



THE FULHAM BOYS SCHOOL

A Church of England School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are well. Please see below for dates for your diary and information for the coming week.

Face coverings need to continue to be worn by pupils at all times, including during lessons. This is with the exception of PE lessons and when eating lunch. This will be reviewed at Easter. As per my email before Christmas, FBS face coverings are now part of the uniform and all pupils are required to wear one. We understand that wearing a face mask all day can be uncomfortable for some, but we have to be considerate to others. While we cannot force people to wear face masks, we encourage all boys to play their part by wearing a FBS face covering in line with Government guidance.

Diary Dates

Monday 22nd March to Wednesday 31st March	Year 11, 12 and 13 mock examinations
Tuesday 23rd March	Virtual Headmaster's coffee morning, 9.30am
Wednesday 31st March	Last day of term
Thursday 1st April to Friday 16th April	Easter holidays
Monday 19th April	Start of term
Monday 19th April to Friday 23rd April	Year 10 mock examinations
Wednesday 28th April	Year 12 and Year 13 Parent Consultation

Information for Parents

Home testing

Following on from the recent successful COVID testing program that was undertaken in school, we will now transition towards a home testing program in line with government guidelines. Please read through all of the information below which will provide you with all the information you require to support with home testing.

- Where parents have consented for their son to take part in COVID testing in school, their son will be issued with home testing kits today from their form tutor.
- All students will be issued with enough COVID tests for 3 weeks.
- Parents are asked to ensure that (during term time) they test their son on Sundays and Wednesdays (before school).

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- Students will be issued with packs of home tests and a separate guide for how to complete the test and submit the results through the NHS Track & Trace system.

Important note: Please use the separate guide your son is issued with and NOT the one in the testing kits/boxes themselves (this is based on NHS guidance). The correct guide can also be found online [here](#).

- Once students have completed tests parents are asked to submit the results online via the NHS Track and Trace system (instructions on how to do this are provided with the tests themselves).
- In addition, parents are asked to complete [this](#) simple online form for the school's records.
- If you have any questions about anything related to Home Testing please do not hesitate to get in touch with Sam Barton by email at s.barton@fulhamboysschool.org.uk.

International Women's Day and gender equality

This week in PSHCE we celebrated International Women's Day, acknowledging all the inspirational women in our lives and throughout history. We also discussed #ChooseToChallenge, this year's IWD theme, and how we can all challenge sexist language, behaviour and attitudes, especially in light of recent events. Sexism and equality are topics that are covered in PSHCE throughout the year in all year groups and we will continue to keep this conversation going at FBS. We have produced two videos that boys watched during the session, from staff and students, about how important this day is to them and how they will look to #ChooseToChallenge this year and every year. The videos can be watched [here](#) and [here](#), and we would like to thank the staff and the Sixth Formers for contributing and sharing their experiences.

WhatsApp

I am aware that most year groups have WhatsApp groups which are a brilliant way for parents to communicate with one another. However, it has come to my attention from a growing number of parents that there are people in these groups, particularly Year 9, who are using it to express dissatisfaction with the school and not going through the proper channels. Moreover, some parents who are trying to encourage concerns to be passed to the school are subject to aggressive and bullying posts which are hurtful and distressing. The Fulham Boys School does not tolerate bullying from boys and we will not tolerate bullying from parents. There is no place for this in our school. As you know, I hold regular Headmaster's coffee mornings when I am able to and you can contact the school whenever you need to. Your first port of call is the office, then your son's Form Tutor, then his Head of House, followed by our Assistant and Deputy Headteachers, then myself and Mr Smith. All contact details can be found under the 'Contact Us' section on the [school website](#). As I am unable to hold face to face coffee mornings, I would like to offer a virtual one on Tuesday 23rd March at 9.30am. Please complete this [Google Form](#) if you would like to attend and details will be sent to you. Please come to this coffee morning, bring all of your concerns, and I will deal with them. I welcome your feedback, but I cannot do anything about issues if I am not aware of them. There are of course teething problems that come with moving over 700 pupils and staff to a new site, coupled with COVID restrictions. This is not an easy time for anyone, so I really need people to pull together. I look forward to speaking with you on the 23rd.

Attendance

Please be aware that boys have to be in school every day by 8:25am. Please practice alternative routes to school or encourage your son to leave earlier to avoid being late. The link to the updated Attendance Policy can be found [here](#). If your son needs to leave school early for any reason, please email your request supported by the confirmation from the external club/tutor to absence@fulhamboysschool.org.uk.

Year 11 Leavers Hoodies

Step 1 - Visit this [link](#) - please fill out your name, size and select your colour.

Step 2 - Please make payment via [this link](#) - 'Select: £19.50 - 1 Yearbook' please ignore the fact it says yearbook.

If you do not make payment your order will not be submitted. You will need to complete Step 1 and Step 2 (by the 31st of March). You can complete these links at different times but you MUST make sure that you do this prior to the deadline given. Once you have completed both steps you are done! Collection date and location will be confirmed. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Long (a.long@fulhamboysschool.org.uk).

Year Group Orchestras

Year Group Orchestras have started again - please help your son by helping him to remember his instrument! These rehearsals will take place in room 110.

