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Note from the Headteacher

It is hard to believe that we are almost in the summer term already. As you will read in this newsletter students have been very busy this term developing either their academic progress (particularly Year 11 and Year 13 students in the final stages of revision for their exams) or in terms of character development (house events, trips, visits etc.). With so much going on it can be a challenge to ensure that parents are kept informed, so I thought it would be useful to summarise some of the communication channels which I hope are working for you:

1. Letters home - these will concern specific events relevant to a particular group of students e.g. Focus Week trips.
2. School Calendar - this is regularly updated on the school website, <https://www.johncolet.co.uk/whats-on/>.
3. Sports fixtures - given the number of these there is a separate calendar on the school website, <https://www.johncolet.co.uk/whats-on/sports-fixtures/>
4. The school Twitter account, @JohnColetSchool used to highlight upcoming events as well as celebrate student work and participation. There are a number of subject areas that use Twitter and the well-used @JCS_SixthForm.
5. Recently we have added an Instagram account, john_colet_school, again to highlight the work and experiences of our students.

Dates for your Diary:

5.04.19 - PTA non-uniform day and last day of term - finish at 12:15

23.04.19 - First day of term

3.05.19 Inset Day

May Half Term:

27 - 31 May 2019

If you feel the school could improve on its communication with parents please let me know so that we can make any changes required.

Another important Twitter account is @JohnColetPTA where you can follow the fundraising efforts of our dedicated parents. Many thanks to the PTA for the recent successful Race Night, which was very enjoyable though confirming my resolution that I will never make a living out of gambling. The next major event is a great opportunity to involve families in raising funds for the school while exercising - the Wendover Multi-Terrain Run (5k and 10k options)- on Sunday 9 June! Tickets now available to purchase at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/johncoletschoolpta/229958>. I hope that as many of you as possible can get involved to make this a real community event. The PTA funds raised to date have been used to good effect in transforming the back playground and is proving to be a very popular area for Key Stage 3 students at break and lunchtime. The imminent purchase of seating for this area will finish off an excellent project.

During the first half of the summer term we will be identifying priorities for the following academic year. Parent responses to the surveys issued at the parent consultation evenings feed directly into this process and I will be seeking the views of students via the School Council, but if parents have any other thoughts on ways to move the school forward please do not hesitate to make contact.

Technology Tournament

On Friday the 1 March, Mr Brand took graphic students to participate in a tournament set up by the Rotary Club. This year our objective was to build a crane and use a motor to make a reversible switch. This crane, had to be pushed along a ramp, under a bridge, pick up a container with a magnet, and take it back to the start. The level of difficulty varied for each level.

Compared to previous years, this was quite a challenge as all groups, from foundation to advanced, struggled. I found that making the reversible switch was the hardest as it wasn't something we had done before. As we made the model, we also had to create a portfolio, which included drawings and notes on how we created our crane.

Teamwork was key as the judges walked around throughout the day and asked us questions on what we were working on, and made notes on how well we were working. From what I could tell, all of the teams worked well and there weren't any bumps along the way. We had to learn what we were all good at and it gave us a chance to get to know some people we wouldn't usually know.

When it came to the results, John Colet came away with 3 out of 4 of the awards, ultimately winning. The year 9's model was liked by the head judge as it resembled the crane used in the Chernobyl clean up. All of our groups did well in the testing and everyone got a chance to show off their designs.

We were sad when the day came to an end as it was a brilliant day with fantastic opportunities in a beautiful school. Each team showed collaboration and creativity and all of us managed to make a crane. Most even managed to use the reversible switch. A massive well done to them, as my team struggled a bit on that side. We all hope to return next year.

Aimee W



Lepra Fundraising

Pictured below: Maddy H and Olive W doing their cake sale after school on Friday 1 March outside the JHS, in order to raise money for Lepra.

They baked the cakes, organised the sale with JHS who kindly donated the table and made an advertising poster outlining allergens. They raised £56.24 and sold 72 cakes. Well done girls.



Year 7 Lepra Fundraising

Earlier this term, the Year 7 students worked really hard fundraising and took part in a fantastic sponsored Zumbathon along with their own fantastic fundraising ideas for the charity Lepra. Lepra is a UK-based international charity that is working to beat leprosy, a disease that still affects millions of vulnerable people across the world. They have been fighting the disease since 1924 and are one of the world's leading authorities on leprosy.

