



Every Student Thriving

17 April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the summer term which brings with it the usual flurry of examination preparations, induction of a new year group and enrichment activities.

The closing weeks of the Easter term saw a flurry of student enrichment successes along with our fabulous Year 7 girls county cup finalists we also had our sixth formers reaching great heights as part of our young enterprise programme. Mrs Atkinson recounts their success:

“Since launching in September, the Young Enterprise team “Next Wave” have demonstrated what can be achieved through creativity, teamwork, and determination. Over the past months, the group has successfully established their own student company, developing a clear business plan, moving into production, and bringing their product to market.



Throughout this journey, Next Wave has not only built a thriving business but also gained invaluable real-world skills in leadership, communication, problem-solving, and financial management. Their hard work and commitment have been reflected in their impressive performance in competitions, where they secured prize money in both Dragons’ Den and Meet the Buyers.

A particular highlight came on Thursday 26th March at the local area finals. The team delivered a confident and engaging presentation, sharing the story of their journey from initial idea to successful enterprise. Their efforts were recognised with the “Best Team Journey” award—an achievement that celebrates their growth, resilience, and collaboration.

The team’s trophy is now proudly displayed in the reception cabinet, serving as a testament to their success and an inspiration to others. Next Wave’s accomplishments this year truly showcase the impact of the Young Enterprise programme and the potential of students when given the opportunity to innovate and lead.”



It is great to see young entrepreneurs developing their independent skill set and using their commercial sensibilities to successfully bring a product to market.

Take care - Ian Brierly

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REMINDERS & NOTICES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

INSET day	24.04.26
Year 12 Exams Start	29.04.26
May Bank Holiday	04.05.26
Main Exams start	07.05.26

CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS

Change to Office hours:

Monday - Thursday 8.15am - 3:45pm

Friday 8.15am - 3:15pm

Closed for Lunch Monday - Friday from 12pm - 12:30pm

In the first instance please email the office@johncolet.co.uk for non-emergency issues

FORGOTTEN ITEMS

Any student who has forgotten school equipment for example PE kit/Chromebook, homework etc, the school will no longer be contacting home for someone to drop these items off. Students who contact home without permission will receive a consequence. Sanctions will be given for forgotten items. Please disseminate to your child/children. Certain exceptions will be made.

SAFEGUARDING LEADS & INFORMATION

If parents have any concerns about safeguarding or believe that any young person at John Colet School might be at risk, then please do contact one of the members of our Safeguarding Team via - safeguarding@johncolet.co.uk

The DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) is Mr B Crawford

VACANCIES

- We are looking to recruit a Governance Professional.


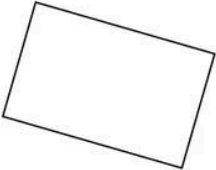



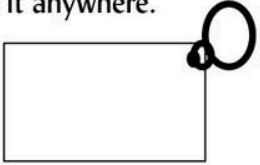





Please check our website for further details [here](#).

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PARENT SUPPORT

Learning/Revision Techniques

<h3>Map It</h3> <p>Create a mind map of the key points.</p> 	<h3>Journey It</h3> <p>Remember lists of information by placing images on a journey.</p> 	<h3>Index It</h3> <p>Transfer the key points to index cards.</p> 
<h3>Story It</h3> <p>Create a weird and vivid story using the key points.</p> 	<h3>Mnemonic It</h3> <p>Use the first letter of key words to create a sentence.</p> <p>A well known example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Never Eat Shredded Wheat 	<h3>Click It</h3> <p>Create a presentation about the key points.</p> 
<h3>Flip It</h3> <p>Write questions and answers and flip it anywhere.</p> 	<h3>Timeline It</h3> <p>Place key points along a line in date order.</p> 	<h3>Sing It</h3> <p>Set key points to some familiar music/rap.</p> 
<h3>Record It</h3> <p>Use your mobile to record yourself explaining the key points and play it back regularly.</p> 	<h3>Post It</h3> <p>Write key words on to Post Its and stick them around your room.</p> 	<h3>Comic It</h3> <p>Create your own comic strip using the key points.</p> 



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CULTURE DAY - Date: Monday 20th April; Time: Lunch; Location: Our School Hall

We are excited to announce our upcoming Culture Day Food Festival on Monday **20th April**, and we warmly invite you to participate in celebrating the rich tapestry of cultures within our school community.

