



"Through hard work, inspiration, mutual respect and enjoyment, we will achieve success together."

January 2018

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School Closes at :

Friday 9 February at 2.55 pm and re-opens on
Monday 19 February 2018

LOST PROPERTY

A plea from Matron:

We have numerous items of lost property including coats, odd shoes and trainers. If you are missing any, please come to Matron's Office - all unclaimed items will be disposed of after half term.

Thank You.

Note from Headteacher

In January I was delighted to finally take up the post of Headteacher. Since then I have been visiting classrooms, meeting with staff, attending meetings and getting to know some of the important contacts in the area. Each day I try to visit every teaching area in the school. I'm sure some of the students wonder why I only stay about a minute, well there are a lot of teaching areas in the school! I have been impressed by the students where they have shown a positive attitude to learning in class and taken responsibility for ensuring their behaviour is such that they are ready to learn and they allow others to learn. I have seen some examples of poor attitude, and I would always expect members of staff to challenge and issue consequences when this occurs, so that students are clear about the school's expectations.

At the Year 8 Options Evening I described the learning characteristics that are most commonly associated with successful students. These include:

Ambition - never settling for second best,

Self-Belief - having a growing mind set and a secure knowledge that a mistake is a learning experience,

Perseverance - sometimes known as resilience or 'grit' - never giving up, even if the learning seems difficult,

Independence - going the extra mile, working beyond what the teacher has set,

Reflection - taking account of feedback from the teacher and using this as a springboard for learning,

Effort - the magic ingredient that is impossible to measure, but students and staff always know when it is there.

Every academic year it is students demonstrating these learning characteristics that celebrate the greatest progress and go on to make a valuable contribution to society as well-rounded individuals.

For Years 11 and 13 this is a matter of urgency with the rapidly approaching final examinations. For other year groups the acquisition of these good learning habits will ensure future success. I look forward in the coming months to seeing students more and more committed to excellence in everything that they undertake.

At the parents' evenings this and next term, a short survey will be issued to allow me to gather parent views of how the school is working, including its strengths and areas for improvement. I hope that you will be able to take the time to complete the form to provide me with a really good picture of parent opinion.

Mr P Harty, Headteacher

Textiles: - a request for donations

All donations of fabrics, zips, buttons, embroidery or haberdashery items would be gratefully received by the Textiles Department.



Scholars Update 2018

The Year 8 Scholars have been working extremely hard to complete their 1,500 word dissertations for their PhD Tutor, and all successfully submitted these after the Christmas holidays! The Brilliant Club have written to me to state how impressed they have been with the quality of the work produced by our students, so a big well done to them! They will be getting their results on Wednesday 31 January when they have their final feedback session with their tutor. Graduation will follow on Saturday 3 March at Kings College, London. Further details will be supplied to parents in due course.



Year 8 University College, Oxford 2017



As one course comes to an end, another one begins...Year 10 students will be invited to apply to the Scholars Programme in February. This is an exciting opportunity for these students as I am sure with mock exams on the horizon, many of them are starting to think about University options and courses, and this Programme is specifically designed to help students understand what is involved in studying at the most selective universities in the UK. The Year 10 Programme will run after the mock exams, so will not interfere with any examinations. Therefore interested students should watch out for the launch assembly and get ready to develop their knowledge and academic skills!



Year 10 Class of 2017

Netball News

The Year 9 Netball team won their league on 23 January by beating Waddesdon which was fantastic!

In the Picture:

Miss Tallyn, Lola, Jenny, Ella, Freya, Zara, Alice (back row)

Emily, Alicia, Sophie, Isabel Miss Darvill (front row)

Not all of the girls are featured in the photo but all Year 9 netballers have been Amazing!



Year 8 Spelling Bee

The Spelling Bee went well and our nominees were brilliant. Such a brave thing to do and the 7s and 8s that were watching were very supportive.

My name is Louis and I was entered by my class to participate in the Year 8 Spelling Bee. When the Spelling Bee began I was extremely nervous. As the competition went on the words became increasingly hard, but I was becoming more confident. I started to enjoy it more and more but then I spelt a word wrong which did knock my confidence. My opponents and the crowd cheered me on making me feel much better. When I was finally knocked out of the competition I was proud of what I had achieved because everyone congratulated me which brought a smile to my face.

By Louis 8G

Results were:

In 1st Place: Grace Walker 8L
2nd Place: Lily O'Neill 8R
3rd Place: Jenny Walmsley 8G

Well done to the girls!