In total, the Year 7 students have raised an incredible total of £1373.80 for the charity and will be presented with a certificate from Lepra for the top fundraisers and most creative fundraising ideas. Their hard work fundraising will all go directly to working to beat leprosy in India, Bangladesh and Mozambique by finding, diagnosing and treating people affected by the disease. More information can be found at www.lepra.org.uk.

House Quiz Results!

Joint 1st: Topaz and Jade
2nd : Citrine
3rd: Amethyst
Joint 4th: Garnet and Zircon

RESULTS



Girls Active Update

It has been an fantastic start to this years' girls active programme with some new and exciting activities taking place such as Clubbercise, Cheerleading, Street dance and Dodgeball. It's so pleasing to see so many students getting involved within the initiative.

I am so pleased to announce that due to the success of our programme that John Colet School has been selected, by the charity 'Women in Sport' and the 'Youth Sport Trust' to be a part of a video which will be used to promote women in sport and the girls activity programme. More information on this coming soon!!



What is coming up on the Girls Active Programme?

What date is it on?	What is the activity?	Where is it?	How do I sign up?
Wednesday 27th March	Free Taster- Boogie Bounce, Pitstone	Pitstone Students will travel by minibus	Only 16 spaces- Must sign up with Miss Tallyn by Monday 25th March
Wednesday 3rd April	TouchTennis	Sports Hall	Just come along!
Wednesday 24th April	Fight Klub	Sports Hall	Sign up with Miss Tallyn by Monday 22nd March
Wednesday 1st April	Yoga	Old Gym	Sign up with Miss Tallyn by Monday 22nd March
Wednesday 8th May	Group 1- Boogie Bounce	Pitstone Students will travel by minibus	Information sent via email to parents
Wednesday 15th May	Group 1- Boogie Bounce	Pitstone Students will travel by minibus	Information sent via email to parents
Wednesday 22nd May	Group 1- Boogie Bounce	Pitstone Students will travel by minibus	Information sent via email to parents
Wednesday 5th June	Group 2- Boogie Bounce	Pitstone Students will travel by minibus	Information sent via email to parents
Wednesday 12th June	Group 2- Boogie Bounce	Pitstone Students will travel by minibus	Information sent via email to parents
Wednesday 19th June	Group 2- Boogie Bounce	Pitstone Students will travel by minibus	Information sent via email to parents.

Students volunteer at Primary School Gymnastics Competition

The students pictured represented John Colet School at the Primary School Gymnastics competition. These students took on important roles such as judging the vault, warming up the young students, coaching and scoring activities such as floor routines and vault. I have received such lovely feedback from parents and school staff about how helpful, responsible and professional our students were. A massive well done to all students that were involved.

Miss Tallyn- PE teacher



Bucks Swans win National Schools Cross Country Championships

The top 12 finishers at the Bucks Schools' XC final at Stowe in February were selected for the Bucks Swans team in which would represent Bucks at the Primary and year 7 Nationals Finals in Prestwold, Loughborough.

It is very pleasing to say that both the boys and girls team won gold medals in the year 7 competition, making them National Schools Team Champions 2019. Our very own Lucy C from year 7 represented John Colet School at the National Finals. What a fantastic achievement and a massive well done to all involved and a special well done to Lucy.



Cheerleading Competition

On Saturday 19 March The Wendover Wolves, John Colet School's very own cheerleading team ventured to The Copper Box Arena, London to compete in the Alpha and Omega, Legacy Cheer and Dance Show.

It was an absolutely incredible day, so many emotions for all involved. The girls were full of anticipation and excitement as it was the first time that any of the students had performed in a cheerleading competition. The girls have benefited greatly from the experience both from performing to such a large audience and from the workshop with highly experienced American Cheerleading Coaches.

I am so pleased to announce that the girls were placed 2nd in their category - this is such a fantastic achievement considering that none of the Wendover Wolves had ever competed before.

It is also so lovely to hear such positive comments from the students as to how the experience has impacted them:

"Since starting cheer I think my confidence has improved dramatically. I have made lots of friends and I have connected with many people."

"Ever since I started cheer Miss Tallyn and my head coach, Alice have played a big role in my life allowing me to express both confidence, in my performance and skill/talent such as increasing my flexibility. "

Following on from this, we have entered the girls in to another competition in June. The girls are already working hard, preparing for their next experience.