Event Details: To make this event truly special, we are seeking food donations from families to create a diverse and inclusive "potluck" dinner. We encourage you to contribute dishes that reflect your cultural heritage, family traditions, or simply foods that bring joy to your home. Whether it's a beloved family recipe, a traditional dish from your culture, or a favourite comfort food, your contribution will add to the vibrant tapestry of our celebration.

Food Donation Guidelines:

- **All food donations should be brought to school on the morning of Monday 20th April.**
- Please ensure that all dishes are **nut-free** and clearly labelled with a list of ingredients to accommodate dietary restrictions.
- If possible, provide serving utensils for your dish. Please label with the student's name so we can make sure all items from home do return home.

This festival is not only an opportunity to share delicious food but also to create lasting memories for all members of the John Colet community. We hope to foster a sense of belonging and appreciation for the diverse backgrounds that make our school community unique. To continue to celebrate this vibrant tapestry, we invite all students to step out of their daily uniforms and arrive dressed in a way that represents their unique culture, heritage, or family history. This is a day dedicated to self-expression, global awareness, and mutual respect.

We encourage students to be creative and authentic. To help get the ideas flowing, here are some examples of what students might choose to wear:

- **Traditional Attire:** Items such as a Saree, Dashiki, Kilts, Hanbok, Dirndl, or Thobe.
- **National Colors or Symbols:** Clothing featuring the colors of a national flag or specific cultural patterns (e.g., Tartan, Kente cloth, or Batik).
- **Heritage Accessories:** Meaningful jewelry, headscarves, or traditional footwear that tells a story of origin.

Please note while we recognise that sports are a big part of many lives, **football kits and club jerseys are not considered cultural or heritage dress** for this event. We want to dive deeper into history and tradition, so we kindly ask that students save their kits for PE or sports day and focus on their broader heritage for this specific celebration.

Should you have any questions or require further information, feel free to contact lparrott@johncolet.co.uk

Thank you for your support in making this event a memorable and meaningful experience for all.

Warm regards, - Equity and Diversity School Council Team

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT

COMMUNITY DAY

AYLESBURY UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB
A 21CD INITIATIVE

A CELEBRATION FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

WHEN:
SATURDAY 25th APRIL
ENTRY FROM: 2pm
KICK OFF: 3pm

FREE ENTRY
FREE ENTRY condition:
Register and donate an item to Youth Concern
at the gate.
Suggested £3 Donation to Youth Concern

MATCHDAY KIDS' PAPER AEROPLANE COMPETITION BEFOREHAND

50:50 DRAW: WIN HALF THE POT!

AUFC Pan Disability team cake sale: DELICIOUS TREATS!

& MORE: STALLS, FACE PAINTING FUN FOR ALL!

FUN PRIZES TO WIN!

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
AYLESBURYUNITEDFC.COM/EVENTS

MATCHDAY FIXTURE:
AYLESBURY UNITED FC vs. HERTFORD TOWN
(AT HOME: THE MEADOW, CHESHAM)
- DON'T MISS IT!

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**Health
for Kids!**

NHS
Buckinghamshire Healthcare
NHS Trust

Parent and Carers

Our School Nursing Team can help with things like:

Behaviour management

Development

Toileting

Wellbeing

Healthy eating

Sleep

Emotional health

Find advice on supporting your
child's health and wellbeing.



www.healthforkids.co.uk/buckinghamshire

Message your local school nursing team:

07312 263 175

Or scan the
QR code to
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