



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy week at John Fisher, with our choir singing the first Epilogue of the year. This has been shared with students during collective worship so that every member of our school community had the opportunity to take part. Well done to all the students who took part in the 2-mile House cross-country this week. Particular praise for Ewan S (Year 9) who recorded the best time of 8 minutes 37 seconds.

As winter approaches, please can I remind you that snoods are not permitted, coats should be plain blue or black and that school shoes should be worn to and from school. Whilst we appreciate there are times when shoes and uniform get wet at this time of the year, please make sure your son has a note explaining any missing items of uniform.



Some important messages for you:

Monday 3 October: Staff INSET

A reminder that Monday 3 October is a staff INSET day, so the school is closed to students. We re-open as normal on Tuesday 4th October.

Rugby Fixtures: Saturday 1 October vs Whitgift School

This weekend will see 22 teams play against Whitgift School, with over 500 students representing John Fisher. We are delighted so many students will get the opportunity to play. Those students who are wishing to watch the 1st XV fixture at Whitgift (kick off 2.30pm) must be wearing **full school uniform** to be allowed on site by security. The gates will be open between 1.45pm and 2.25pm for spectators to gain entry. As with all fixtures, there is limited parking at both schools for dropping off and collecting, so please plan accordingly. Good luck to all the students and staff, and thank you to those parents/carers who are providing the teas for both teams.

Train Strikes

There is planned strike action by the ASLEF union on Wednesday 5 October. This will effect Southeastern trains to/from Purley. Please plan alternative methods for your son to get to school on this day.

'Transitioning to Secondary School; Managing your Child's Worries' Online Parent Workshop

On Thursday 6 October, 5.30pm-6.30pm, Year 7 parents are invited to join an online webinar being hosted by the Sutton Education Wellbeing Service. This aims to help support parents/carers if their child has any worries or concerns since joining secondary school. We will be sharing this session with St.Philomena's. For more information please see the flyer attached at the end of this letter.

St Elphege's Catholic Church: 2023 Confirmation registration

For those who are looking to register for Confirmation this year, this will be via an online application. The link could be found on the parish website (stelpeges.co.uk) under notices. The registration is open to Young Adults in secondary school in Year 8 and above. After the registration, parents & carers are required to submit documentary evidence of the Baptism and First Holy Communion Certificates on any of the following Sundays in October 2022: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th from 11.30am to 12.30pm in the Maurice Reaney Hall. The registration fee is £20.

New Year Beginning Mass

Thank you to the staff and Year 7 students who attended the New Year Beginning Mass at Southwark Cathedral today. This was led by Archbishop John Wilson who found some time to speak to our students afterwards.



Antarctic Expedition Competition

Well done to Leo S (1st) Oli L (2nd) and Jakub J (3rd) for their superb entries to the Antarctic Expedition Competition run by Preet Chadi MBE. As the first woman of colour to complete a solo expedition of the Antarctic (700 miles in 40 days), she aims to return in 2023 to inspire others. The competition is to find a logo which will be printed on her luggage and used in promotion material. Special mention should also go to Kristen K (Year 12) for his graphically designed entry.



Free School Meal Vouchers

Sutton Council will be continuing to fund Free School Meal vouchers until February 2023. Those who are eligible to receive the vouchers will receive them up to and including the February half term break. If you have queries relating to this then please email finance@johnfisherschool.org

Parent Governor Vacancy

Reminder: deadline for applications is 12.00 on Monday 3 October. Please read the letter attached to this email.

Some key dates for your diary

- **Monday 3 October:** Staff INSET- **The school is closed for students.**
- **Monday 3 October:** Catholic School Alliance Mass for staff members, 4.30-5.30pm (Chapel).
- **Friday 7 October:** World Mental Health Day.
- **Friday 14 October:** Mufti Day (Young Minds, AKT and The South-East Cancer Centre).

Final Prayer:

*Lord Jesus Christ,
Who on the cross called the penitent thief into your kingdom,
In faith and trust and confessing our sins we implore your mercy,
That after our death
You will lead us rejoicing through the gates of paradise.
You live and reign for ever and ever*

Amen.

Yours sincerely,



P E McCullagh
Headteacher

TRANSITIONING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL; MANAGING YOUR CHILD'S WORRIES

Online Parent Workshop

Has your child joined secondary school this September?

Are they experiencing anxiety as a result of the changes?

Would you like some tips and strategies to help you support your child manage their worries?

**JOIN US FOR OUR LIVE ONLINE WEBINAR
AND Q & A !**

Thursday 6th October: 5.30–6.30pm

Sign up for your free ticket on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/supporting-your-year-7-child-with-their-anxiety-secondary-transition-tickets-427912958177>



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