

JOHN COLET SIXTH FORM NEWSLETTER

JULY 2025

YEAR 12S JOIN UP FOR ARMY LIFE!

The Army visited in June to give us hands-on experience of military training. We were all not quite sure what to expect. The day started with an introduction from a few soldiers, who explained what they do in the Army, the range of jobs across the field and how fitness is a big part of army life. We all took part in multiple different activities, for example: physical fitness which included climbing under nets, teambuilding exercises getting from one side to the other of a river using planks and lastly medical training. It was hot and tiring for some, but it was fun and good to get first-hand experience of what life in the army could be like.

Ella, 12C



GEOGRAPHERS GO WILD



The Geography trip to Slapton was brilliant. We spent every day down at the beach collecting data for our NEA, but also enjoying the time away. The facilities and resources the Field Studies Council had for us at their centre were brilliant, and have helped us massively. We spent most evenings down on the beach enjoying the weather with a campfire, with a friendly seal coming by to say hello. A big thank you to both Mrs Kelly and Miss Davies for the opportunity and the experience. Ethan, 12A

GOOD TIMES ON GOLD D OF E

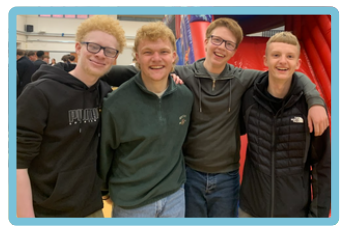
We had an amazing but wet time in the Elan Valley for our five day Gold D of E qualifier expedition. The weather was not in our favour for most of it with pounding rain and wind from mid Friday through to late Sunday evening. It was an experience none of us will forget, especially those who were stuck thigh deep in the bogs and then had to be saved by other groups. As much as the weather wasn't ideal, we still had a great time and found enjoyment in the challenge and the camaraderie of the group.

Luke, 12B



YEAR 13 LEAVERS

This summer we say goodbye to the Year 13 class of 2025, wishing them all the best in their future endeavours, whether that is university, an apprenticeship or employment. After all your hard months of revision, we hope you are enjoying a well-earned break before your results arrive!



GOOD LUCK CLASS OF 2025!

PRODUCT DESIGN IS LONDON BOUND

As part of our design course, we attended two trips to London, looking at different things. The first trip, with Mr Brand, focussed on the architecture around London, taking us on a walk through central areas, such as Bond Street, Westminster and Saint Pauls. We also visited the V&A museum, which helped us get an understanding of materials, how things are made, but also the history of design and how it changes internationally. Our second trip, with Mr Richardson, focussed on professional industry. We visited the New Designers conference, where university graduates were showing

off their work. We also visited the WSP office in Holbourne, gaining an insight into the industry. We also visited a VR experience, showing how modern technology can be used for entertainment and historic preservation.

Ethan, 12A



WORK EXPERIENCE FOR YEAR 12S

It was fantastic to see so many of our Year 12s out on work experience in June. Students had sourced some excellent placements, from law firms to hospital wards. Four of our A Level Maths students were lucky enough to gain a week's experience at the UK headquarters of global mapping technology company ESRI.

'At ESRI, we had meetings with each department and they walked us through their role in the company and what other departments they were linked to. My personal favourite part was when we shadowed Tech Support Employees and got to see them solve complex problems in real time.' Oliver K, 12B

'I learnt how the workplace functions, including how people at work communicate, and how people take responsibility for getting tasks done. It was good to learn about the specific education and training routes taken by employees.' Ajay, 12C

'I rotated through many teams, developing both technical and soft skills including communication, logical thinking and working in partners and as a team. I really enjoyed it, as it gave me an insight into working with technology in the real world.' Oliver D, 12A



EXTERNAL SPEAKERS

We have been lucky enough to welcome multiple external speakers to JCS Sixth Form this summer term.

These have included Group Captain Davies OBE, who spoke to Y12s about his role in Operation Morlop, being in charge of decontaminating Salisbury after the Novichok attack. We also welcomed Dr Whiston from Oxford University and Dr Alex Carter from Cambridge University who debated the role of ethics in AI. The debate was hosted by Andy Kind and recorded for the Unbelievable Podcast series.

Maisie Mullins from Sheffield University also visited to talk to Y12s about applying to Russell Group universities & the UCAS process.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW
HEAD STUDENTS ELECTED FOR
2025/26 - GEORGE, ETHAN, LUKE,
JOELY & ILSA**

Sixth Formers past, present and future came together to raise funds for Refuge, a charity which helps victims of domestic violence. The amazing **12 Hour Ultimate Frisbee** challenge raised over £650. Well done!



SIXTH FORM 5-A-SIDE POST MATCH REVIEW

By Ollie D , representing KFC Kings along with Blake, Henry & Ben

They said that the game was gone... that it couldn't go on like this. BUT IT CAN! Today's Sixth Form 5-A-Side was filled with insane plays, some good (and bad) tackles, and some questionable refereeing. In the end only one team could come out on top, and without a single shadow of doubt it was the KFC KINGS!!! We won all but 1 match (a 1-1 draw of course), making it to the semis, to the finals, before winning it all - with only 4 players as well! A huge well played to everyone else, but I guess you couldn't compare against the undefeated Kings.

A massive well done and thank you to Fraser and Freddie for organising the 5-A-Side tournament



UNIVERSITY OF HERTS TRIP

Many of our Year 12s made the trip to the University of Hertfordshire Open Day in June to discover what university life could offer. During the day the students toured the campus and attended a variety of live subject taster sessions and masterclasses. These reflected the multitude of subjects available to study and included optical illusions in art, International Relations and how to become a paramedic. Students came away with a clearer understanding of the opportunities that studying for a degree at university can offer. More university open days are taking place across the country during the autumn term and we advise you to visit some if you are applying to UCAS.



CULTURE DAY

It was fantastic to see our sixth formers embracing the school's inaugural Culture Day, wearing cultural dress and bringing food to the lunchtime celebrations.

PARENTS AND CARERS OF YEAR 12

The summer break is a good opportunity for students to rest and recharge...it's also a chance to reorganise notes and revise any Year 12 content they might have missed. The summer holidays provide plenty of time to research university courses and apprenticeships and you may wish to book university open days for the autumn term. Students should also be finalising their personal statements following feedback from form tutors, ahead of applying to UCAS in the autumn.

PARENTS AND CARERS OF YEAR 13

We hope everyone is enjoying a relaxed summer break following all their hard work for their A Level examinations. Students are invited to attend school between **9am and 10am on Thursday 14 August** to collect their exam results. We have our fingers crossed for everyone, but It is worth familiarising yourselves with the UCAS clearing process should you need a plan B. Good luck everyone!

GOODBYE FROM MRS BONSER, ASST TO HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

Many of you will know I am leaving my role as Assistant to Head of Sixth Form to begin as a Trainee Teacher at JCS with the English Dept. It has been an absolute pleasure to get to know the students in Sixth Form and I wish you all the best for your future. I will miss telling you all to put your phones away! My replacement Mrs Cooke begins in September and will be your first point of contact for Sixth Form. Ms Fanchi is of course available at dfanchi@johncolet.co.uk. Have a great summer!