



# THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## The Daily Telegraph

There was a one-page article in The Daily Telegraph on Wednesday this week with the headline 'How State Schools Fought Back in the Great Youth Rugby Arms Race'. The article identifies The John Fisher School as one of a small minority of state institutions in England fighting against the public school tide. The article reflects the school's ongoing hard work and how the success would not be achieved without the invaluable support from parents/carers.

## The School Library

The school Library is opening a little second-hand bookshop for the whole of December. For a donation via ParentPay, students can select a book and have it gift wrapped by our Student Librarians ready for Christmas! We have a fabulous range of good quality adult and children's books in a wide range of genres for sale, and are not pricing anything, just pay what you think is fair. All funds raised will go straight back in to the Library, helping us to buy a diverse range of new books for all year groups. We would be so grateful for your support, so please do send your sons in to do a bit of festive shopping with us! Wishing you a very happy, book-filled Christmas!

*Ms Leggatt - School Librarian*

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## Sixth Form Examinations

Sixth Form Examinations take place from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

## Christmas Bonanza Concert – 2<sup>nd</sup> December

The Music Department be kick-starting Christmas with a Christmas Bonanza Concert on Thursday, 2nd December at 7 pm. Our choir and students from our ensembles will be performing a variety of Christmas favourites, so please do come along and support them. It promises to be a great festive evening - make sure you dig out your favourite Christmas jumper and accessories!

## Christmas Tree Sale

The JFA will be selling Christmas trees again this year, **ranging from just £35**. It is more vital than ever that staff, parents/carers and former students support the JFA with this fundraiser, as every penny comes back to the school at a time when it is very much needed. Orders can be made via ParentPay.

## White Ribbon Day & Our Streets Now

Yesterday was 'White Ribbon Day' when action is taken globally to raise awareness of violence against women. Mr Souici and Mr Webb accompanied a group of students to an official pledge ceremony in Sutton with the Mayor. Ms H. Cameron from the Local Authority has since emailed the following:

*'It was absolutely fantastic to see John Fisher represented at the White Ribbon event today. The pupils were amazing and were vocal in the pledge. Thanks again for all your support - absolutely brilliant.'*

A cheque for £659.50 was also presented to Issy Warren this week to support the 'Our Streets Now' charity with the excellent work which they are doing to help end harassment against girls and women.



### **Confession**

Next week we will have Confessions taking place in school, so it is timely to finish with the following prayer:

*Receive my confession, O most loving and gracious Lord Jesus Christ, only hope for the salvation of my soul. Grant to me true contrition of soul, so that day and night I may by penance, make satisfaction for my many sins. Savior of the world, O good Jesus, Who gave Yourself to the death of the Cross to save sinners, look upon me, most wretched of all sinners; have pity on me, and give me the light to know my sins, true sorrow for them, and a firm purpose of never committing them again.*

*O gracious Virgin Mary, Immaculate Mother of Jesus, I implore you to obtain for me by your powerful intercession these graces from your Divine Son.*

**Amen**

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. McCullagh'.

P E McCullagh  
Headteacher