

The John Fisher School

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The John Fisher School is a Secondary School for Boys. The School is a Roman Catholic all ability school maintained by the London Borough of Sutton. There are 2030 boys (243 Sixth Form) in the school and 110 staff. The John Fisher School is the only school known to have the name "The John Fisher" instead of "St John Fisher" as the school was created before John Fisher was canonised by the Pope.

The John Fisher School was founded by Archbishop Armitage in 1929. The original location was at Duggan Hill in Croydon. The school moved in 1931 to Peckham Hill, Purley. The first Headteacher, Mr Terence King, was appointed in 1981. His successor was Mr Robin Gregory who was headmaster from January 1992 to September 2005. The present Headteacher is Mr Mark Scully who took over in September 2006.

The immediate school grounds include two rugby pitches, an athletics track and a cricket pitch. Also, nearby, there is 22 acre sports ground where most extra-curricular sporting activity takes place. The school is well known for its rugby and teams compete at every stage in the school from year 7 to Sixth form. Rugby teams compete against many of the best teams in the south-east including Whitgift, Trinity and Eton. In November 2004, a £1.5 million Sports Hall was opened and the school was made a Specialist Sports College. Inside the sports facility there is a weights room constantly used by rugby players to improve their strength. A sign of John Fisher's 1st XV ability can be seen from their progress to the semi-finals of the Daily Mail Cup for the first time in the school's history.

In December 2008, the John Fisher school was visited by Ofsted. Ofsted inspected the school to see the standard of teaching and education and to make any recommendations on how the school could be improved.

Here is a short overview of the report:

The John Fisher School provides a good education for its students. The school's Catholic ethos and strong promotion of Christian values underpin the students' outstanding spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. It is well led by its headteacher, who values tradition but is also forward looking and innovative. The senior leadership team is committed to creating a fully inclusive and successful learning school that values academic success and personal development equally. Ofsted Report Dec '08

There is a range of subjects that the John Fisher School offers. These are: Art & Design, Biology, Business studies, Chemistry, Classical Civilisation, Design & Technology, Economics, English, English Literature, French, Geography, German, History, Information Technology, Latin, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Religious Studies.

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