

John Colet Sixth Form Newsletter

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A Warm Welcome from the Head of Sixth Form, Head Students and Prefect Team

As we wrap up another successful term, we're excited to share the latest updates and achievements from our vibrant Sixth Form community. This will highlight the hard work, dedication and accomplishments of our students and staff.

Wishing you all a fantastic summer filled with sunshine and joy. Enjoy the well-deserved break!

We're thrilled to introduce our new PR prefects, who will be writing and curating the Sixth Form newsletter with fresh ideas and enthusiasm. Get ready for insightful updates and engaging content from this talented team!

*(Kayleigh 12B / Emily 12C /
Tobi 12C / Mia 12A)*



On the 6th of June, our Year 12 students got a fantastic opportunity to visit the University of Hertfordshire. This taster trip was designed to give them a glimpse of university life and help them make informed decisions about their future educational paths. During the visit, students toured the campus, explored the vast array of facilities and attended insightful sessions on various academic programs. The university staff warmly welcomed the John Colet students and other schools of sixth formers there, providing valuable insights into the courses, extracurricular activities, and support services available.

Students also had the chance to participate in interactive workshops, which showcased the hands-on learning approach the university prides itself on. These sessions not only highlighted the academic experience, but also the vibrant campus life that makes the University of Hertfordshire a dynamic place to study. By the end of the day, our students left with a clearer understanding of university expectations and a renewed sense of excitement for their post-sixth form journey. This trip has undoubtedly inspired many to consider their next steps and motivated them to work towards achieving their academic and career goals.

**University of
Hertfordshire** **UH**

This summer, we bid a fond farewell to the Year 13 class of 2024, wishing them all the very best in their future endeavours. Whether you are heading to university, starting an apprenticeship, or entering the working world, we wish you every success. You have all worked incredibly hard, and the entire John Colet community is immensely proud of you!

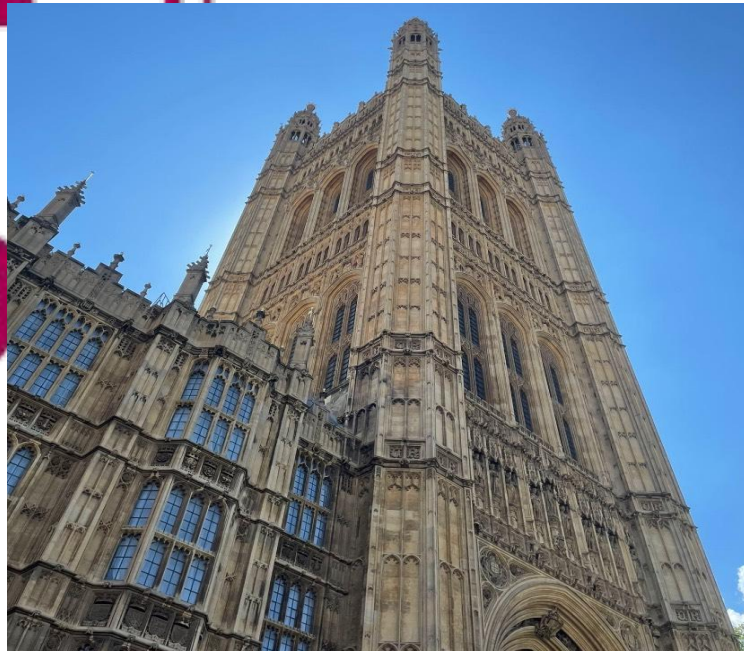
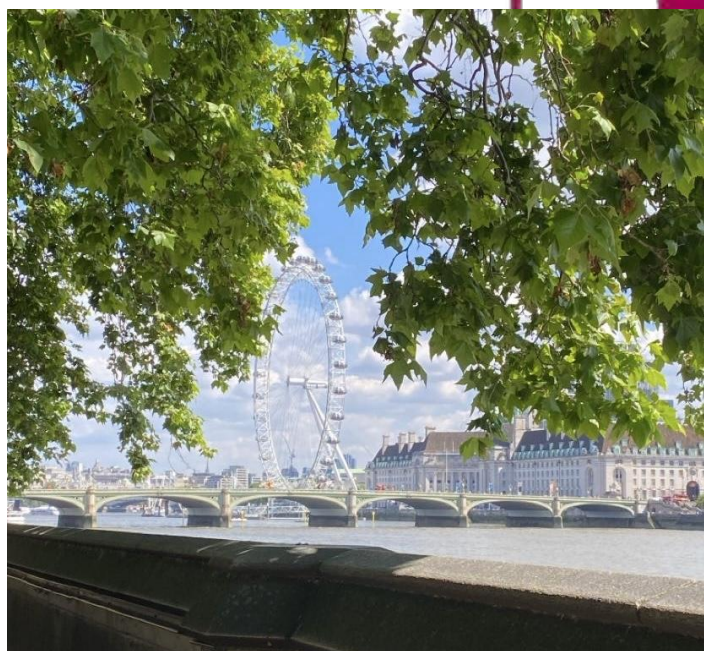


Year 13 Leavers Day



Y12 trip to Houses of Parliament

On the 21st of June, our Year 12 history and politics students set out to Westminster Palace for a guided tour of the intricate architecture inside building, as well as the fascinating history behind it. Students were given the opportunity to enter the House of Commons and the House of Lords, in addition to walking the steps taken by His Majesty The King and previous monarchs during the State Opening of Parliament. Despite Parliament itself being dissolved due to the election, students were able to leave with a clearer understanding of the inner workings of our government, gaining first hand knowledge of the constitutional monarchy and Members of Parliament.