The term dates for 2018-19 have now been confirmed and are as follows:-

TERM DATES 2018-19

AUTUMN TERM

First Day of Term	Wednesday 5 September - Transition Day for Years 7,12 and 13 Thursday 6 September - Term starts for Years 8 - 11
Half Term	Monday 22 October - Friday 26 October
Last Day of Term	Friday 14 December (close at 12:15pm)

SPRING TERM

First Day of Term	Thursday 3 January
Half Term	Monday 18 February - Friday 22 February
Last Day of Term	Friday 5 April (close at 2:55pm)

SUMMER TERM

First Day of Term	Tuesday 23 April
Half Term	Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May
Last Day of Term	Friday 19 July (close at 12:15pm)

Staff Training Days

Monday 3 September 2018
Tuesday 4 September 2018
Friday 30 November 2018
Wednesday 2 January 2019

Bank Holidays in Term Time

Monday 6 May 2019

GCSE Books and Revision Guides for Sale

We have the following second hand books (not written in) in the school office for sale at £3.00 each :

Revision Guides:	GCSE Business Studies
	GCSE Biology, Physics and Chemistry
	Physical Education
	Mathematics and workbook and exam practice
	English Language
	An Inspector Calls - York Notes
	Graphic Products
	Computing

If you are interested, please speak to the School Office.


Polite Notice

Following concerns from local residents about the air quality around the school at peak traffic times, please be aware that stationary idling is an offence under section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

The Act enforces rule 123 of the Highway Code which states: "You must not leave a vehicle engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road."

Doing this can incur a £20 fixed-penalty fine under the Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) Regulations 2002. This goes up to £40 if unpaid within a given timeframe.

Please be considerate if you are waiting to collect your son or daughter.



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Kate Miller

Feel free to call, email or arrange a meeting. Phone: 01296 623348 ext 246. Email: familyliaison@johncolet.co.uk

Meet our Family Liaison Officer

Helping students and families engage in and enjoy school life at John Colet School. Helping parents to feel confident that school is looking after their child well.

What do I do? How can I help?

I am in school from 8.30—10.30 am each morning.

I speak with families and students to:

Encourage good attendance to enable students to learn effectively and get the most they can out of school.

Support families to identify challenges and to find ways to overcome these barriers to learning.

Encourage families to become active members of the school community. Share with you what is going well for your child at school.

Offer a friendly listening ear so you can share any concerns you may have.

Liaise with school staff to help find solutions.



Exercise Class Time Table

Monday:

9.30am - 10.30 am - Pilates with Debbie at Re-nu Pilates.

1.45 pm - 2.45pm—20 20 20

Tuesday:

6am - 6.45am - Commuters Circuit Class

9.30am - 10.30am - Clear Cut Core

11 am - 12.30pm - 50+ Low impact exercise and coffee morning

7.30pm - 8.30pm - Man Alive with Dan (Men's Only)

Wednesday:

9.30am - 10.30am - Pilates with Debbie at Re-nu Pilates.

1.45 - 2.45pm—20 20 20

7.30pm - 8.30pm - Step up and Hit

Thursday:

6am - 6.45am - Body Conditioning Circuits.

9.30am - 10.30am - Booty Camp (legs, bums and tums)

7.15pm - 8pm - HIIT Boxing

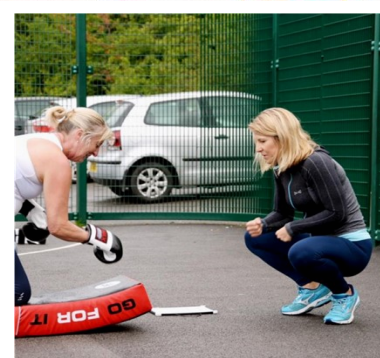
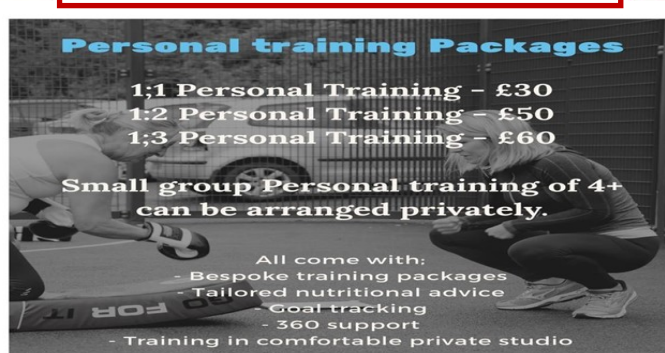
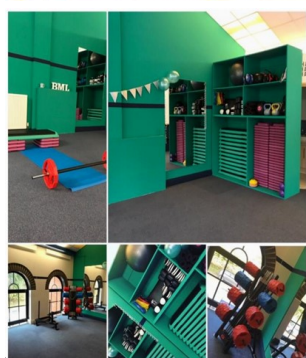
Friday:

9.30am - 10.30am—Ladies that Lift

Saturday:

9.00am - 10.00am - Body Blast Boot Camp

Contact Emma on 07969433351 for more details





Monday	7.30pm	Grange School, Aylesbury
Tuesday	7.30pm	Weston Turville School
Wednesday	7.30pm	Grange School, Aylesbury
	7.30pm	John Colet School Gym, Wendover
Thursday	7.30pm	Weston Turville School (Strength)
Friday	6.00pm	Bedgrove Junior School (Express & Strength)
Saturday	9.30am	Stoke Mandeville Combined School
Sunday	10.00am	Jubilee Hall, Bierton



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