



# THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy week with Year 10 completing their Pre-Public examinations (PPEs), the Junior Maths Challenge and a number of GCSE and A Level revision workshops/revision sessions.



The week started with 9 of our students being recognised for their achievements and talents at the Sutton Jack Petchey Awards evening. As part of the Jack Petchey scheme, our staff nominate students every month for going above and beyond or for their achievements in academic, sporting or cultural activities. Students are also able to nominate staff members for the role they play in the success of The John Fisher School. This year, Mr. Paul received his award for his work in Media, supporting students and going above and beyond. Well done and congratulations to everyone involved!

Well done to the U13 Basketball team who played this week and have progressed to the semi-final of the NBA Schools Basketball Competition. They beat Bishop Thomas Grant School, having a 'behind closed doors' run out on our new Sports Hall floor. They will now play Whitgift School in the semi-final.

Congratulations to Aidan O (Year 10) who represented London and The John Fisher School in the Inter Divisional Championships. Aidan competed in the 100m and 200m Butterfly, as well as the Medley Relay. He won 2 of his 3 individual events (200m Butterfly and 100m Butterfly) and with his fellow London team mates secured bronze in the 4 x 100 Freestyle Relay. Even more impressively, Aidan and his team mates won a gold medal and set a new championship record in the Medley Relay where he got the team off to a great start with his backstroke leg. Following these successes, Aidan has been selected to represent the ESSA England Schools' Swimming Team in the U15 World School Games taking place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil this summer.



## ***Some key information for you:***

### **Industrial Strike Action by the National Education Union (NEU), Tuesday 2 May 2023**

Due to an ongoing dispute on school funding, staff pay and conditions, another day of planned industrial action will take place nationally on Tuesday 2 May. I can appreciate how challenging a situation this is for teachers across the country, particularly when I know how committed The John Fisher School staff are to their roles, and know they do not take this decision lightly. Tuesday will mark the sixth day of this

academic year when striking staff members will lose pay as they campaign for an appropriate, fully funded pay rise.

As a result of this industrial strike action, there will be a partial opening for students who are considered vulnerable and those in public examination groups. Please see details below:

### **Tuesday 2 May 2023**

#### **Students in the 'Catherine' group (9.00am – 3.25pm)**

Students should enter/exit via the back gate.

Students should wear Games kit.

Students are asked to bring their own snack items for break, as food is only available for students who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM).

#### **Students in Year 11 (10.05am - 2.35pm)**

Students should enter/exit via the vehicle entrance gate.

Students should wear full school uniform.

Students should bring all necessary materials/equipment with them.

Students should arrive promptly for 10.25am start

Students are asked to bring their own snack items for break, as food is only available for students who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM).

#### **Students in Year 13 (8.45am - 2.35pm)**

Students should enter/exit via the pedestrian gate.

Students should wear full school uniform.

Students should bring all necessary materials/equipment with them.

Students should arrive promptly for 8.45am start

Students are asked to bring their own snack items for break, as food is only available for students who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM).

### **Sports Hall Floor Unveiling: Thursday 11 May, 6.00pm-7.00pm**

The new Sports Hall floor has now been finished and we look forward to unveiling it to students, parents/carers, staff and alumni on Thursday 11 May. We are delighted that alumnus Alex Dombrandt (England and Harlequins) will be joining us to perform the official opening.

All members of the school community are invited along; please complete this form to book your place:

<https://forms.gle/8jK6BeiaKvYDgnmHA>

### **Teen Sleep, Self Care & Summer Plans Webinars**

Please see the flyer attached for more information on some free upcoming webinars aimed at helping parents/carers understand and support their young person/s at home. These take place on:

Thursday 4 May 7.30pm-8.30pm

Tuesday 9 May 7.30pm-8.30pm

Thursday 11 May 7.30pm-8.30pm

### **Summer 2023 Reading Challenge: Year 7 and 8**

The Literacy Team are happy to announce an exciting reading challenge for Year 7 and 8! The Summer 2023 Reading Challenge will start on Wednesday 3 May and run until the end of June. Every Monday, a small prize will be given to the 'Deep Reader' - the student who read the most during the previous week. A bookmark will be given to all students on which they can record the number of minutes they have read each day. A pizza party will be given to the Form group who reads for the most number of minutes by the final week of June. The aim of the challenge is for students to read a minimum of 15 minutes every day – please encourage your son to participate and make reading a part of their daily routine.

