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**December 2019**

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### **Note from the Headteacher:**

The Autumn Term, which draws to a close on Thursday 19 December at 12:15, will also be a £1 non-uniform day raising funds for the PTA and Save the Children UK. It would be great to see as many students as possible wearing seasonal Christmas jumpers to mark the occasion. Well done to Year 11 students for the excellent way in which they conducted their mock examinations, the results for which will be released to them during assembly and Period 1 on the first day of school in January - Tuesday 7 (Blue Week) for students following Monday's training day for members of staff. Year 13 students will need to set aside time over the Christmas break to revise for their mock exams which commence on Wednesday 8 January - the timetable has been published on the school website, <https://www.johncolet.co.uk/learning/examinations/>

Last summer a number of students were consulted on how the school could assist them with improving their learning and many of the responses were related to revising for tests, assessments and examinations. As a result the school has produced twelve 'Colet COG' videos which have been shared with students dealing with key aspects to help them with their work. These were launched at assemblies last month and are available for all students across the school via their Google account.



### **Dates for your Diary:**

Y10 Parents Evening: 9 Jan

Y8 Parents Evening: 23 Jan

Y8 Options Evening: 6 Feb

Y11 Parents Evening: 13 Feb

To access in school, students can find the COG tile on RMUnify

Parents and Carers can access the COGs videos via this YouTube link <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLncsbxLxIZs9crfhJmnVr7kXCeGtgWMq4>



The end of this term will see the election of a new member of parliament for our constituency and also the submission of the school's second attempt to secure funding to build a Canteen. I will be inviting in our new representative to see the issues our students face on a daily basis in order to secure support for the bid, the outcome of which we will hear in April 2020. On a separate note in terms of facilities I have commenced discussions with local junior football clubs to gauge interest in the construction of an artificial 3G football pitch at the school. The proposal has been met with enthusiasm and so we will be pursuing this project to the next stage.

Next term there are a number of parent evenings, which are in the school calendar, <https://www.johncolet.co.uk/whats-on/>, but listed below for easy reference.

- Thursday 9 January - Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening
- Thursday 23 January - Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening
- Thursday 6 February - Year 8 Options Evening
- Thursday 13 February - Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening
- Thursday 27 February - Sixth Form Parent Consultation Evening
- Thursday 12 March - Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening
- Thursday 26 March - Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening

Following on from the success of the first year of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme last year I am delighted that just under one hundred Year 9 students have signed up for the Bronze Award this year and 20-30 for the Silver Award in Year 10. Along with the success of many of our sports teams and the large number of trips and visits that have taken place this term everyone in school is looking forward to a well-earned break over the holiday period.

Happy Christmas.

**Mr P Harty**  
**Headteacher**

## End of Term Taxi Arrangements

If your child uses a taxi service to travel home from school, could you please remind the taxi company and driver that your child will need to be picked up at 12:15pm on Thursday 19th December.

Thank you

## Internet Safety

This half term a team of Year 10 students have been delivering a very important message to some of our feeder primary schools. Niamh, Cody, Tyler, Katie and Fleur have been explaining the importance of internet safety to students in Year 5 and Year 6.

They did an excellent job and it was clear that the Key Stage 2 students really respected the message from positive role models.



Tyler-Lee, Katie and Fleur

**Mrs P Norris**  
**Assistant Headteacher**

## JCS Sports Newsletter

Please look out for the second edition of the JCS Sport Newsletter ....



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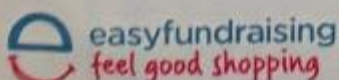
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## Attendance Matters

As we draw near to the end of the Autumn Term, I am delighted to see a large number of students have achieved 100% attendance so far this year. All eligible students will be entered into a raffle and prizes will be distributed by Mr Harty throughout this week. All students with 100% attendance will be rewarded with an R2C and three reward points to recognise their efforts. Well done to everyone!

I do appreciate there are a range of illnesses prevalent at this time of the year, and this can affect student's attendance. The most effective way to prevent the spread of germs is a good hand washing routine, so please do encourage your child to wash their hands regularly throughout the day, and when they arrive home from school. A full night's sleep and plenty of water can also help them to stay healthy and improve their attendance.

