



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcomed the visit from Ofsted this week. Thank you to all parents/carers who sent in their best wishes in what was such a positive process. The students were exemplary in the way they went about their learning and sharing their thoughts during lessons and meetings. Here is a summary of some of the findings which were verbally shared, although the final report will not become available for a number of weeks, as it has to be quality assured by the Inspectorate. Findings include:

- *Staff members have high expectations regarding students*
- *Teaching staff members demonstrate secure subject knowledge*
- *Teachers present information clearly to students*
- *There is evidence that curriculum provision is sequenced over time*
- *Students were calm, focussed and purposeful in lessons*
- *Students who were spoken to could recall knowledge with detail*
- *There is a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities*
- *There are opportunities for student leadership*
- *Students understand the concept of social responsibility*
- *Developments continue to take place around equality, diversity and inclusion*
- *There is effective careers provision which meets the Gatsby Benchmarks and Baker Clause*
- *There is an experienced core Safeguarding team*
- *The school has a strong commitment to RSHE*
- *There is a commitment to mental health and wellbeing*
- *There is effective provision around the development of reading, to include screening and phonics support*
- *Students were calm, focused and purposeful in lessons*

Mufti Day

Today is our final mufti day of the year, raising much needed money for three charities. The total currently stands at £906.50, but this will stay live on ParentPay until noon on Tuesday 27 June if you have not yet had the opportunity to donate.

- Anthony Nolan Foundation <https://www.anthonynolan.org/>
- Therapy Dogs Nationwide <https://tdn.org.uk/>
- Wood Land Trust (trees) <https://www.worldlandtrust.org/>



Reading Buddies

On Tuesday, our Reading Buddies Programme enjoyed a final session before our Year 12 students turn their attention to their upcoming Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs). Selected Key Stage 3 students have enjoyed reading and discussing a variety of texts with their Year 10 and 12 Buddies. Thank you to the staff and students who have given up every Tuesday lunch time for the past 2 terms.

National Thank A Staff Member Day

On Wednesday, we celebrated Thank a Staff Member Day. Thank you to the students and parents/carers who acknowledged the outstanding provision the staff at this school provide. So many recognise the vital role that support staff play alongside the teaching staff, valuing the impact they have on the day to day functionality and purpose of John Fisher.

World Music Day

As part of World Music Day, 50 musicians visited St. Elphege's School. The orchestra played a number of pieces before the Boom whackers provide the backdrop for a singalong for all the staff and students.



Sporting Success

On Wednesday the Year 7 basketball team won the South-East Junior NBA Final, beating Holy Trinity (a formidable basketball academy). Having trailed the whole game, the students showed great resilience and dedication to win by 2 points - with a buzzer beater just 2 seconds from the final whistle. This was followed by the news that our U15A cricket team had beaten Carshalton Boys Sports College by 13 runs. There were stand out performances from Dan B. who took 4 wickets in 4 balls and Dom S. who top scored with 31 runs.

Founders Day

We celebrated Founders Day on Thursday, with Year 7 undertaking a range of internal retreat activities throughout the course of the day. They finished with a fun run to raise money for CAFOD. The total currently stands at £140. All donations will be gratefully received towards our target of £500. Follow the link to the JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/cafodfunrun>



Theatre Trip

On Thursday afternoon students from Years 8, 9 and 10 enjoyed an exciting trip to watch Les Misérables in London. Fisher thespians learned about the historical backdrop of revolutionary France, the context of Victor Hugo's novel on which the musical is based and were challenged to memorise up to 10 fun facts about the show's production.

Thank you to all the staff who have helped give so many opportunities to our students this week.

Some key information for you:

Industrial Strike Action by the National Education Union (NEU), Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July

As you may have heard in the news, the NEU has confirmed industrial strike action will take place nationally on Wednesday 5 and Friday 7 July. We will provide more information closer to the time regarding the arrangements for these days. The Year 6 Induction Day for students joining the school in September 2023 will continued as planned on Wednesday 5 July.

Year 11 and 13 Group Photograph Orders

A reminder that the Year 11 and Year 13 Groups, Sixth Form Leadership and Year 9 portrait photographs taken at The John Fisher School back in April can be ordered online and sent to your home address.

Group Photographs: Please use the link, and your email address when prompted, to view and order on the Gillman & Soame website. <https://www.gsimagebank.co.uk/johnfisherschool/t/mpd1bi2023>

Year 9 Portrait Photographs: If you have not received a proof card for portrait photographs, or it has been misplaced, please contact Gillman & Soame using the contact details below and quote the security password: johnfisher42y87w2023. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Gillman & Soame directly at enquiries@gillmanandsoame.co.uk or on 01869 328200.