Miss Tallyn



Sports Leadership-County Young Coaches Academy

A group of year 10 students comprising of; Ella H, Lola S, Freya G-H, Zara T, Jenny Wi and Ollie H were selected to be a part of the 'County Young Coaches Academy'. These students were chosen due to the potential they show in order to become an excellent leader, which has been demonstrated during the school leadership programme and in addition to this their enthusiasm and commitment to physical education and school sport.

During their time as part of the 'County Young Coaches Academy' they have attended a series of training days at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. I have been very proud of the commitment and hard work that these students have displayed during all activities. They have been excellent role models for the school.

They have been working on a number of different areas such as; developing their understanding of leadership and their confidence when teaching young people. They have also attended workshops about how to help students with mental health issues and how to make sport inclusive for all. Students were also given the opportunity to complete an activator awards in the following sports; Football, Netball and Badminton .

Following on from this these students have been invited to a celebration event where they will be able to share their successes from the Academy, hear how other schools are planning to implement what they have learnt within their school and hear from an inspirational guest speaker. We hope that students will use what they have learned to aid the delivery of extra-curricular clubs within the school.

Miss Tallyn- PE teacher



THE ROAD TO WIMBLEDON



John Colet School is set to host its first ever '**Road to Wimbledon Tennis Championships**'.

Have you ever dreamt of playing on the grass courts of Wimbledon? Well now is your chance.

The winners of the John Colet School 'Road to Wimbledon' event will receive an invitation to compete in the 'County Finals'. The winners of the 'County Finals' plus four lucky losers will be invited to play on the grass courts of the All England Club.

Who? **U14 girls and boys (Years 7, 8 and 9)**

All abilities welcomed including less experienced players (Students with an LTA rating of 7.1 or below cannot enter).

When? **Monday 3 June from 3.15-5.30**

Where? **John Colet School Tennis Courts**

What format? **Fast4Tennis**

How do you sign up? **Students must sign up with Miss Tallyn in PE department. Entries will be open from 29 March- 24 May.**

Rugby Trip- Franklin's Gardens

On the evening of Friday 15 March, a coach load of rugby players (school and outside clubs) headed up to Northampton to watch the Six Nations U20's England v Scotland match at the Franklin's Gardens stadium.

The start of the match was fiercely competitive with Scotland making the first try and successfully converting it to take the lead. England fought back with two great tries and a conversion, and by half time it was anyone's game. However, the second half was very much England's game, the tries kept coming and it soon became apparent that any Scotland fans amongst us were going to be disappointed. The final score was 45-7 to England.

A big thank you goes out to the PE staff for organising the trip, here's hoping we all learnt some valuable tips from watching the game and can improve on our rugby skills.

Jenny Withers- Year 10

Pictured: Giacomo, Niamh and Isabella



Netball Results- Miss Tallyn PE

What a fantastic season it has been for John Colet School netball with excellent results across all age groups, against some established grammar schools. The girls have shown outstanding commitment to training with over 50 students attending after school practice on a weekly basis. This has clearly been beneficial with the girls winning a total of twelve league matches, to only two losses.

I am pleased to announce the overall players of the season for each age group, which are a culmination of the players of the match which are voted by the opposite team at the end of each game.

Year 7- League Runners Up

Player of the Season- Sunny P

Year 8- League winners

Player of the Season- Sophia G

Year 9- League winners

Player of the Season- Jessica F

Year 10- League winners

Player of the Season- Ella-Mae G





March 2019

Race Night Update:

On Friday 1 May we hosted our first Race Night and we're thrilled to announce that we raised a fantastic £1650! More than 80 friends and supporters of the John Colet enjoyed an evening of racing and a Ploughman's supper and the queues for the Tote betting got progressively longer as the evening went on. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event. A massive thanks to Budgens in Wendover for supplying the baguettes and for the race and bar sponsors for their involvement:

<i>Chiltern Artisan, Wendover</i>	<i>Kathryn Sykes Legal, Aston Clinton</i>
<i>Hampden Lodge, Aylesbury</i>	<i>Matthew Mason Carpentry, Wendover</i>
<i>Dove Networks, Wendover</i>	<i>Hill Construction & Renovations Ltd, Tring</i>

Dates for your diary:

Mufti Day – Friday 5 April – this will be our final mufti day for this school year

Wendover 5/10km Multi Terrain Run – Sunday 9 June – online entry is open now!



<http://buytickets.at/johncoletschoolpta/229958>

Thank you to all our supporters who have signed up to the Vale Lottery! #beinittowinit

If you'd like a chance to win £25,000 then please visit www.valelottery.co.uk/support/john-colet-pta



Thank you for your continued support, we really do appreciate it.



