



**“Through hard work, inspiration, mutual respect and enjoyment, we will achieve success together.”**

**February 2018**

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### **Term Dates**

School finishes at:  
2.55 pm on Thursday 29 March 2018 and  
Re-opens on:  
Monday 16 April 2018

### **Vacancies**

We have 3 current job vacancies. Please see our website for more information.

### **Items for Sale**

Good quality Men's/ Boy's shoes, size 8, ideal for Prom, worn once: £15.

Boys M&S smart black trousers, 36" waist, 33" leg, never worn: £6

### **Note from Headteacher**

Thank you to parents who completed a survey at the recent parents' evenings. 76 were completed by Year 11 parents and 115 by parents of Year 8 students. The top 5 positive issues on the Year 11 survey were:

My child feels safe at JCS  
My child is happy at JCS  
My child receives appropriate homework for their age  
I receive valuable information from JCS about my child's progress  
My child is well looked after at JCS

And the top 5 for Year 8:

My child is happy at JCS  
My child feels safe at JCS  
My child is well looked after at JCS  
My child makes good progress at JCS  
My child is taught well at JCS

The comments of the school's strengths and areas for improvement were also very helpful. From these surveys the issue that we need to work hardest to improve is 'JCS ensures the pupils are well behaved' and this will be an area of focus in the coming months.

In the week before half term I met with a number of students regarding the relatively high number of behaviour slips they had accumulated and made clear that the school would not tolerate this persistent disruptive behaviour and that exclusion would follow.

At the end of this half term the process will be repeated to ensure that the message is getting through.

On the other hand it was a pleasure to write letters of congratulations to the top students in Years 7-11 who had the best Attitude to Learning score of their year group based on the most recent data provided by members of staff. The school will be moving to more of a rewards culture in the future where we celebrate these achievements on a regular basis.

**Mr Patrick Harty**





### RE Trip to Oxford—Years 10 and 11

On a crisp cold January morning, Mrs Fanchi, Mr Lewry and I took 56 students from Year 10 and 11 to Oxford to explore religious beliefs and practices in the Jewish and Buddhist faiths. The aim was to consolidate student understanding to enhance their GCSE studies in RE.

After a non – eventful journey to Oxford, we arrived at the Jewish Congregation Synagogue on the Richmond Road. There students were welcomed into the Synagogue. What makes this Synagogue so unique is that it is used by both Reform and Orthodox Jews for worship on Shabbat, often coming together at the end of the services to share in a drink and conversation. After a brief revision session about the beginnings of the Jewish faith students were then enlightened further into practices within the Synagogue. Our speaker, Mike, pointed out the various features of the Synagogue and explained the reason for various practices.

In contrast to this the students were then taken across Oxford to explore Buddhist teachings and practices. To show that worship can take place anywhere, students were taken to a Buddhist Vihara (Vihara meaning monastery). As we pulled up outside students did look a little concerned as it looked like a house from the outside. On entry students removed their shoes and then went into the worship room. There they met two monks, one from Tibet and one from Nepal who are in Oxford as part of their training. They explained their daily patterns in terms of meditation, reflection and when they can eat. Students were very respectful to this being a monastery, although it is not a conventional one.

### The Ryman National Enterprise Challenge 2018

This year the winning team from our year 9 cohort were 'Hop into class'. This year the students had to design a new back to school campaign for Ryman the stationery shop. This involved designing the marketing materials and presenting these to an esteemed panel of judges including the Head Teacher.

**The winning group will now represent the school nationally in the final of the competition for a chance to make their project idea a reality; here is their account of the day:**

The day was very exciting and challenging it encouraged us to work better as a team and tested our abilities. Emily was the project manager.

We split the team into different roles to ensure we met the tight time deadlines of the project; Em and Jenny created our poster, Issie worked on our online website and Lottie and Meghan helped with all the other design tasks.

As a group we created our script for our presentation and the jingle that we would have to perform if our idea was judged to be good enough for the afternoon presentations. We so wanted to share our idea that we practiced throughout our lunch break!

When our group were finally called although we were nervous we used our nerves to create positive energy and gave a really good presentation of our idea.

Our names were called out by the judges and we were so excited. We can't wait to go to the finals in Telford now that they are only a hop, skip and jump away. By: Lotteke, Jenny, Emily, Meghan, Issie and Em.

