

Transition to The John Fisher School



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

Welcome message from current Year 7s



“Welcome to The John Fisher School, we are happy that you are going to be joining us. We have had a good first year even though it has been difficult at times with COVID lockdown. This year, we have had lots of fun at Forest School and settling into school life. We have particularly enjoyed the sport at John Fisher especially rugby, cricket and athletics. We are currently learning about Japan and even learning some Japanese. We look forward to meeting you really soon.”



School entrance



This is the pedestrian gate at the front of school.



This is the back gate, where the current Year 7 students enter the school site.



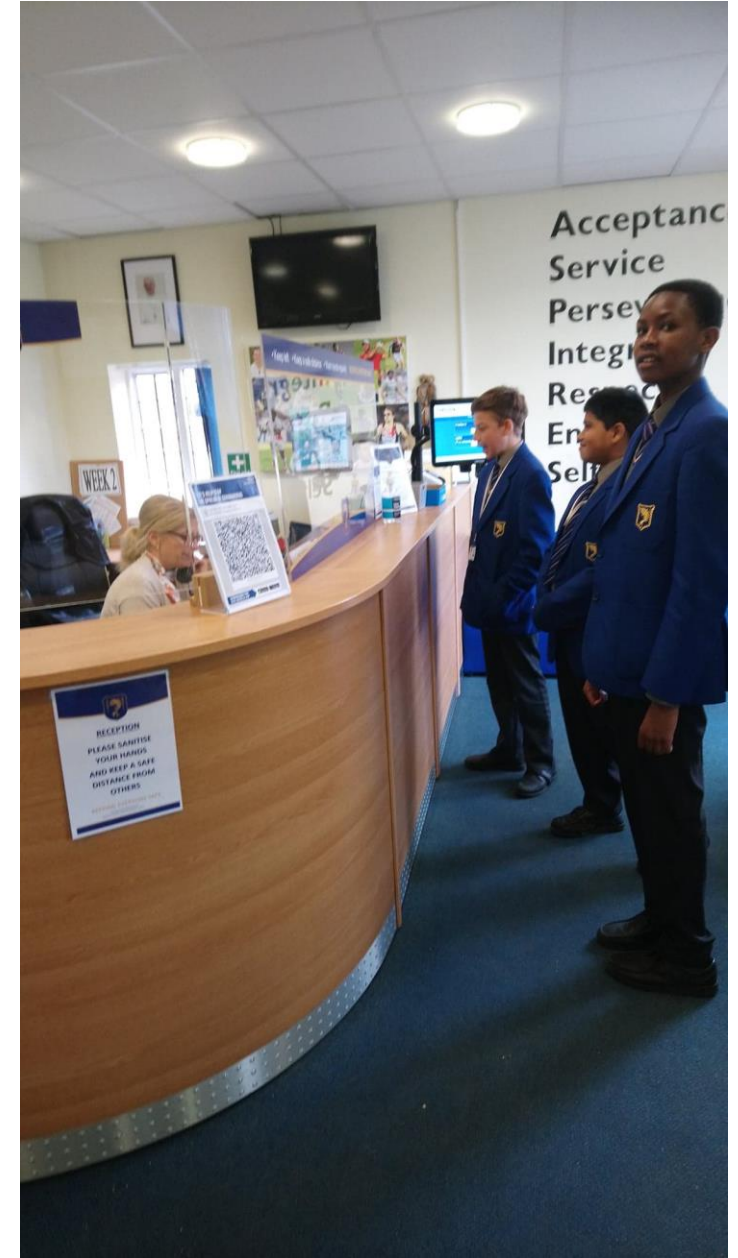
This is outside main reception.

School reception



This is inside main reception. At the moment, because of the restrictions around COVID-19 we do not have many visitors to the school. But ordinarily, this is where parents/carers and visitors would sign in and out.

You might wait here if you were being picked up early.





Mr Fell is the Director of Learning for Year 7.

He works with your Form Tutor and Mr Evans, Assistant Headteacher to lead Year 7.