### **Pre-loved Uniform Sale and Donations: Thursday 8 June**

On Thursday 8 June, there will be a pre-loved uniform sale 4.00pm–6.30pm in the LRC. This is open to all parents/carers not just those coming on site for the Year 8 Parent Teacher Meeting.

If you have any uniform that you no longer need, this can be dropped off at Reception during normal school hours. Year 11 and 13 students are encouraged to donate their blazer/tie when they leave so that these can be used by future Fisher families.

### **JFA: Save the Date!**

The annual Fisher Family Fun Day will take place on Saturday 1 July 12pm-8pm at Plough Lane Playing Fields. More information will be released soon but please save the date. This will be a great family event which will be raising money to support the ongoing investment in I.T. across the school.

### **St. John the Baptist Church, Purley Quiz Night: Friday 19 May, 7.30pm**

St. John the Baptist are holding a quiz night on Friday 19 May at the Parish Centre, Dale Road at 7.30pm. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

### **Stress Awareness Month**

Many things can lead to stress and challenging situations such as bereavement, divorce, unemployment or money problems increase stress. We can even struggle with positive life changes such as moving to a bigger house, getting a promotion or going on holiday. Whatever it is that might be causing you stress, there are organisations that can support you:

Mind	<a href="https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/types-of-mental-health-problems/stress/useful-contacts/">https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/types-of-mental-health-problems/stress/useful-contacts/</a>
Mental Health Foundation	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/stressjfs1">https://tinyurl.com/stressjfs1</a>
Stress test	<a href="https://www.stress.org.uk/individual-stress-test/">https://www.stress.org.uk/individual-stress-test/</a>

### **Vacancies at The John Fisher School**

The school is currently recruiting for the following:

- Subject Leader of Business Studies
- Coordinator of Food Technology
- Clerk to the Governing Board

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:***

<b>Monday 1 May</b>	May Day Bank Holiday (school closure)
<b>Tuesday 2 May</b>	Industrial Strike Action by the National Education Union (NEU)
<b>Thursday 4 May</b>	Epilogue 4.00pm (Chapel)
<b>Monday 8 May</b>	School closure in lieu of the King's Coronation
<b>Thursday 18 May</b>	Year 10 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4.30pm-7.30pm (SDL Building)
<b>Friday 19 May</b>	Mufti Day
<b>W/b Monday 29 May</b>	Half Term break
<b>Thursday 8 June</b>	Year 8 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4.30pm – 7.30pm (SDL Building) Pre-loved uniform sale, 4.00pm – 6.30pm (LRC)
<b>Wednesday 28 June</b>	Year 13 Leavers' Mass and Celebration, 7.00pm
<b>Friday 30 June</b>	INSET Day (School closed for students)

**Final Prayer:**

*'O Lord, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.'*

**Amen.**

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher



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# TEEN SLEEP, SELF CARE, & SUMMER PLANS

A parent webinar to help understand & support  
your Young Person



There can be many challenges with teen sleep - difficulties with regular routine, intrusion of social media and technology, poor sleep hygiene, sleep disruption and reversed sleep cycles. These cycles can also become worse over summer and holiday periods for some.

This session looks at some of the research and science around sleep hygiene, teenage sleep. thinking together about the challenges - and some options for supporting from the perspective of parents.

The second part shares up-to-date resources for supporting self-care over the summer period to support positive mental health and wellbeing over the upcoming summer break.

## DATES & TIMES

Thursday 4th May 7.30-8.30 pm

Tuesday 9th May 12.30-1.30 pm

Thursday 11th May 7.30-8.30 pm

To book on to one of our three  
available webinars, sign up for free on  
Eventbrite using the link or QR Code  
below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/secondary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-725989?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=esch>



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WHO IS?  
What is?  
WHERE IS?  
HOW MANY?

# PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

**FRIDAY 19 MAY**  
**PARISH CENTRE, DALE ROAD**  
**7.30pm FOR 8.00pm START**

**Price £10 per person, light supper included**

**BYO drinks**

(although small amount of beer/wine available to purchase)

**PRIZE FOR WINNING TEAM**

**ADVANCE TICKETS FROM**  
**JAN CZEZOWSKI 07836 204326**