



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your ongoing and unwavering support of The John Fisher School this term. As we approach the end of a very busy term, we can all reflect on the wonderful achievements of every student.

The end of term newsletter can be found here: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/849747956/> This captures a small fraction of the successes and achievements of the students and staff, but it is window into the wider life of a unique school. This week alone we have seen students enjoying a Geography field trip to Stratford, student representatives attending the Sutton Schools Joint School Council meeting, our annual Year 12 Post-18 Information Evening, Year 13 Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) and a beautiful Epilogue to finish the week. Some lucky staff were asked to judge the Year 10 Food Technology GCSE Easter Muffin Competition and as you can see from the photographs below, the standard was incredibly high.



As we move into the final term of the academic year, I urge you all to gain some rest and recuperation. I hope that Year 11 and 13 students will use this time to prepare themselves for their final few weeks before the start of the public examinations in May.

Key information for you

Year 8 Parent Teacher Meeting (PTM): Proposed new date

As you may have heard in the news, the teacher unions are currently balloting members on whether to accept the recent government offer on pay and conditions. The National Education Union (NEU) have announced two further potential days of industrial strike action should their members vote to reject the offer and the proposed dates are **Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May 2023**.

If this industrial strike action goes ahead on Thursday 27 April then the Year 8 PTM which was scheduled for this day will be moved to **Thursday 8 June**. I will be able to confirm at the end of the first week of the next term.

Sources of Support

With school closed over the holiday period, some of our students may miss the support and advice available to them over the holidays. In the local area, online and over the phone there is a range of support available for families and young people.

[Kooth](https://www.kooth.com/) is a digital mental health and wellbeing company working to provide a welcoming space for digital mental health care, available to all. <https://www.kooth.com/>



[Off the Record](https://www.talkofftherecord.org/sutton/) : Support for Young people ages 11-25 in Croydon, Merton & Sutton. Winter Holidays Support Line - 020 8175 6776 open every day between 24th December - 3rd January, 3pm - 6pm
<https://www.talkofftherecord.org/sutton/>



[ChildLine](https://www.childline.org.uk/): Comforts, advises and protects children 24 hours a day and offers free confidential counselling. Phone 0800 1111 (24 hours) Chat 1-2-1 with a counsellor online
<https://www.childline.org.uk/>



[Young minds](https://giveusashout.org/) Shout offer confidential crisis support. Text "SHOUT" to 85258 for support when immediate assistance is required. <https://giveusashout.org/>



[Samaritans](https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/chat-online/). Available all year round 24/7 to listen and offer support. Call 116 123 message then via their online chat.
<https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/chat-online/>



The following organisations also offer a huge amount of information and advice about a broad range of topics that may affect our young people including, online safety, sex and relationships, support for parents and Drugs & Alcohol.

NSPCC | The UK children's charity
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>



Internet Matters | Helping parents keep their children safe online
<https://www.internetmatters.org/>



Family Lives | Parenting and family support website and advice.
<https://www.familylives.org.uk/>



Former Student Fundraising for Charity

Jacob Jones (Alumnus, 2021) is raising money for The Brain Tumour Charity by completing a Sprint Triathlon in July. You can find out more about the reasons behind Jacob's decision [here](#).



Sixth Form Student Leadership Team 2023/24

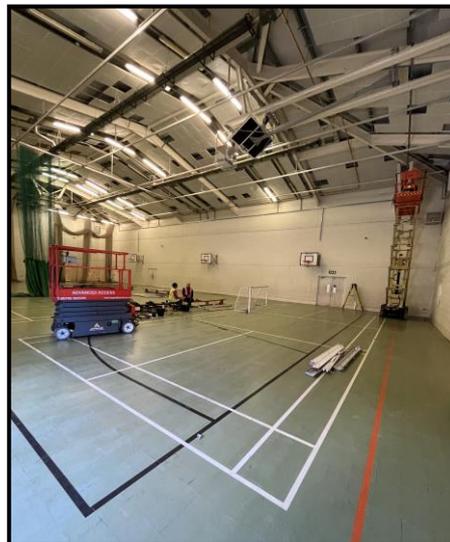
This week we were delighted to finalise the student leadership team for the next academic year. We had a large number of students express their interest in being Head Boy, Deputy Head Boy or a Senior Prefect. After presentations from each candidate, student and staff votes, and formal interviews with Mr. Woolford (Director of Sixth Form) we are delighted to announce the team will be: Senura P (Head Boy), Patrick F (Deputy Head Boy), Kirabo K (Deputy Head Boy) and Adam O'C (Deputy Head Boy).

Year 10 Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs): Monday 17 April to Friday 28 April

Year 10 will start their PPEs on Monday 17 April. The timetable and topic list/revision support has been sent to all parents/carers directly.

Sports Hall Update

This week, work started on replacing all the lights with new LED energy efficient lights and painting the walls. This is the first week of a four week programme which will see the new floor going down over the Easter holiday. We hope to have the Sports Hall re-opened for students in the week beginning 24 April. Thank you again to everyone who donated to the fundraiser which has allowed this work to go ahead. You can see from the images below, how much brighter the Sports Hall is already.



Vacancies at The John Fisher School

The school is currently recruiting for the following:

- Subject Leader of Religious Education
- Subject Leader of Business Studies

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

Monday 17 April	Beginning of term 3 for all year groups and the start of Year 10 PPEs
Thursday 27 April	*Year 8 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4.30pm - 7.30pm (SDL Building) Pre-loved uniform sale, 4.30pm – 6.30pm (LRC)
Monday 1 May	May Day Bank Holiday (school closure)
Monday 8 May	School closure in lieu of the King's Coronation
Thursday 18 May	Year 10 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4.30pm-7.30pm (SDL Building)
Friday 19 May	Mufti Day
Thursday 8 June	<i>*Proposed date in the event of industrial strike action on 27 April</i> Year 8 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4.30pm – 7.30pm (SDL Building)

Final Prayer: Prayer for Easter

*'We thank you that Easter is not about a people,
but all people, that your love and your Salvation
are for all who confess with voices, hearts and lives
that the tomb is empty because Jesus is risen,
that we might know forgiveness,
that lives might be reborn,
and your name glorified
now and for eternity.'*

Amen

Wishing you all a restful Easter holiday,

Yours sincerely,



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John Fisher Sport

Cognus Therapies Parent and Carer Event

Wednesday 19th April 2023

10am - 2pm

Cognus Limited
Cantium House
Wallington
SM6 0DZ

Cognus Therapies are hosting a drop in event to share information and guidance about education-based speech and language therapy and occupational therapy.

Come and meet members of the therapy team and attend a therapist surgery slot.

We will be running a sensory drop in (OT) in the morning and a communication drop in (SALT) in the afternoon.

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Places must be booked in advance, please email

cognus.therapies@cognus.org.uk

