



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Covid Update

As you may have seen in the news, all Plan B measures will be removed in England, with a full return to Plan A, by Thursday 27th January. Face coverings are no longer recommended in classrooms and teaching spaces for staff and students in Year 7 and above. However, students and staff can continue to wearing face coverings if they wish to do so. From Thursday 27th January, face coverings will no longer be recommended in communal areas for staff and students.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Our next Parent Teacher Meeting will be for Year 11 parents/carers on Thursday 3rd February. Thank you to all of the parents/carers of Year 13 students who had their Parent Teacher Meeting yesterday. We received the following email from one parent/carer:

'We've just had our parents evening and I just wanted to say what lovely teachers there are at JF! All the teachers we spoke to were so positive with their comments and you can tell there is genuine care about the students. Such a lovely school - we're going to miss it!'

Safeguarding Update

The UK Government has launched a new advice and support site to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. The site includes advice for parents and carers on spotting the signs of sexual abuse and speaking to your child about relationships and safety. It also signposts to sources of further support for children, adults and professionals, including the NSPCC helpline and Childline. This service has resources and suggestions. Visit the website: **[Stop abuse together](#)**

Unfortunately, a number of students from schools in the local area have been victims of muggings on public transport in the last few weeks. Please re-enforce the school's message to your son that their mobile phone or AirPods/earbuds etc are not worth getting hurt over. Please remind your son of the simple steps they can take to reduce the risk, such as: traveling in small groups, avoiding known problem areas (even if the safer route is slightly longer), travelling on the lower deck of the bus where possible etc. The most effective way of reducing the risk, is not to carry valuable items. Whilst students may want to have and wear the latest brands and phones, their clothing, phone or headphones will say a lot about how much cash or valuables they might be carrying. Where possible, students should be discouraged from bringing items of value to school.

Road Safety

If you would like to share your views about road safety at Plough Lane, could you please click on the following link, as MP Elliot Colburn would like to know your views via a short survey.

[Plough Lane Road Safety | Elliot Colburn](#)

Celebration of Success

One of our Year 13 students has been named as one of eight players who have been selected for the Surrey Boys Cricket Academy for 2022.

You can read more about this here: <https://www.kiaoval.com/surrey-academy-announces-2022-intake/>

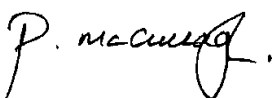
Two former students have been selected to play in the forthcoming Six Nations International Rugby tournament. Alex Dombardt has been selected for England and Kieran Treadwell has been selected for Ireland.

Mufti Day – Friday 28th January

On Friday 28th January, we will be holding a Mufti Day when staff and students may wear casual clothes. We are asking each staff member and student to pay a minimum donation of £2 on ParentPay (Year 7 students are asked to donate a minimum of £1, as they will be wearing their Games kit.) Proceeds from the Mufti Day will go towards the following:

- To support our latest fundraising appeal
<http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/thejohnfisherschool>
- Oasis Academy Shirley Park who are fundraising for a youth centre in Ashburton Park. Unfortunately, one of their 15yr old students, Zaian Aimable-Lina, was stabbed to death in Ashburton Park on 30th December 2021. 'Zaian's Youth Centre', which will be in Ashburton Lodge, will deliver a range of activities for young people.
[A legacy for Zaian » Oasis UK](#)
- MAPS: Mentoring Advocacy Peer Support – Sutton. As we approach Place2Be's 'Children's Mental Health Week' from 7th February, we would like to support MAPS who provide mentoring and advocacy support to vulnerable children and young people in the London Borough of Sutton.
[MAPS - Mentoring Advocacy Peer Support - Volunteer Centre Sutton \(vcsutton.org.uk\)](#)

Yours sincerely,



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