The year 12 biology students had an exciting day, going out in the field to investigate the natural world. Each individual was doing their own chosen investigation on how different aspects of the environment affect other things. They conducted tests in labs for data like light intensity, temperature, PH etc in order to form a conclusion and write a report of their findings of their tests.



Y12 Biology Field Day



The year 12 students spent a week doing a work experience of their choice. The experiences ranged from, working at a museum, a care home, science labs, sales etc. Many people found the experience very informative, even if it wasn't in their chosen future field. Through this students were able to pick up on transferable skills and become more comfortable in a work environment. This valuable experience will be a great asset to their CV and personal statement they are currently creating.

"I had enjoyed working in a care home very much and I felt like I was in my own home by the fourth day. And the environment is so peaceful and calm and very beautiful. The employees who worked with me and the residents who I had to spend my time with, treated me very kindly. Employees always guided me and they encouraged me a lot."

Thidasna, 12C



Work Experience

"I enjoyed connecting with people and being in a lively, people-full environment that required me to work at a range of different paces, reacting to unpredictable circumstances. This motivated me to do my best all week. I exposed myself to skills and experiences that are fundamental when solidifying myself with any future career path. I felt that my time was very fulfilling and I learned a lot of skills in detail which meant I made the most of my time there and have potentially landed myself some part-time work at my placement in the near future."

Evie, 12B

Year 13 Prom

This year, the year 13 students at John Colet School had an unforgettable time at their final JCS prom, held at Waddesdon Village Hall. Students and their plus-ones arrived in style at the venue on a very hot summer's night. The atmosphere was buzzing as everyone danced to their favourite songs, and enjoyed a BBQ. Thanks to the Prom Committee for organising a fantastic night to remember.

Don't forget to stay in touch Y13 - we'd love to hear how you are getting on!



Cit Com Speakers

On the 21st of June, Year 12 students had the privilege of attending a session with two enthusiastic and informative speakers from the Terrence Higgins Trust, the UK's leading HIV and sexual health charity. Traveling from London, Sue and Phil shared their expertise and experiences, offering invaluable insights into living with HIV and maintaining good sexual health.

Sue and Phil's eye-opening talk highlighted the importance of understanding the risks associated with HIV and other STIs. They emphasized that a healthy and fulfilling life is possible with proper management and care. The session was both surprising and educational, covering how to avoid, protect against, and treat STIs. The speakers also stressed the significance of being safe and open about sexual health, equipping students with the knowledge they need to make informed decisions.

Terrence HIGGINS TRUST



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Diversity week (starting from the 1st of July) was packed full of amazing and exciting activities to celebrate the differences between all the people in our community. During Monday break and lunch there was a badge give-away and hand painting activity where people from all years had the opportunity to put their handprint on a poster that will be displayed in the languages corridor.

On Tuesday lunch, a special picnic was set up involving a live concert from the ukulele club (with fun music while they were taking a break performing) and rainbow face painting. Finally, on Friday there was a bake sale set up during break and lunch, selling cookies, cupcakes, brownies and some gluten free treats. Most of the money raised will go towards a local LGBTQ+ charity (Aylesbury community pride) and the rest towards next years diversity week. If you want support, either speak to your form tutor, head of year, trusted adult or Leanne Parrott, You can find the Ally group during Monday early lunch time.

JCS Diversity Week 2024



Celebrate your pride the week of 1st-5th July

*Rainbow cakes sale • Live performances • Badge giveaway •
Food around the world, available at the canteen • Face painting*

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Mrs Doyle and year 12 volunteers were busy lunchtime and break time on the 2nd and 3rd of July selling old English books. The genres ranged from poetry to exciting fantasy such as Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief or the famous dystopian series: The Hunger Games. All of the books were extremely cost effective by selling at 50p each so that anyone would be able to buy them. The money raised has gone towards the English block in order to help raise funds for a better learning experience within English.

Parents and carers of Year 12

The summer break is a good time to research university courses and apprenticeships and you may wish to book a university open day for the autumn term. Students should also be finalising their personal statements, ahead of applying to UCAS in the autumn. We hope everyone has an enjoyable summer holiday and arrives refreshed and recharged for Year 13 in September.

Parents and carers of Year 13

We hope everyone is enjoying a fun-filled summer following their A Level examinations. Remember, students are invited to attend school between 9am and 11am on Thursday 15 August to collect their exam results. We really hope that everyone receives the results they desire, but it is worth familiarising yourselves with the UCAS clearing process should you need a Plan B. Good luck everyone!

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