



# THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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25 November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the football World Cup kicked off, we continue to recognise the importance of community, whether local or global. As we approach the season of Advent, I am reminded of the words in Matthew 18:20:

*'For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.'*

This week our parent association, the JFA, met to plan fundraising events to help support the school's ongoing investment into IT. I urge you to support their ongoing work, whether this is buying a Christmas tree (via ParentPay), offering some help at an event, or simply sharing the events they hold with friends and family. Our school community has a long history of supporting one another, and we thank the JFA for continuing to donate funds to the Christmas Hamper initiative. In the last week of term, our staff will be delivering hampers to over 30 of our families, to provide them with a little Christmas cheer. Supporting one another, our local communities and charitable organisations is now more important than ever and this is a theme we will continue to be living out in school over the final 3 weeks of term.

This week we welcomed Mr. Kevin Piper for our annual Local Authority Review. His rigorous review covered a range of areas such as safeguarding, teaching and learning, curriculum and careers provision. We look forward to the written report in the coming weeks.

Today, Mr. Souici took a number of students to the Sutton Borough's White Ribbon Day event held at Trinity Square on Sutton High Street. White Ribbon is a global initiative to end male violence against women campaign. We will continue to support this initiative through our next mufti day on Friday 9 December.



We also enjoyed the monthly Epilogue in the Chapel last night. The music department head into a very busy few weeks in the approach to Christmas and I would encourage you to attend one of the events outlined below.

### ***Some important messages for you:***

#### **The JFA Christmas Tree Sale, Saturday 3 December 9.00am – 1.00pm**

The JFA will be selling Christmas trees, wreaths and reindeer on Saturday 3 December at Plough Lane. All purchases can be made via ParentPay, see the attached poster for more details. All profits will be going back into the school to support the continued investment in I.T.

#### **Public Examination Contingency Dates – Summer Series 2023**

The school has been informed this week by the 'Joint Council for Qualifications' (JCQ) that the following dates have been designated as contingency times in the event this is deemed necessary.

Thursday 8 June 2023:           Afternoon  
Thursday 15 June 2023:       Afternoon  
Wednesday 28 June 2023:   Morning and Afternoon

Students and parents/carers should be aware of these dates ahead of making any holiday plans.

#### **Transport Strike Information**

Please see below information relating to forthcoming transport strikes. Bus strikes action will affect bus services operated by Abellio in South and West London on the following days:

- Tuesday 22, Friday 25 and Saturday 26 November
- Thursday 1, Friday 2, Saturday 3, Friday 9, Saturday 10, Friday 16 and Saturday 17 December.

Bus routes - 3, 27, 45, 63, 68, 109, 130, 156, 195, 196, 201, 207, 267, 270, 278, 315, 322, 350, 367, 381, 407, 415, 427, 433, 464, 482, 490, 969, C10, E5, E7, E10, E11, H20, H25, H28, H26, P5, P13, R68, R70, S4, U5, U7, U9. Route 481 will operate but with fewer services on weekdays from 7.30am-8.00am, and from 3.00pm-4.00pm.

#### **Christmas Bonanza, Thursday 1 December at 7.00pm**

Tickets are now available via ParentPay for the school's Christmas Bonanza, which will take place in the Main Hall on Thursday 1 December at 7.00pm. This will see students perform festive pieces from all vocal and instrumental ensembles. Please see the attached poster.

#### **Cross-Country Newsletter**

Please find attached the cross-country newsletter written by Mr. Fell. As you will see, it has been an incredibly busy season with a number of races and events.

***Some key dates for your diary:***

- **Thursday 1 December:** Christmas Bonanza (7.00pm in the Main Hall)
- **Saturday 3 December:** JFA Christmas Tree Sale (9.00am-1.00pm at Plough Lane)
- **Thursday 8 December:** Sutton Sings Christmas (7.30pm at St. Andrew's Church, Cheam)
- **Friday 9 December:** Mufti day (Christmas jumpers encouraged)
- **Wednesday 14 December:** Drama Production - A Christmas Carol (5.30pm in the Main Hall)
- **Thursday 15 December:** Service of Lessons and Carols by Candlelight (7.00pm in the Chapel)
- **Friday 16 December:** End of term for students – dismissal from 12.00pm
- **Tuesday 3 January:** Staff Inset day – school closed for students
- **Wednesday 4 January:** All students return for Term 2

**Final Prayer**

Today is the feast day of St. Catherine of Alexandria who is the patron saint of students, young girls and philosophers. She was martyred for speaking out over the persecution of Christians. The witness of her life encourages us to be brave witnesses to the Lord and to speak out on behalf of all those who suffer.

*'Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed.'*

**Amen.**

As Year 12 and 13 approach their first set of Pre-Public Exams this year, please keep them in your prayers.

Wishing you and your families a restful weekend,

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher



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The JFA presents..



# Christmas Tree Sale

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER

PLOUGH LANE PLAYING FIELDS

9.00AM-1.00PM

CHOOSE YOUR OWN BEAUTIFUL NORDIC NON-DROP  
CHRISTMAS TREE:

4-5FT - £35

5-6FT - £40

6-7FT - £45

7-8FT - £60



PRE-ARRANGED LOCAL DELIVERY: £5

**ALSO AVAILABLE:** CHRISTMAS WREATHS & REINDEER

TEA/COFFEE AND BACON ROLLS

ORDER NOW ON PARENTPAY OR EMAIL: [THEJOHNFISHERASSOC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:THEJOHNFISHERASSOC@GMAIL.COM)



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL  
MUSIC DEPARTMENT

# Christmas Bonanza!

*Festive pieces from all our Vocal and  
Instrumental Ensembles*

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

**7pm**

**The John Fisher Main Hall**

*Adults £5; Concessions £2*

*Available on Parentpay or Contactless on the door.*

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# Service of Lessons & Carols

*By Candlelight*

The John Fisher School Chapel

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

7pm

*Free entry; retiring collection*

