



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Covid-19: Test and Trace

NHS Test and Trace has been particularly active this week with a number of our Sixth Form students having being 'pinged'. We have checked this and providing a student does not have symptoms and tests negative on a lateral flow test, then he can be in school. More test kits have arrived in school this week and everyone is asked to continue testing over the half term break. If you do still require more home testing kits to continue testing over half term, you can also order more online through www.gov.uk or collect from your local pharmacy.

Covid 19: Vaccination Programme

A letter regarding the vaccination process for 12-15 year olds (including a link to the e-consent form) from the Chief Nurse of the vaccination team can be found [here](#), together with information leaflets [about the programme](#) and [what to expect](#) after the vaccination. We are acting as a venue only and the vaccinations, as well as consents, are being organised by Public Health. Only students with parental consent will receive the vaccination, this is a parental decision. The e-consent form needs to be completed (by one parent/carer per student) before 9am on Monday 1st November if you would like your son to receive his vaccination at school on Thursday 4th November. The vaccination team advise that parents/carers take particular care to ensure their sons have breakfast in the morning before their vaccination. If you have any questions regarding Covid-19 vaccinations or the e-consent form, please contact the COVID Vaccination Team either by telephone on 020 8614 5306 or by email at hrch.schoolcovid19vaccine@nhs.net.

It has also been released today that 12-15 year olds can be vaccinated each day during half term at vaccination centres across South West London by booking an appointment using the [National Booking system](#). The vaccination team will be operating clinics during the October half-term at the locations listed below:

- Centrale Shopping Centre, Croydon, 21 North End, Croydon, CR0 1TY
- St Nicholas Shopping Centre, Sutton, 3 St Nicholas Way, Sutton, SM1 1AY
- The Wilson Hospital, Mitcham, CR4 4LD
- Nelson Health Centre, Wimbledon, SW20 8DA
- Valley Park Surgery, Croydon, CR0 4YD

Black History Month

Thank you to all of the students who immersed themselves in the various activities to celebrate Black History Month. Our students were introduced to some fabulous writers such as Alex Wheatle. 'Crongton Knights' proved particularly popular with our Year 8 students.

Epilogue

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who attended our Epilogue yesterday after school. This takes place on the last Thursday of each month in the Chapel from 4.00-4.30pm.

Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to all of the students, parents/carers and staff members who donated to this year's shoe box appeal. Over 80 boxes and bags were donated which have now been sorted, packed and labelled. These donations will help make Christmas seem a little merrier for the recipients.

Privacy Notice

It is important that you are aware of the school's Privacy Notice for Students, Parents and Carers. This, along with others, can be found on the school website, and at the following link: [Privacy Notice for Students, Parents and Carers](#)

Admissions for September 2022

Parents/carers can drop off completed Admission forms for students entering in September 2022 on Friday 29th October from 10.30am-12.30pm. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2021.

Lost Property Collection on Friday 29th October from 10.00am-12.00pm

There will be an opportunity for parents/carers to collect any misplaced named uniform items on Friday 29th October from 10.00am until 12.00pm. These items will be available in the foyer of the Sports Hall. Only items which have been named will be returned and a parent/carer will have to present identification to reclaim the items.

Clothes Bank

Students are able to bring bags to school each morning for our charity clothes bank which is beside Main reception. Half term might be a good opportunity for a clear out!

Sixth Form Open Evening: Thursday 4th November from 5.30-7.30pm

Our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Thursday 4th November between 5.30pm and 7.30pm. You will have an opportunity to explore course options and discuss progression pathways with subject specialists and current students.

There will be no talks taking place on the evening as part of the school's Covid-19 restrictions. It is asked that only one parent/carer attends this evening with their son and that those attending wear a face mask (unless medically exempt). Talks will be made available on the school website in the W/b Monday 1st November.

The deadline for applications is Friday 17th December.

Science Drop-in Sessions

Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 Science Drop-in sessions will take place on a Tuesday lunchtime in Room 33. Students who require some additional assistance with their Science are welcome to come along and get help with our Sixth Form mentoring team. Staff members will also be in attendance to offer their help.

Year 10 Parent Teacher Meeting – Thursday 18th November

We will be having our first Parent Teacher Meeting of the academic year when we return after the half term break and this will be for the parents/carers of students in Year 10. This event will be taking place remotely and parents/carers will receive further information when we return.

Car Parking

Parents/carers of students in Year 7 and Year 8 are asked to be considerate to the residents on Great Woodcote Park during drop off and pick up times. Unfortunately, too many parents/carers are parking across driveways, which is making it difficult for the residents to enter and exit their properties.

Dates for your diary in November

Wednesday 3rd November: Flu Immunisations for Years 7-11 (whose parents/carers consent)

Thursday 4th November: Covid-19 Vaccinations for 12-15yr olds (whose parents/carers consent)

Thursday 11th November: Remembrance Day

Friday 19th November: International Men's Day

Tuesday 23rd November: INSET Day

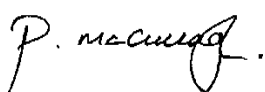
Thursday 25th November: International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women

Well done to our students and staff for clinging on for a much-needed half-term break. Everyone deserves some respite after a demanding start to the new academic year. I would like to mention our nine students from Hong Kong who have settled in extremely well to life at The John Fisher School. There will be no communication next week unless, of course, there are any urgent announcements. Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Sunday 31st October so that your son is on time for school when we return on Monday 1st November!

It will be a Week 2 when we return.

Sincere thanks for your continued support.

God Bless,



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Headteacher