students could be allergic.
- Students should bring a bottle of water to school which can be re-filled.
- Students can wear their John Fisher School caps to help cover their head during PE/Games lessons.

#### During School:

- Students are encouraged to stay in the shade during their breaks.
- All of the school's water fountains are in use and bottled water can also be purchased from Harrison Catering.
- Students have permission to remove jumpers/blazers. Shirts must continue to be tucked in and all other uniform expectations still apply.

The school will continue to monitor the weather and if excessive temperatures are forecast, then a further relaxation of the uniform could take place to include the wearing of school ties.

**Reminder**: The National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT) are planning for strike action next week on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Students are asked to consider their journeys on the Tuesday, which will impact on Network Rail and the London Underground and on the Thursday which will be Network Rail but not the London Underground.

Some other key dates for your dary.	
JFA Meeting	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June at 7.30pm in Purley Sports Club
Founders Day Mass 8 & Sixth Form	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June at 8.45am & 10.25am in the school
Talk	Chapel
Year 13 Leavers Mass & Awards	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June at 6pm in the school Chapel
St Peter & St Paul Mass	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June at 8.45am in the school Chapel
Mufti Day	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July (£2 per student / £1 for Year 7 who will be
	wearing their Games kit)

#### Some other key dates for your diary:

Fisher Family Fun Day	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 12.00 – 8.00pm at Plough Lane
Year 9 & Year 10 Awards Evening	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July at 5.00pm in the Sports Hall (Provisional)
Sutton Catholic Schools Concert	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm in St Elphege's Church (Parents of Choir members only)
INSET Day	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July (School closed for students)
Year 7 & Year 8 Awards Evening	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July at 5.00pm in the Sports Hall (Provisional)
Final Day for Year 12	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July (Work Experience 18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> July)
Sports Day	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July (students to wear their Games kit on this day)
Final Epilogue	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July at 4.00pm in the school Chapel
Final Morning for Year 7 – Year 10	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
A level & Sixth Form Results Day	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> August
GCSE Results Day & Sixth Form Enrolment	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> August
INSET Days	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September and Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
Open Evening	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> September at 4.00pm

# **Final Prayer**

Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Let peace fill our Heart, our World, our Universe.

Amen.

Yours sincerely,

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