Form	Tutor	House
7B	Mrs J.Shepherd	Bede
7C	Mrs K.Hall	Challoner
7F	Miss E.Fowler	Fisher
7K	Miss B.Freeman	Becket
7M	Mr J.Gillespie	More
7N	Ms E.Johnstone	Newman
7T	Miss R.Speight	Teresa

You can meet some key staff by watching the 'Welcome' video on our school website:
<https://www.johnfisherschool.org/parents-and-carers/year-7-transition>

Where do I go at break/lunch time?



Year 7 have their own playground in front of the Sir David Lane building.



The Wellbeing and Spiritual Garden is somewhere quieter where you can go to relax or pray.

Where do I get my lunch?



Year 7 queue up outside the Sir David Lane building to get a school dinner.

You pay for it using biometrics at the desk.

Your parents/carers need to top up your account using ParentPay in advance, unless you get Free School Meals.



What are the timings of the school day?



The school day is divided as follows:

	Time
Lesson 1	08:45– 09:35am.
Lesson 2	09:40 – 10:30am.
Break	Break
Lesson 3	10:50 – 11:40am.
Lesson 4	11:45 – 12:35pm.
Lunch	Lunch
Registration	13:20 – 13:40pm.
Lesson 5	13:40 – 14:30pm.
Lesson 6	14:35 – 15:25pm.

- Rugby training is after school on Wednesday's until 5:00pm in the autumn and spring term. (dependant on current circumstances)
- Year 7 will be dismissed from Plough Lane on a Friday after Games

Where can I go if I have a problem?



You can see the following people if you have a problem:

- your Form Tutor
- your Director of Learning Mr Fell
- your Assistant Headteacher Mr Evans
- Fr. James, our School Chaplain
- any of the Wellbeing Listeners or Wellbeing Co-Ordinators
- Mrs Highfield (Inclusion Co-Ordinator)
- Miss Wilson, Miss Jameson or Miss Ellaway (ELSA)
- Mrs Kenny (SENCO)

School rules/consequences



Our expectations of you are:

- + Be positive
- + Be kind
- + Be enthusiastic
- + Be well behaved
- + Be well mannered
- + Join in



School uniform, school bag etc



- You and your parents can read more about what you need for school in the JFS Handbook for New Parents on our school website here:

<https://www.johnfisherschool.org/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Handbook%20for%20new%20parents%202021.pdf>

- You need to bring your school ID everyday
- You need a proper school bag and pens (including a spare!) everyday
- Grade 2 is the minimum length allowed for hair, no extreme colours, patterns etc are allowed.
- No earrings please!
- On a Friday, you should wear your Games kit:
 - white John Fisher polo shirt
 - white John Fisher games shorts (not his house PE shorts)
 - white socks
 - white trainers
 - blue John Fisher tracksuit top
 - blue John Fisher tracksuit bottoms
 - in his bag he should pack his blue / yellow games top, blue socks, his boots and any equipment for periods 1-4

Tips on keeping organised



- Pack your school bag the night before. Check you have a) exercise books b) textbooks c) homework d) equipment – pens etc e) Games or PE kit if needed f) any equipment for Food, Music or Sport that you may require
- Check Show My Homework every night to make sure you complete all the homework set
- Keep a different coloured plastic file for each subject to keep your work organised
- Display your school timetable somewhere that you can see it at home
- Keep your log-in information somewhere safe at home where you can check it if you forget



- **Form Tutor:** your Form Tutor is often the teacher who knows you best. They register you each morning and will help you with anything you need.
- **Director of Learning:** also known as 'Head of Year.'
- **House:** the school is divided into houses, named after saints. You will belong to a house.
- **Head of House:** each House is led by a Head of House who encourages the students in their House to do well.
- **Chapel:** the school Chapel is where we go to pray and worship. Our School Chaplain, Fr James looks after the Chapel.
- **Team Meeting:** this is your assembly with your year group.
- **Collective Worship:** this is a special assembly in the Chapel where your year group comes together to worship and reflect.

If I need some 'calm down' time, I can...



- Ask my teacher for a couple of minutes to calm down outside the room
- If I have a 'Time Out' pass, I can show this and follow the instructions on it

Daily checklist



- School ID badge
- Pencil case with spare pens
- Any homework due in
- Exercise books (and textbooks where relevant)
- PE kit on the day I have my PE lesson
- Games kit on a Friday
- Musical instrument if relevant
- Ingredients for Food Technology when required

Final positive message



We are really looking forward to you joining The John Fisher School!