Tuesday lunchtime - Year 12

Tuesday co-curricular - Year 8

Wednesday co-curricular - Year 9

Thursday lunchtime - Year 11

Thursday co-curricular - Year 7

Friday lunchtime - Year 10

Instrumental opportunities

We have a number of instruments that we would like to lend to students (free of charge!) if your son is keen to pursue his dream of learning an instrument. The instruments that we can lend to students are listed below:

Trumpets

Clarinets

Flute

French Horn

Euphonium

Trombone

Tenor Saxophone

Saxophone

Please contact f.bader@fulhamboyschool.org.uk for further information.

A Question of Sport - Friends online sports quiz, Thursday 25th March, 7.30pm

With a sporting celebrity mystery guest...

Grab your snacks and drinks and get online to pit your sporting knowledge against other FBS parents, boys and teachers. All you need is a team name and a round ball-looking object (think keepy uppies). All ages are welcome to join, please see [here](#) for tickets.

Ski Trip

There are currently 3 spaces left on the 2022 Ski Trip. Please see [here](#) for how to book a place for your son.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Expeditions are happening this summer! To ensure boys are where they should be with their award and eDofE accounts, Mr Missen will be meeting with all three year groups involved next week. If your son has enrolled for the DofE Award, can you please ensure he attends the correct assembly at 5pm in the sports hall on the following days:

Year 9: Wednesday

Year 10: Thursday

Year 11: Friday

Cricket training and trials

We will be hosting cricket training and trials over the Easter Holidays in the Sports Hall taking place on:

Wednesday 14th April Year 7s (U12) 9am - 12am

Year 8s (U13) 1pm - 4pm

Thursday 15th April Year 9s (U14) 9am - 12am

Year 10s (U15/16) 1pm - 4pm

There will be three 50 minute stations:

- Batting and bowling in the SH nets
- Playground - feilding
- Gym - Fitness testing (using the opportunity to continue to promote healthy active lifestyle habits)

Boys will need to come in kit and bring their own bat, if they have one.

Local Police presence

There will be an increased police presence in and around key routes used by pupils to travel to and from school. Please see the attached letter outlining the new initiative [here](#).

FBS Fitness - Live from the Fitness Suite!

FBS Fitness continues this week! Every Thursday at 6pm, members of the P.E department will be leading a LIVE HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) session on zoom. ALL parents, boys and staff are welcome. All you will need is a small space (big enough to do a press up/burpee) and a bottle of water. Please ensure all are dressed appropriately and FBS kit is definitely welcomed! Please contact Mr Missen if you require the Zoom details (j.missen@fulhamboysschool.org.uk)

Please keep an eye on their twitter account [@FBS_Sport](#) for details and promo for the sessions. Any questions, please contact Mr Missen.

Art Competition

The Art Department would like you to design your own household collaborative piece that will be combined to make a family blanket.

What can you make? Create a series of A4 pieces (minimum 4) that represent you and your household (each A4 will be a different section on the blanket). Ideas include creating artworks/drawings/paintings of:

- A family or self portrait
- A memory together
- Favourite meal/quote/animals
- A collaborative pattern or print

They can be completed in any medium, and in any style. We want you to all show your unique artistic styles!

Who can be involved? Anyone in your household or support bubble. It can be a student completing one by himself, or get the whole family involved in the creating and designing.

How can I enter? Submit photos of your artworks to the FBS Art competition Google Classroom (code jyvl2c6). Please keep your submissions safe as we will need the original copies for the winning piece!

Prizes:

1st Place - have your family blanket made (worth over £60)

2nd Place - Art supplies (value of £25)

3rd Place - Art supplies (value of £10)

Inspire Fulham

We are finally home in our permanent site and these are exciting times. One of FBS's commitment has always been to facilitate the sharing of our building with the local community. I am pleased to announce after a rigorous and competitive process Inspire Fulham have been tasked with maximising the external hire of our fantastic building during evenings, weekends and holidays. See more at <https://inspirefulham.co.uk/have-your-say/>

Resilience fund

As a school community, we've all been affected in some way by the Covid-19 pandemic but we're aware that some of our families are now facing significant pressures from the continuing crisis. We want to help where we can, and we are pleased to announce that we now have a fund available to help with financial assistance. If you would like to apply for an award from the Resilience Fund, please complete this [Google Form](#). All applications for an award will be treated in complete confidence. And on behalf of all of us, heartfelt thanks to the kind donors who have made this possible as we currently have £5,000 in the fund. If there are others who would like to donate to this fund, please get in touch with me at a.ebenezer@fulhamboysschool.org.uk. I really want to emphasise that anyone can apply for support, not just those on Free School Meals.

Jack Petchey

Malachi (W10) recently participated in the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge and was voted by staff as the school's representative at the Regional Finals. Qualifying to this stage places him in the top 1% of participants across the programme, which is delivered in secondary schools across London and Essex. Malachi delivered a powerful speech using a wide range of skills and techniques to convey his impactful message, representing FBS and our values incredibly well, we are very proud of him and impressed with his progress throughout the programme.

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CEO and Executive Headmaster

Useful Links

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