



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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20 January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, the teachers' unions announced the results of their individual ballots. The National Education Union (NEU) announced the results of ballots held in England and Wales on Monday which mean that the following NEU members are able to take strike action: teachers in England state-funded schools; teachers in Wales state-funded schools; support staff in Wales state-funded schools; and teachers in sixth form colleges in England.

The full list of projected strike days are as follows:

- **Wednesday 1 February 2023:** all eligible members in England and Wales.
- **Thursday 2 March 2023:** all eligible members in the following English regions: London, South East, South West.
- **Wednesday 15 March 2023:** all eligible members in England and Wales.
- **Thursday 16 March 2023:** all eligible members in England and Wales.

I will share more information about plans for these days in due course.

Ms Herzog

We were saddened to find out about the death of Ms. Herzog, a much loved teacher at St. Elphege's Primary School for over 18 years as well as a former parent of The John Fisher School. I ask you to keep her family, friends and St. Elphege's Primary School community in your thoughts and prayers.

*'Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.'*

Amen

Parent/Carer Mental Health Talks

Please see included at the end of this letter, the menu of talks for parents/carers being facilitated by the South-West London and St. George's Mental Health Cluster. These include sessions on supporting your son through anxiety and supporting him with exam stress.

Onatti Theatre Visit

On Tuesday we welcomed the Onatti Theatre Company to perform to Years 7-9 in both French and Spanish. It was nice to see students engage in a different approach to theatre, performed in a foreign language. Thank you to Mrs. Vos for organising this event.



Year 13 Parent Teacher Meeting

Thank you to all the parents/carers, students and staff for this week's Parent Teacher Meeting. For many parents/carers, and for all of the students, this was the last parents' evening, as their time at The John Fisher School comes to an end this summer. I hope that the words of advice and support from the teachers helps them all continue to focus over the last few months as we head towards the summer series of examinations.



Looking ahead, the following Parent Teacher Meetings take place before Easter:

- Year 9: Thursday 2 February
- Year 7: Thursday 23 February
- Year 12: Thursday 23 March

Lunar New Year

Next week, as a school community, we will be celebrating the Lunar New Year, the Year of the Rabbit, which begins on 22 January 2023. Our students from Hong Kong will help to lead assemblies across the week. Some of the funds raised from the Mufti Day will be donated to Hong Kong Aid, a charitable organisation offering assistance to asylum-seeking Hongkongers.

Mufti Day, Friday 27 January

On Friday 27 January we will be holding a Mufti Day to raise money for four charities:

- The Daniel Spargo Mabbs Foundation
<https://www.dsmfoundation.org.uk/>
- Diamond Riding Centre:
<http://www.diamondcentre.org.uk/>
- Hong Kong Aid
<https://www.hkaid.org.uk/>
- Ocean Conservancy:
<https://oceanconservancy.org/>



Students and staff are asked to donate £2 (£1 for Year 7 who will be in games kit) via ParentPay.

Alumni Update

We were delighted to hear Alex Dombrandt (England) has been selected for the England Six Nations squad. The championship starts on Saturday 4 February and we wish Alex the very best of luck.



Students who study Btec Business have enjoyed a week of work experience, which is required as part of their course. We are grateful to alumni James Tallon (Conway) and Jon McGoldrick (Ballykelly Consulting Ltd) who took students on placement.

We also heard from John Ingham (Alumni, 1976) who is an award-winning journalist and author. He has just released his newest book, Blood-Eagle Saga. You can find out more about the author on his website www.johninghamauthor.co.uk and watch the trailer for his book here: <https://youtu.be/DXllz7GgJO>



The John Fisher School Sports Gala Dinner 2023, Friday 7 July 2023

Tickets are now on sale for this year's Sports Gala Dinner. These can be purchased at the following link: <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/jfssportsgaladinner23> The event will welcome a number of sporting superstars including Shane Williams (Lions and Wales) Alex Dombrandt (Alumni, England and Harlequins) and Martyn Rooney (Alumni, triple Olympian). You can find out more by clicking the link above or on the flyer attached.

Some key dates for your diary

Thursday 26 January: Epilogue, 4.00pm-4.30pm (Chapel)
Friday 27 January; Mufti Day
Monday 30 January: Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations start (PPE2)
Wednesday 1 February: Industrial Strike Action
Thursday 2 February: Year 9 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4.30pm-7.30pm (Sports Hall)
W/b Monday 13 February: Half Term break

Final Prayer

*'Come, Holy Ghost,
fill the hearts of Thy faithful
and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.
Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created;
And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.'*

Amen

Wishing you and your families a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,



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Education Wellbeing Service

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



PLATINUM AND GOLD TABLES AVAILABLE WITH A SPORTING STAR

Are you a parent/carer of The John Fisher School? Do you wish to engage further with the school?

JOIN THE JFA TODAY!

- **Raise money for the school**
- **Organise events**
- **Collaborate with other parents**
- **Every student benefits from decisions!**

Initiatives include:

- **School Fundraisers**
- **Christmas Hampers**
- **All Stars Rugby Match/Fete**
- **... & more!**

**Monthly
meetings at
Plough Lane!**

**Commit to as much, or as little, as you like.
Email johnfisherassoc@gmail.com for more information.**