Mr Adams pictured below:



## Loughborough Student from Aylesbury takes on Everest Base Camp for Meningitis:

Ex-student of the John Colet, Jake Fitzgerald is taking on Everest for a great cause:-

I am a student at Loughborough University and when I started in September, I signed up for a challenge. I did this to push myself, take myself out of my comfort zone and to support something bigger than my own goals. The challenge requires me to raise a total of £2,940 in support of The Meningitis Research Foundation after which I will then trek the Everest Base Camp (at a height of 5,380 metres). The date for the trip is 4th September 2018 and I will be completing the trek alongside a group of Loughborough students who are also pushing themselves to make a difference.

The Meningitis Research Foundation work tirelessly in hope to see a world that is free from Meningitis and Septicaemia. The infection can disable and even kill people instantly. It affects people all over the world, with localised areas such as in Africa experiencing regular epidemics - in West Africa, 1996, an outbreak caused an estimated 250,000 cases resulting in 25,000 deaths and despite the progress being made, these outbreaks are still occurring today and causing suffering. Young teenagers and students are also among the high-risk groups. Therefore, to help achieve the vision of 'A world free from meningitis and septicaemia' I am aiming to raise funds for the charity - all funds raised will be in sponsorship of my Mt Everest Climb.

To donate please visit my page at – <https://lsu-everest-2018.everydayherp.com/uk/my-everest-climb-for-meningitis>

Thank you. Jake



## Intermediate Maths Challenge:

On Thursday 1 February, students from schools across the UK competed in the UK Mathematics Trust's Intermediate Maths Challenge. Twenty of John Colet's best mathematicians in Year 10 and 11 took part in this event. The questions that they tackled were extremely challenging, often requiring them to think outside the box and really draw upon their problem solving skills.

This year's results are fantastic; special congratulations must go to James, Year 11, who achieved the best result in the school and also the prestigious Silver award only awarded to students in the top 20% in the country!

The following students must also be highly commended for achieving a Silver award: Theo, Year 11, Phoebe Year 10, Ewan Year 10, Sam Year 10 and these students for achieving the Bronze Award: Tom Year 11, Marisa Year 11, Tom Year 11, Rosie Year 10 and Kate Year 10. Well done, this is an incredible achievement.

Thank you to everyone who took part and Miss Elliott for help with invigilating.

Nat Stow, Mathematics Department



## **SIXTH FORM NEWS**

It has been a busy term for our Sixth Form students with the Sales Challenge day for Year 12, the Careers Fair and mock exams for Year 13.

May I take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of Sixth Form students that the Parents' Evening is due to take place on Thursday 8 March. Year 12 and Year 13 students have had recent reminders regarding the sixth form dress code, which is available on the school website, and it is important that they adhere to these expectations at all times. Our Sixth Form students set the tone and act as role models for the lower school and it is important that they demonstrate the highest standards of dress and conduct.

### **Sales Challenge**

Miss Clarke hosted a Sales Challenge day which was led by local business representatives from Shirley Parsons Associates for our Year 12 students. The task on the day was to design a promotional campaign for our school. The winning team will be spending a day based at the Aylesbury office where they will learn more about the operational side of the business as well as benefiting from guidance from professionals who will help them develop their final presentation. This presentation will be delivered at Pinewood Studios in April - we wish them luck at this event as they represent our school. Thank you to Rosie and her team from Shirley Parsons Associates for running the day in school and for offering the winning team their time and expertise.

### **Careers Fair**

25 Exhibitors from colleges, universities, businesses and training providers were in attendance at John Colet School for the 2018 Careers Fair on Wednesday 7 February. We were privileged to have a wide range of opportunities on offer and I would like to extend my thanks to all the exhibitors who came to meet our students and explore career options with them. Students from Year 10-Year 13 were involved and, alongside the free pens and sweets (!), many students came away enthused, excited and impressed with the diversity of choice available to them. I hope it has provided many students with ideas and inspiration for their futures.

### **World Challenge**

Our World Challenge team are continuing to fundraise to support their expedition to Nepal which is taking place in July. They have attended parents evenings and school events selling delicious cakes and biscuits and have hosted fun events for the lower school; the Christmas disco was a great success and enjoyed by Year 7 and Year 8. If anyone would like to make a donation towards their exciting adventures in Nepal, please contact me at school. The team will be working with local communities in Nepal on local projects as well as undertaking a challenging trek to the summit of Poon Hill; a test of endurance for sure!