Friday 30 June: INSET Day (School is closed for students)

A reminder that the school is closed to all students (except Year 9) on Friday 30 June.

Parents/Carers of Year 9 students are asked to take particular note of the fact that their sons will be in school for a Mathematics examination on Friday 30 June from 9.00am to 10.00am.

Key Stage Administrator Change for Year 9

Parents/Carers of students currently in Year 9 will have a change of Key Stage Administrator from Monday 26 June 2023. If your child is in Year 9, all future communication including absence notifications, should be directed to Mrs Cody, KS4 Administrator at m.cody@johnfisherschool.org

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

Items needed for Enrichment Week's Crime Scene Activity

The Science department are running a Crime Scene activity during enrichment week and are asking for donations from staff/parents/carers of some specific items to help them with this. If you are happy to donate any of the following items, please give them to your son to bring in and hand to his Science teacher by 30 June if possible.

- Make up: blusher brushes and gold/silver eye shadow
- Ink pads
- Shoe(s) with good tread e.g. work boots or trainers (the older the better as the soles have more wear, but please no muddy ones)
- Car wash sponge(s) – these can be old or new
- Rolls of wallpaper/paper
- Plaster of Paris

Fisher Family Fun Day, Saturday 1 July

Please do join the JFA (Parent Association) as they raise money for the school through the Fisher Family Fun Day on Saturday 1 July, 12pm - 8pm at Plough Lane. There will be live music, a 7-a-side cricket competition and plenty of food and drink available to purchase. All of the money raised will be going to support the school's ongoing investment in I.T. You will also be able to see the progress that has been made in the refurbishment of the pavilion. Please see the flyer attached for more information, tickets can be purchased via ParentPay.

Speed Careers Event, Thursday 13 July

Thank you to those parents/carers who have already been in contact to volunteer to speak to small groups of students during our annual Speed Careers event which will be taking place on Thursday 13 July, 12.45pm - 3.30pm. We would welcome any parents/carers who would like to come and share information about their career with small groups of Year 9 and 12 students. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Palmer (Careers Lead) via email at r.palmer@johnfisherschool.org

Some key dates for the remaining half term for your diary:

W/b Monday 26 June	Yr. 9 & Yr. 12 Examinations begin
Tuesday 27 June	Yr. 9 & Yr. 10 Awards Evening – invitation only, 5.30pm (Main Hall)
Wednesday 28 June	Leavers' Mass: Yr. 11, Yr. 13 and Headteacher, 7.00pm (Chapel)
Friday 30 June	INSET Day (school closed for students*) <i>*Yr9 students will be on site for their Maths exam 9.00 -10.00am</i>
Saturday 1 July	Fisher Family Fun Day (JFA Event), 12.00pm (Plough Lane)
Monday 3 July	Drama Production: Animal Farm, 5.00pm (Main Hall)
Tuesday 4 July	Drama Production: Animal Farm, 5.00pm (Main Hall)
Wednesday 5 July	Industrial Strike Action by the National Education Union (NEU)
Thursday 6 July	Summer Concert, 7.00pm (Main Hall)
Friday 7 July	Industrial Strike Action by the National Education Union (NEU) Sports Gala Dinner, 7.00pm (Surrey National Golf Club)
Tuesday 18 July	Yr. 7 & Yr. 8 Awards Evening – invitation only, 5.30pm (Main Hall)
Thursday 20 July	Final Epilogue, 4.00pm (Chapel)
Friday 21 July	End of Term: from 12.30pm

Final Prayer:

'O God, who in martyrdom have brought true faith to its highest expression, graciously grant that, strengthened through the intercession of St John Fisher, we may confirm by the witness of our life, the faith we profess with our lips. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.'

Amen.

Yours sincerely,



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THE JFA
PRESENTS..



SATURDAY 1ST JULY

FISHER FAMILY FUN DAY



7-A SIDE CRICKET COMPETITION

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

BEER FESTIVAL & LIVE MUSIC

**BBQ, BAR, CRICKET,
ICE CREAM, AFTERNOON TEA,
ART EXHIBITION.**

**12 PM -
8 PM**

**£2 PER TICKET VIA PARENT
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UNDER 5'S FREE!**

Plough Lane Playing Fields

Plough Lane, Purley, CR8 3QJ

FOR MORE INFO: thejohnfisherassoc@gmail.com



PURLEY HIGH STREET FETE

SATURDAY, 24th JUNE
12 - 4PM

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