



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr P E McCullagh BSc (Hons), PGCE, MA, NPQH

Peaks Hill
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CR8 3YP

30 June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome so many of you on site this week for various events. The last half term is always a very busy one, with so many wonderful opportunities for students to showcase and perform. On Tuesday we welcomed nearly 200 parents/carers and students for our Year 9 and 10 rewards evening. This was followed by the Year 11 and 13 Leavers Mass on Wednesday which was kindly taken by Father Vladimir Felzman and was a fitting end to some of our student's time at The John Fisher School as well as our Headteacher, Mr McCullagh.



With endings come new beginnings, and we welcomed our new Year 7 parents/carers on Wednesday evening to hear more about the transition work and preparation for their sons' start in September. The parents/carers heard from various staff and JFA Chair, Mark Spain, about the opportunities they can look forward to when they join.



We also welcomed students and staff from Rutherford School who came to enjoy the Spiritual and Wellbeing Garden as part of their study programme. The students thoroughly enjoyed smelling the range of herbs and spices grown in the raised beds, as well as newts, frogs and dragon flies in the pond. We will be welcoming more students over the coming weeks, as well as hosting a sports week for them during our enrichment week.



I hope to see many of you at tomorrow's JFA Fisher Family Fun Day event at Plough Lane, from 12pm onwards.

Mufti Day

Thank you to those who donated to our last Mufti day of the year. We raised £1,011.51 in total, which will be shared between:

- Anthony Nolan Foundation <https://www.anthonynolan.org/>
- Therapy Dogs Nationwide <https://tdn.org.uk/>
- Wood Land Trust (trees) <https://www.worldlandtrust.org/>

This year we have raised nearly £9,000 for charity through Mufti days, First Give (Year 9) and other smaller social actions by students and staff.

Battlefields Trip

Our Year 10 students enjoyed a two-day trip to visit the Battlefields as part of their History GCSE studies.

Students experienced the trenches, trying on some of the uniform, visiting the war graves and the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. Thank you to the staff for organising such a culturally enriching trip for the students.



Alumni success: Sammy Kodjoe selected for Team GB

Well done to alumnus, Sammy Kodjoe, who has been selected to represent Team GB at the World Junior Powerlifting Championships in Romania. We will be tracking Sammy's progress closely and wish him well as he goes up against the best in the world.

Fisher Family Fun Day, Saturday 1 July

I hope to see many of you tomorrow at the JFA Fisher Family Fun Day from 12pm onwards at Plough Lane. Tickets can be bought on the gates and the weather is looking promising. There will be food, drink, live music and plenty of fun for the children. All the money raised goes into the work the school is doing in investing in IT.

Industrial Strike Action by the National Education Union (NEU), Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July

As you will have seen in my letter earlier this week, the NEU has confirmed industrial strike action will be taking place on Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July 2023. As a result, there will only be a partial opening for students, please read the letter circulated on Tuesday regarding the arrangements.

If your son is in Year 8 and you have given your consent for him to receive the HPV immunisation, then please see the table below for the time he should arrive at school on Wednesday 5 July. Students will receive their immunisation, be observed for 10 minutes afterwards and then leave site.

- **Students in 8C, 8K, 8M and 8T should arrive at 9.00am**
- **Students in 8B, 8F and 8N should arrive at 10.30am**

All Year 8 students should enter via the back gate and go straight to the Quad.

All Year 8 students should wear Games kit.

All Year 8 students will exit via the back gate.

If your son is in Year 8 and attending the trip to Warner Bros. Studios on Wednesday 5 July, he will not receive his immunisation. The school will communicate arrangements with regards to a catch-up session once the arrangements have been confirmed with the Immunisation Team. Please be reminded that students on this trip, should be wearing full school uniform at arrive to the back gate 8.45am.

Items needed for Enrichment Week's Crime Scene Activity

The Science department are running a Crime Scene activity during enrichment week and are asking for donations from staff/parents/carers of some specific items to help them with this. If you are happy to donate any of the following items, please give them to your son to bring in and hand to his Science teacher next week.

- Make up: blusher brushes and gold/silver eye shadow
- Ink pads
- Shoe(s) with good tread e.g. work boots or trainers (the older the better as the soles have more wear, but please no muddy ones)
- Car wash sponge(s) – these can be old or new
- Rolls of wallpaper/paper
- Plaster of Paris

Some key dates for the remaining half term for your diary:

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| Saturday 1 July | Fisher Family Fun Day (JFA Event), 12.00pm (Plough Lane) |
| Monday 3 July | Drama Production: Animal Farm, 5.00pm (Main Hall) |
| Tuesday 4 July | Drama Production: Animal Farm, 5.00pm (Main Hall) |
| Wednesday 5 July | Industrial Strike Action by the National Education Union (NEU) – partial opening |
| Thursday 6 July | Summer Concert, 7.00pm (Main Hall) |
| Friday 7 July | Industrial Strike Action by the National Education Union (NEU) – partial opening Sports Gala Dinner, 7.00pm (Surrey National Golf Club) |
| Thursday 13 July | Art Exhibition at Lexus, Croydon. 5.30pm-7.30pm |
| Tuesday 18 July | Yr. 7 & Yr. 8 Awards Evening – invitation only, 5.30pm (Main Hall) |
| Thursday 20 July | Final Epilogue, 4.00pm (Chapel) Industrial action by the RMT Union, affecting Nation Rail services |
| Friday 21 July | End of Term: Early finish |

Final Prayer: Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul.

'O holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, intercede for us. Protect, O Lord, your people who trust in the patronage of your Apostles, Peter and Paul, and by their constant protection protect your people. Through Christ our Lord.'
Amen.

Yours sincerely,



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THE JFA
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SATURDAY 1ST JULY

FISHER FAMILY FUN DAY



7-A SIDE CRICKET COMPETITION

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

BEER FESTIVAL & LIVE MUSIC

**BBQ, BAR, CRICKET,
ICE CREAM, AFTERNOON TEA,
ART EXHIBITION.**

**12 PM -
8 PM**

**£2 PER TICKET VIA PARENT
PAY, £3 ON THE GATE,
UNDER 5'S FREE!**

Plough Lane Playing Fields

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