



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the Easter break, we are reminded of the importance of every lesson. Year 11 and 13 are both coming to the end of their final full term at The John Fisher School and will want to use the Easter break as a catalyst into revision and exam preparation. However, both Year 10 and 12 have also been reminded this week about the importance of preparation and building of skills over time to make sure they are ready this time next year. Year 10 enjoyed an exam workshop from 'Learning Performance' this week, and the Year 12 Parent Teacher Meeting was focussed on how students can improve their performance as they approach their summer Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs).

This week marks the conclusion of the rugby sevens season. All year groups have enjoyed the opportunity to play against the best teams in the UK at national competitions. Thank you to the staff and parents/carers for giving the students the opportunity to do so.



Mufti Day: £1,673 raised

Thank you to those who donated to last week's mufti day which raised £1,673 in total for the chosen charities.

- CAFOD: <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/big-lent-walk>
- DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal: <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>
- Wooden Spoon Foundation: <https://woodenspoon.org.uk/>

JFA Event: St. Patrick's Day and the Six Nations Finale

Thank you to the JFA and all the parents/carers, students, staff and alumni who attended last Saturday's event at Plough Lane. It was great to see so many people coming together, supporting the school and enjoying themselves at the same time. The event raised over £1,500 but its true value is the opportunity for the members of our community to come together..



International Rugby: Alumni Success

For those who did not watch last weekend's Six Nations match between Ireland and England, we were delighted to receive a live televised mention from the commentators when Kieran Treadwell took to the field as an Ireland replacement. With Alex Dombrandt having started the game for England, this meant The John Fisher School had two former students on the pitch, playing against each other at the highest level. Ireland went on to win the match, winning the Grand Slam and Six Nations title overall.



Parent/Carer Sessions: Tuesday 28 March

One of the concerns faced by parents/carers is how they can help their young people feel safe and how they can keep them safe, especially with news coverage and social media fuelling. The Ben Kinsella trust is an educational charity that campaigns against knife crime and helps young people make positive choices and stay safe. They have just launched a FREE online course entitled "Exploitation, Gangs and Knife Crime Awareness". This is a two-part course delivered over two evening sessions on 21 March and 28 March, from 7.00pm until 9.00pm. These sessions are delivered by a former Metropolitan Police Officer and come highly recommended. They are a valuable resource and signposting tool in understanding what is regular teenage behaviour and what is not helping to prevent serious youth violence and exploitation. If you are interested in attending these sessions please follow the link below to secure your place: <https://benkinsella.org.uk/event-signup-parents-and-carers-workshop/>

Year 9 Pathways

Please remember that the deadline for the submission of Year 9 Pathway choices is 12.00pm on Thursday 30 March. Just to remind you, when your son is logging into his email, to accept the invitation he has received for the options website, he must use the @lgflmail.net details.

When the Google login is required at the next step, he must use the @johnfisherschool.org details.

End of Term Arrangements: Friday 31 March

All students in Years 7-12 will be in school on Friday 31 March at normal time for registration. The school day will run until Period 3 and students will be dismissed around 12.00pm. During the morning, students will take part in the end of term Kennedy Cup and celebrate this term's achievements.

School will re-open at normal time for all students on Monday 17 April.

'Passion of Jesus' in Trafalgar Square on Friday 7 April

One hundred Wintershall players bring their electric and moving portrayal of the final days of Jesus to this Trafalgar Square in London. There are two 90-minute live performances at 12.00pm and 3.15pm which are projected onto a big screen. This is a free event and all are welcome.

Sports Gala Dinner: Friday 7 July, Surrey National Golf Club

You will be able to meet both Kieran Treadwell and Alex Dombrandt at this year's Sports Gala Dinner being held at Surrey National Gold Club on Friday 7 July. After a champagne reception, you will enjoy a 3-course-meal as you hear from a number of sporting stars. Alongside our sporting alumni, we also welcome Shane Williams MBE (Lions and Wales legend) who will lead a Q&A session led by former International rugby player and multiple Guinness World Records Holder, Ollie Phillips.

Tickets can be purchased here: <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/jfssportsgaladinner23>

For more information, please see the flyer attached.

Vacancies at The John Fisher School

The school is currently recruiting for the following:

- Librarian (Part-time)
- Subject Leader of Religious Education

Details can be found on the school's website and TES [here](#). Please do share with the wider community.

Some key dates for your diary

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| Thursday 30 March | Yr. 9 KS4 Pathways – deadline for submitting pathway choices |
| Friday 31 March | End of term |
| Monday 17 April | Beginning of term 3 for all year groups and start of Year 10 PPEs |
| Thursday 27 April | Yr. 8 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4.30pm - 7.30pm (SDL Building) Pre-loved uniform sale, 4.30pm – 6.30pm (LRC) |
| Monday 1 May | May Day Bank Holiday (school closure) |
| Monday 8 May | School closure in lieu of the King's Coronation |
| Thursday 18 May | Yr. 10 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4.30pm-7.30pm (SDL Building) |

Final Prayer: Prayer for Lent

'O gracious Master, infuse in our hearts the spotless light of Your Divine Wisdom and open the eyes of our mind that we may understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instill in us also the fear of Your blessed commandments, so that having curbed all carnal desires, we may lead a spiritual life, both thinking and doing everything to please You. For You, O Christ, our God, are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies; and to You we render glory, together with Your eternal Father, and with Your all holy, life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and forever.'

Amen

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Yours sincerely,



P E McCullagh
Headteacher



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



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