



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I have shared information with you via a letter on Wednesday regarding the school's plans for the national strike action next Wednesday 1 February. The school will be restricting attendance to:

- Year 11 students who have either a public examination taking place or at least one Pre-Public Examination taking place on that day. Year 11 students who have an examination in both the morning and afternoon are asked to remain on site and bring a packed lunch to school. Year 11 students who only have one examination are expected on site just for the appropriate morning or afternoon session. As the public and pre-public examinations are taking place in our examination's venues, students are asked to enter the school via the back gates. All students on site, should be wearing full school uniform.
- Year 13 students who require access to I.T. and a study space whilst they are preparing for their Pre-Public Examinations which take place after the half term break. Any Year 13 students who are on site should be wearing full school uniform, bring lunch/snacks with them and report to the Sixth Form building.
- Selected vulnerable students have been contacted separately and have been asked to arrive at 9.00am via the back gates as per normal. There will be limited food items available to purchase at break and lunch, so students are asked to bring their own lunch/snacks. Students who are entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) will have lunch items available to them if they are in school, or access to vouchers to spend if they are not in school.

As stated in Wednesday's letter, we will approach each planned strike day independently and share our plans with you no later than one week before. Please also be aware that there will be national rail strike action on Wednesday 1 and Friday 3 February. TfL services will run as normal but may be busier at peak times as customers seek alternative routes. For information on services affected, visit the National Rail website.

Please keep our Year 11 students in your prayers as they start their examinations next week.

Mufti Day, Friday 27 January

Thank you to all those who have contributed so far, the total is currently just over £1250. This will remain open on ParentPay until noon on Tuesday 31 January, for those who still wish to contribute. Students are asked to contribute £2, except for Year 7 who are asked to contribute £1 as they are in Games kit today. I will update you on the final figure next week.



Year 9 Parent Teacher Meeting (PTM), Thursday 2 February 4.30pm-7.30pm

We look forward to welcoming students and parents/carers next week for the Year 9 PTM. This event will now take place in the Sir David Lane Building and not the Sports Hall as previously stated. The JFA (parent teachers association) will be holding a 'pre-loved' uniform sale in the LRC alongside this event, from 4.30-6.30pm. Parents/carers are welcome to drop in if their son is in need of any school uniform items. Please be advised that when there are no more appointment slots available for a particular teacher, parents/carers may wish to make contact with them via the relative Key Stage Administrator. The carousel option subjects will not be bookable at this PTM, as we are planning to run an Options Fair later in the term. This will give students the opportunity to hear from all of the option subjects and ask any questions they may have regarding their subject choices for Key Stage 4. We hope to be able to confirm a date for this event very soon.

Looking ahead, the following Parent Teacher Meetings take place before Easter:

Year 7: Thursday 23 February (in the Sir David Lane Building)

Year 12: Thursday 23 March

The 300 Club Alumni Event

On Tuesday evening we welcomed some of our alumni on site for a tour and to hear from students and staff about the school's successes and the challenges faced. Alumni from different generations shared stories, favourite moments and took a good look around the school site. For many, the site looks very different than it did when they were here as students, but the ethos and values of the school remain as strong as ever.

We look forward to welcoming more alumni on site in the future, to speak to students about their journeys since leaving The John Fisher School.



Lunar New Year

This week we celebrated the Lunar New Year, the Year of the Rabbit. Our students from Hong Kong have led assemblies across the week.

Some of the funds raised from the Mufti day today will be donated to Hong Kong Aid, a charitable organisation offering assistance to asylum-seeking Hongkongers.



Drop Off/Pick Up

Parents/carers are reminded not to drop off or pick up right at the school gates as this increases the level of risk on the roads outside of the school. At the back gate, parents/carers of Yr 7 and Yr 8 students are also kindly requested not to park across the driveways of our neighbours.

Mrs Herzog

The funeral mass for Mrs. Herzog will take place at 11.00am on Wednesday 8 February at St. Elphege's Church. I ask you to keep her family, friends and St. Elphege's Primary School community in your thoughts and prayers.

Parent/Carer Mental Health Talks

The Education Wellbeing Service are holding 2 webinars next week on 'Understanding and Supporting Anxiety During the Teenage Years'. During the teenage years, anxiety and worries can be common. They can also lead to stress and a range of different emotions. The webinars aim to:

- Introduce you to some of the science, facts and research around teenage anxiety
- Provide an overview of common ways you might help, support and understand anxiety
- Inform you about local and national resources that could be helpful

Registration is free and all parent/carers are welcome to attend. Please sign up via the links below.

Monday 30 January 2023, 6.00pm - 7.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-and-supporting-anxiety-during-the-teenage-years-tickets-414079020497>

Wednesday 1 February 2023, 12.00pm - 1.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-and-supporting-anxiety-during-the-teenage-years-tickets-414085158857>

Some key dates for your diary

Monday 30 January:	Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations start (PPE2)
Wednesday 1 February:	Industrial Strike Action (restricted attendance)
Thursday 2 February:	Year 9 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4.30pm-7.30pm (SDL Building)
Tuesday 7 February:	Year 9: Drugs workshop by The Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation.
W/b Monday 13 February:	Half Term break
Thursday 23 February:	Year 7 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4.30pm-7.30pm (SDL Building)

Final Prayer

Today we celebrate the Feast day of Saint Angela Merici who in 1535 set up the Ursulines, an order of nuns devoted to giving Christian education to girls from poor families. This is a reminder that the foundation of our faith is to help the vulnerable and needy and to look outside of what we have to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

*'Grant me, O Lord my God,
a mind to know you,
a heart to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
conduct pleasing to you,
faithful perseverance in waiting for you,
and a hope of finally embracing you.'*

Amen

I look forward to seeing some of you at the Year 7 and 8 rugby dinners this weekend. Wishing you and your families a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,



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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



Are you a parent/carer of The John Fisher School? Do you wish to engage further with the school?

JOIN THE JFA TODAY!

- **Raise money for the school**
- **Organise events**
- **Collaborate with other parents**
- **Every student benefits from decisions!**

Initiatives include:

- **School Fundraisers**
- **Christmas Hampers**
- **All Stars Rugby Match/Fete**
- **... & more!**

**Monthly
meetings at
Plough Lane!**

**Commit to as much, or as little, as you like.
Email johnfisherassoc@gmail.com for more information.**