



# THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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18 November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Sunday we welcomed a number of alumni, local community and parish members to our Remembrance Sunday Mass in the school Chapel. After a two-year hiatus, this event was an important opportunity for us all to remember a number of John Fisher alumni who served in WW2 and beyond.



We have welcomed a number of alumni on site this week with a careers theme at the heart of their visit. Whether this was for our Further Education Careers Fair or to speak to Year 7 and 8 in team meetings, it is always humbling to see former students give up their time to return to the school and share their experiences and memories of school life. Thank you to Joe Snell (2010) and Akeem Bundu-Kamara (2008) for inspiring the high aspirations of our students. Students have also heard from Mr. Mawer (Designated Safeguarding Lead) about online bullying during team meetings, as part of National Anti-Bullying Week.



We also welcomed our Year 11 students and their parents/carers this week for their Parent Teacher Meeting (PTM). It was fantastic to see so many parents/carers and to see them in deep discussion with staff members to support their young person and their progress. Mental Health and Wellbeing information was available for parents/carers to read on the evening, to help with support and points of contact, alongside the opportunity to make appointments with our SENCo. These two services will be on offer at all PTMs moving forward.



## **Further Education Fair: Years 10-13 Further Education and Employers**

On Tuesday, we welcomed a number of colleges, employers and apprenticeship providers on site for a Careers Fair. Students from Year 10-13 attended and were able to discuss their personalised career ambitions with companies such as PwC and the NHS. Thank you to all who attended.



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

**The JFA Christmas Tree Sale, Saturday 3 December 9.00am – 1.00pm**

The JFA will be selling Christmas trees, wreaths and reindeer on Saturday 3 December at Plough Lane. All purchases can be made via ParentPay, see the attached poster for more details. All profits will be going back into the school to support the continued investment in I.T.

**Christmas Bonanza: Thursday 1 December at 7.00pm**

Tickets are now available for the school's Christmas Bonanza, which will take place in the Main Hall on Thursday 1 December. This will see students perform festive pieces from all vocal and instrumental ensembles. Please see the attached poster.

**Mental Health & Wellbeing Parental Workshops: 'Supporting Your Teen with Exam Stress'**

Monday 21 November 2022, 1.30pm-3.00pm (Virtual)

Please find attached information on a webinar run by the South-West London and St. George's Mental Health Education Wellbeing Service. This parent/carer session focuses specifically on helping you support the mental health and wellbeing of your family.

***Some key dates for your diary:***

- **Tuesday 22 November:** JFA Meeting (7.30pm at Plough Lane)
- **Thursday 24 November:** Epilogue (4.00pm in the Chapel)
- **Thursday 1 December:** Christmas Bonanza (7.00pm in the Main Hall)
- **Saturday 3 December:** JFA Christmas Tree Sale (9.00am-1.00pm at Plough Lane)
- **Thursday 8 December:** Sutton Sings Christmas (7.30pm at St. Andrew's Church, Cheam)
- **Thursday 15 December:** Service of Lessons and Carols by Candlelight (7.00pm in the Chapel)

## Final Prayer

As we continue to hear the stark announcements about the cost of living, government spending and the years ahead, let us reflect, seek strength through our faith and continue to support other members of our Fisher Family and wider community:

*'Oh Lord my God, You give me all the strength that I need in life.*

*As I undergo this trying moment, offer me a yoke that is good to bear and a burden that is light.*

*Dear Father, You may take away this burden that I have,*

*but if it is Your will that bears it, then shower me with Your strength and fortitude.*

*Let me offer others support and love,*

*And use thine strength to create a positive and loving world.'*

**Amen**

Wishing you and your families a restful weekend,

Yours sincerely,



P E McCullagh  
Headteacher



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The JFA presents..



# Christmas Tree Sale

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER

PLOUGH LANE PLAYING FIELDS

9.00AM-1.00PM

CHOOSE YOUR OWN BEAUTIFUL NORDIC NON-DROP  
CHRISTMAS TREE:

4-5FT - £35

5-6FT - £40

6-7FT - £45

7-8FT - £60



PRE-ARRANGED LOCAL DELIVERY: £5

**ALSO AVAILABLE:** CHRISTMAS WREATHS & REINDEER

TEA/COFFEE AND BACON ROLLS

ORDER NOW ON PARENTPAY OR EMAIL: [THEJOHNFISHERASSOC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:THEJOHNFISHERASSOC@GMAIL.COM)





**NHS**  
South West London and  
St George's Mental Health  
NHS Trust

**Education Wellbeing Service**

## **Merton and Sutton** **Education Wellbeing Service Webinar**

### **SUPPORTING YOUR TEEN WITH EXAM STRESS!**

The lead up to exams are stressful for those taking the exams but also those around them. This webinar aims to improve parents' understanding, and explore different ways to support exam stress and anxiety. This includes thinking about approaches and ways to support mental health, wellbeing, and promote balance and successful performance during the exam and assignment period.

**When:** Monday 21st November 2022 1.30-3.00 pm

**Where:** Virtually (Microsoft Teams). If you would like to join us for this webinar, Please register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/supporting-your-teen-with-exam-stress-tickets-465590251977>



Or scan this QR code to take  
you to the registration page !

Please email [wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk](mailto:wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk) if you need any further guidance.



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL  
MUSIC DEPARTMENT

# Christmas Bonanza!

*Festive pieces from all our Vocal and  
Instrumental Ensembles*

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

**7pm**

**The John Fisher Main Hall**

*Adults £5; Concessions £2*

*Available on Parentpay or Contactless on the door.*



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# Service of Lessons & Carols

*By Candlelight*

The John Fisher School Chapel

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

7pm

*Free entry; retiring collection*