There is a clear link between attendance and achievement, and analysis of our GCSE results for last year shows that students with more than 95% attendance achieved at least half a grade higher across each of their subjects than those students with attendance below 95%. It really is important that you support your child to attend school regularly to enable them to achieve their very best.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to contact me. I hope you have a restful break, and look forward to seeing our students regularly in the New Year,

With best wishes for the festive season,

Mrs Bull



Please call or email in every day that your child is absent from school to help us keep our records up to date - Thank you

Email; [office@johncolet.co.uk](mailto:office@johncolet.co.uk)

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## TERM DATES 2019-20

### AUTUMN TERM

First Day of Term	Wednesday 4 September - Transition Day for Years 7 and 12 Thursday 5 September - Term starts for Years 8-11 and 13
Half Term	Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November
Last Day of Term	Thursday 19 December - finish at 12.15pm

### SPRING TERM

First Day of Term	Tuesday 7 January
Half Term	Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February
Last Day of Term	Friday 3 April - finish at 12.15pm

### SUMMER TERM

First Day of Term	Tuesday 21 April
Half Term	Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May
Last Day of Term	Friday 17 July - finish at 12.15pm

### Staff Training Days

Monday 2 September 2019  
Tuesday 3 September 2019  
Friday 4 October 2019  
Monday 6 January 2020  
Monday 20 April 2020

### Bank Holidays in Term Time

Friday 8 May 2020



Don't forget to bring your water bottle to school  
**EVERYDAY!!!**

Keeping hydrated increases focus, energy and relieves fatigue. It boosts your immune system and prevents headaches.

Make sure you refill your bottle before school, during break time and at lunchtime.



Thank you - Matron



## HOW HEALTHY IS YOUR START TO THE DAY?



There is no better way to start the day than eating a healthy breakfast as it will lift your mood and get you ready for the day ahead.

Eating breakfast kick-starts the day and..

- Provides the body with essential nutrients and vitamins
- Boosts energy and concentration levels
- Helps stabilise blood sugar levels, which regulates the appetite



Including breakfast in your daily routine will become part of a healthy lifestyle



Thank you - MATRON







We have numerous items of lost property including coats, odd shoes and trainers. If you are missing any, please ask your son or daughter to come to Matron's Office - all unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of term.



Thank you - Matron



## Mobile Phone Policy

At John Colet we have a 'no see, no hear' policy for mobile phones while students are on school site. Students are asked to turn off their phones and put them away after the final morning bell and are only allowed to use their phones after the final bell of the day as they leave.

Students going to after school clubs and activities are permitted to use their phones on the school site after 4.00pm. Outside of lessons, time before school, at break and lunchtimes is important for socialising and meeting friends; we want to encourage students to talk to their friends rather than being attached to their mobile phones. If a student needs to contact their parent/carer, they should go to student support where they will be allowed to ring home.

Should you need to contact your son or daughter, please contact the school office and we will get a message to the student. Unfortunately at times parents try to contact students directly which causes their phone to go off during lessons, resulting in the student having their phone confiscated as per school policy. Students are in school to learn and should not be distracted from this, hence we ask that you do not contact them directly during the school day.



## TERM DATES 2020-21

### AUTUMN TERM

First Day of Term Thursday 3 September - Transition Day for Years 7 and 12  
Friday 4 September - Term starts for Years 8-11 and 13

Half Term Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October

Last Day of Term Friday 18 December

### SPRING TERM

First Day of Term Tuesday 5 January

Half Term Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February

Last Day of Term Thursday 1 April

### SUMMER TERM

First Day of Term Monday 19 April

Half Term Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June

Last Day of Term Friday 16 July

### Staff Training Days

Tuesday 1 September 2020  
Wednesday 2 September 2020  
Friday 2 October 2020  
Monday 4 January 2021  
Friday 30 April 2021

### Bank Holidays in Term Time

Monday 3 May 2021

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## LAR PERFORMING ARTS TRING

**TUESDAYS**  
TRING COMMUNITY CENTRE

**AGES 4-6**  
Mini Drama - 4:00-4:30pm  
Mini Singing - 4:30-5:00pm  
Mini Dance - 5:00-5:30pm

**AGES 7-11**  
Junior Performing Arts (Singing/Dancing/Acting) - 4:30-6:30pm

**THURSDAYS**  
NEW MILL BAPTIST CHURCH

**AGES 8-16**  
Pop Choir - 5:30-7:00pm

For more information on how to audition for our Pop Choir, please visit our website.

**FRIDAYS**  
NEW MILL BAPTIST CHURCH

**AGES 4-7**  
Street Dance - 3:45-4:15pm

**AGES 8-16**  
Street Dance - 4:15-5:00pm

**SATURDAYS**  
NEW MILL BAPTIST CHURCH

**AGES 3-5**  
Mini Performing Arts - 2:00-3:00pm (Singing/Dancing/Acting)

**AGES 6-8**  
Junior Performing Arts - 2:00-3:00pm (Singing/Dancing/Acting)

**AGES 9-12**  
Inter Singing - 2:00-3:00pm  
Inter Drama - 3:00-4:00pm  
Inter Dance - 4:00-4:30pm

**AGES 13-16**  
Senior Dance - 3:00-4:00pm  
Senior Drama - 4:00-5:00pm  
Senior Singing - 5:00-6:00pm

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