We have numerous items of lost property including coats, odd shoes and trainers. If you are missing anything, please ask your son or daughter to come to Matron's Office - all unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of term.

Thank you - Matron



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Attendance Matters

We are sure you will agree that attendance at school is very important and we work hard to try and ensure that all students feel able to attend John Colet School every day.

Research has shown that students who have high attendance rates achieve better GCSE results, showing a direct link between attendance and academic success. When students attend school regularly, they are also more likely to join in with extra-curricular activities such as clubs and sport, they can spend more time with their friends and are able to fully participate in school life. To support this, we expect students at John Colet to have an attendance rate of at least 97%.

If a pupil has an attendance rate of just 90%, this is equivalent to missing one half day every week or the equivalent of four school weeks of lessons in the school year. If a student in Year 7 continues to have a 90% level of attendance, this is equivalent to missing one half of a school year by the time they come to sit their GCSE examinations.

Every School Day Counts



Every Minute Counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING
(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Be at the
classroom on
time and ready to
learn!

We follow the guidelines for attendance set out by the County Attendance Team. As such, we monitor pupil's attendance on a 5 week rolling basis throughout the year, and identify students whose attendance is of concern. During the course of the year we will, if necessary, contact you if your child's percentage attendance is less than 90% or we have unexplained absences. If we do contact you, we would like to reassure you that we wish to work with parents/carers and your child to find ways to improve their attendance.

There may be occasions when we request to see evidence such as medical appointments; please be assured that this is part of our standard procedure. This process is designed to be a supportive measure to enable us to work together in increasing your child's attendance, and along with it increasing their chances of success.

We also encourage students to arrive at school on time, and sanctions such as detentions may be applied for persistent lateness.

Whilst we recognise that pupils do suffer from illnesses or are unwell, we want to work with you to encourage your child to attend school, in order to achieve at least 97% attendance in the school year. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please contact your child's tutor, Head of Year or Di Bull, our Attendance Officer.



My name is Laura North and I am the Family Liaison Officer (FLO) here at John Colet School. A key part of my role is to liaise with parents of identified pupils (generally Pupil Premium children and Services (RAF) children). I am a point of contact to assist parents with advice, guidance and support for both you and your child. I work alongside the Heads of Year, the Attendance Officer, the Learning Mentor and the Student Support Officers to support the pupils and families in our school community.

If you feel you would benefit from my support, please drop me a line at the email below. No matter how large or small -an upcoming posting or general issues regarding attendance, for example, please do contact me and I will endeavour to support. I also have links with outside agencies who offer a wealth of information and support.

I am in school Monday-Thursday so please feel free to phone or come and talk to me. (Mon and Tues 8.30am - 2.15pm and Wed and Thurs 8:30am- 12.15pm).

If you would like to make an appointment to meet with me, please contact the school office or email me: familyliaison@johncolet.co.uk



WORLD BOOK DAY 2019



This year's World Book Day members of staff dressed up as some of their favourite characters from books and as usual book tokens were given out to allow students to buy this years nominated books from participating book sellers.

The "Best Book Ever Read Competition" was won by Naome T 7C for her excellent review on "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night- Time". Congratulations to Naome a well-deserved winner.

The world of books, reading and authors is celebrated one day every year worldwide but the benefits of reading regularly cannot be over stated. Mental stimulation, vocabulary expansion, better writing skills, memory improvement, stress reduction, these are just a few of the benefits.

With that in mind have a happy and peaceful Easter break and remember "keep reading!"

Mrs Clark



Young Enterprise

This year's Young Enterprise participated in the Aylesbury Vale stage of the competition at The Gateway.

The competition put our team up against others from schools across the Aylesbury Vale and involved interviews with business professionals and a presentation in front of other competitors and guests.

Our team did an excellent job and came away with the following accolades:

- Runner up - Best teamwork
- Winners - Best presentation

The students involved, (Tom P, Tom W, Sam W, Year 12). They developed a lot of transferable skills during process and have learnt a lot about themselves.

Well Done!



Note from the Attendance Officer

I am pleased to see that a large number of students have 100% attendance. All students with 100% attendance will be entered in to a raffle at the end of term.

Good Luck Students

Mrs Bull



**SUNDAY
9TH JUNE 2019**



WENDOVER WOODS MULTI-TERRAIN RUN

5K & 10K RUN



**SUNDAY, 9TH JUN E 2019 – 9.30 START (REGISTRATION 8.30)
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