Mrs Fanchi

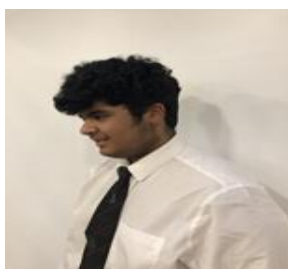
## **10C MAD Week**

On Friday 26 January Anuj from 10C arranged to have his head shaved to raise money for a charity very close to his heart – Addenbrookes Hospital Liver Transplant Unit.

Students were charged admission to enter the Lecture Theatre at the beginning of lunch to see Anuj lose his hair and the atmosphere was very supportive and exciting! Within ten minutes, Anuj was bald, but had raised a fantastic £173!

Many thanks to Rebecca Martin, the hairdresser, who kindly gave up her time to come to school and shave Anuj's head.

Well done Anuj!





## **Safeguarding**

### **Help keep your children safe online**

The internet is a fantastic place for young people to learn, play and socialise but it's vital that they're aware of its dangers and how to stay safe.

Here's a few tips to help your child stay safe online:

Make sure your child knows what personal information is and that they're [share aware](#)

Ensure you understand the social media your child is using. If you don't know your *Roblox* from your *Snapchat* or are getting in a *Twitch* trying to keep on top of the social media networks your child is using, visit the [Net Aware website](#)

Follow the NSPCC's TEAM approach:

**T**alk – to your child/children about staying safe online, what worries them and you about them being online, the emotional aspects of social media (jealousy, self-esteem etc.)

**E**xplore their online world together

**A**gree rules about what is ok and not

**M**anage parental controls on all your family's devices.

**R**epeat – make it part of everyday life

If you need help setting up parental controls, adjusting privacy settings or need advice on social networks call the free O2 & NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5002.

If you fall victim to cyber crime or experience an attempted scam report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or visit [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk).

For more information and advice visit [www.thamesvalley.police.uk/pyw](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/pyw).

## **Note re: Medical Appointments**

We appreciate that it is not always possible to book medical appointments outside of the school day but would like to remind parents and carers of the school procedure should you need to take your child out of school for an appointment:

*Please supply the school with confirmation of any appointment in writing or by email and preferably with a copy of the appointment letter prior to the appointment;*

*Please ask your child to sign out with Matron and then wait to be collected by their parent/carer;*

*If returning to school on the same day the student will need to sign back in with Matron in the first instance.*

With over 1,000 students in school if your son/daughter has a medical appointment during break or lunchtime it is highly unlikely that we will be able to locate them if they do not remember themselves.

If the appointment is during a lesson time, it is the student's responsibility to excuse themselves from their lesson and come down and sign out with Matron in time for their collection. If they do forget the office can send a student to collect them but this can sometimes cause a delay if the student is undertaking another job somewhere in the school building.



## Trip to the BBC

On the 26 February 2018, eight 6th form students embarked on a exciting trip to the BBC Newsroom in London!!! Luckily, we were allowed to leave school early so we could get the train from Wendover. We left school, in the FREEZING cold and made our way to the station!

Once at the BBC, we were led to a balcony viewing an immense amount of desks with people typing all over the place and watching big screens, little screens, all showing live broadcasts! Over 8,000 people work for the BBC News in London, and the building usually houses 5,000 of these at one time!

The masses of desks we could see, were divided into sections; domestic news, foreign news, BBC App and on line news and many more. It was surprisingly calm, although we were told that it often gets very busy when a big news story breaks. The biggest story on that day, was the snow!

We saw the production rooms where the people wrote the teleprompters and the news ticker that runs along the bottom of the screen. We watched them producing the news that was being broadcast as we speak. We could see the news presenter in the studio delivering the news LIVE as we were there. If you watched carefully, you may have seen us in the background!

We were shown where the journalists and editors cut and made their presentations in the editing suites and were told about all the different types of programmes that they use to make this happen.

We also had a technical tour where we were taken to the basement! Deep below the 8 storey building we were shown rooms and rooms of wires! Even purple ones!! Down here there was also a robot which we could see retrieving archived film (similar to a vending machine but bigger and for old footage!). This could be controlled from anywhere in the BBC network, not just London!

Although most of us struggled to understand why the wires were there, what they did or how the tech worked- the tour made us appreciate the amount of work that goes on behind-the-scenes at the BBC and the masses of people that edit, process and create stories so we can sit comfortably at home in our PJs watching the news every day!

It was an amazing trip which we were immensely lucky to go on thanks to kind offer from one of our Year 13 parents and the organisation by Mrs Abslom.

Emma 6P





## Girls Active

Girls Active is an initiative put in place by Youth Sports Trust to encourage young girls to participate within physical activity regardless of the current stereotypes that exist around females in sport.



