

JOHN COLET SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

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NEWSLETTER

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A half termly update from the Head of Sixth Form & our Head Student Team

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Have a great Christmas Holiday

We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

External Speakers

-On the 10th of November, the sixth form were visited by an external speaker, Ben, who led a session on gambling. Ben spoke to the cohort about his own personal experience with gambling and very openly shared the impact that his gambling addiction had on his life and those in it. To help us notice when someone is struggling with an addiction, Ben explained the CAGE acronym.

C = Cut down (the individual wants to cut down on their bad habit but can't seem to)

A = Annoyed (at criticisms surrounding how much they do that activity)

G = Guilty (the individual blames themselves for their addiction / the hurt / not being able to stop)

E = Eye-opener (the individual feels the need to have / do the activity first thing in the morning)

Ben informed both year groups on the damage that a gambling addiction can have on one's life and shared all the different ways in which they can receive help, or you can help someone you know with an addiction.

-On the 20th of October Sudhir Tailor, spoke to both Year 12 and 13 in the hall during our Cit-Com lesson. He is a Humanist, and came to discuss what Humanism is, what it means to be a Humanist, and how one becomes a Humanist. Broadly, Humanism is a non-religious belief that trusts scientific method when it comes to understanding how the world works and rejects the idea of the supernatural. Humanists, make their ethical decisions based on reason and empathy.

For more information visit:

<https://humanists.uk/humanism/>

Remembrance Day

A big thank you to our head students: Freddie, Katie, Ewan and Fleur for laying a wreath on behalf of John Colet at the Wendover Remembrance Day parade.



"It was an honour and a privilege to represent the school and it was lovely to see the community come together to remember those who fought for our country in various conflicts"

The Head Student Team

World Challenge

Over the summer both former Year 12 and 13s went to Morocco on World Challenge. It has been amazing to hear all of the brilliant stories from their travels and see all of the fantastic photos as well. Well done to everyone who took part and a big thank you to the teachers who helped to organise this.



Year 12 Car Safety Trip

On the 8th of November Year 12 travelled to the Wycombe Swan for the 'Safe Drive, Stay Alive' presentation. Here students heard from members of the Emergency services who have responded to many crashes across Buckinghamshire and family members of individuals who have unfortunately passed away in accidents as teenagers. It was a hard-hitting and informative presentation and reminded those Year 12s, who are beginning to drive, to always drive safely.



PARENTS/CARERS OF YEAR 12

-Please see your emails for an update on attendance expectations for Year 12 between the 4th and 12th of January.

- A reminder to please support your child finding their work experience placement. Work experience forms must be completed by the 1st of February on Unifrog. Year 10's are also on their work experience at the same time and snapping up lots of exciting opportunities early on, so I would encourage students to begin looking sooner rather than later in order to successfully gain a placement in their ideal field. Mrs Sincore has posted some really exciting opportunities both work experience on Google classroom so please ensure your child is checking on there.

PARENTS/CARERS OF YEAR 13

-Congratulations to all students who completed their UCAS applications before Christmas!

-A reminder that Mocks start the day students return from Christmas break. I am sure that students have created efficient revision timetables to make best of use their time, but please ensure that your child does take some down time to relax and enjoy the festivities in order to ensure they are well rested for the next term.