Our aim is to involve **EVERY** female within the school to come and join in with at least ONE of the sessions available (pupils and staff). The sessions are open to **ALL** year groups, including sixth formers. (However, sixth formers can be coaches/leaders if they wish. Please see Miss Darvill if interested.

Sessions will run in **TUTOR PERIOD, every red week**. However, if your daughter wants to participate in the activity put in place for that day/tutor period she will **HAVE** to be quick to sign up as places are **LIMITED! (100 females only per session if ran in school. If ran externally there are only 14 places available!)**.

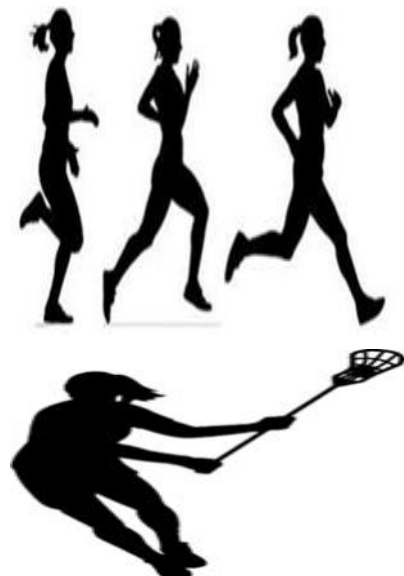
**If they turn up on the day and their name isn't on the sign up sheet they will be sent back to their form for tutor period!!!**

However, if they aren't quick enough to sign up for activities that are taking place during tutor period then don't panic...because after school sessions will be run **EVERY WEDNESDAY from 3-4pm** and for these sessions **ANYONE (FEMALES ONLY) CAN JUST TURN UP and have FUN and feel good about themselves**. The activities will take place in the **Sports Hall**.

### A-Z of Sports on Offer:

A: Aerobics, B: Boxing, C: Cheerleading, D: Dance, E: Equestrian, F: Fencing, G: Go-Karting, H: HIT Training, I: Ice Skating, J: Jiu-Jitsu, K: Kayaking, L: Lacrosse, M: Mini Golf, N: Nine Pin Bowling, O: Obstacle Course, P: Pole Fitness, Q: Quidditch, R: Rock Climbing, S: Skiing, T: Top Golf, U: UV Tennis, V: Volleyball, W: Water Polo, X: XC Climbing, Y: Yoga, Z: Zumba.

After your **FIRST** appearance at Girls Active 'A-Z' of Sport, you will receive a **STICKER**.  
After **FIVE** appearances at Girls Active 'A-Z' of Sport you will receive a **BADGE**.  
After **TEN** appearances at Girls Active 'A-Z' of Sport you will receive a **T-SHIRT**.  
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# BML PERSONAL TRAINING



## Exercise class Time Table

### Mondays;

9.30am – 10.30am – **Pilates** with Debbie at Renew Pilates.

1.45pm – 2.45pm – **20 20 20**

8.30pm – 9.30pm – **Pilates** with Maddie at JM Pilates

### Tuesday;

6am – 6.45am – **Commuters Circuit Class**

9.30am – 10.30 am – **Clear Cut Core**

11am – 12.30pm – **50 + Low impact exercise & coffee Morning**

7.30pm – 8.30pm – **Man Alive** with Dan. (Men's only)

### Wednesday;

9.30am – 10.30am – **Pilates** with Debbie at Renew Pilates.

12.15pm – 12.45pm – **lunchtime HIIT**

7.30pm – 8.30pm – **Step up and Hit**

### Thursday;

6am – 6.45am – **Body conditioning Circuits.**

9.30am – 10.30 am – **Postnatal fitness Class**

7.15pm – 8pm – **HIIT Boxing**

### Friday;

9.30am – 10.30 am – **Ladies that Lift**

12.15pm – 12.45pm – **combat HIIT** with Vicky

### Saturday;

9.00am – 10.00am – **Body blast boot camp**

Contact Emma on 07969433351 for more details or to book yourself onto a class.



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1:2 Personal Training - £50

1:3 Personal Training - £60

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# RAFFLE

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1st Prize – Glamping 3 nights stay in the Bugail Hut  
Hide at St Donats [www.hide.wales](http://www.hide.wales)

2nd Prize – Bottle of Champagne

3rd Prize – Family entry to the Aston Clinton Beer Festival



**TICKETS £1.00 Each**

All proceeds to the school





# **AGES 3-15**

# **TUESDAYS &**

# **SATURDAYS**

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