



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

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Recognition Points Mid Year Report.

Our first aim is to acknowledge students when 'doing the right thing' as **often as possible** and as a result our expectations regarding behaviour are clear. Students at John Colet need to be ready to learn, respectful and responsible. School is a place of learning; any behaviour that prevents learning will be taken very seriously.

Praise and encouragement are vital in promoting good behaviour.

The Recognition System is just one way that we celebrate achievement, success, positive attitude and effort in all aspects of school life as we want to encourage John Colet Students to strive to excel.

A detailed overview of our recognition and consequences system can be found on the school website in the 'Behaviour Recognition and Consequences Student Guide.'

Recognition points messages are sent to student and parent emails as they are awarded The points add up to an individual and house totals. Students are striving to achieve Bronze, Silver, Gold and the most prestigious Platinum Certificates in recognition of their conduct. These are awarded by Mr Harty each term.

Below are the Recognition Certificate Points Thresholds, the mid-year totals for the top 15 students in each year group and the average R points per student by year group and whole school.

Dates for your Diary

28.02.19 - Yr 12/13 Parents Evening

14.03.19 - Year 9 Parents Evening

28.03.19 - Year 7 Parents Evening

05.04.19 - PTA Non-uniform day & last day of term

23.04.19 Back in to school

Recognition Certificate Points Thresholds	KS3	KS4
Bronze	160	100
Silver	230	180
Gold	290	260
Platinum	330	280



Mid Year Recognition Point Totals

Top Stu-	7	8	9	10	11	Whole
1	182	275	178	200	149	275
2	178	204	176	153	125	204
3	145	165	165	141	118	200
4	145	151	158	140	114	182
5	144	141	143	140	110	178
6	136	140	140	138	104	178
7	131	139	137	133	123	176
8	127	136	135	133	99	165
9	127	132	135	130	97	165
10	123	132	135	128	93	158
11	123	126	135	126	93	153
12	116	125	134	123	92	151
13	113	125	133	120	91	149
14	107	125	132	119	91	145
15	106	124	131	118	91	145
Average Per Student	66	75	73	72	53	63

Congratulations to all students for their hard work in earning recognition points. A special mention to the students who currently have the highest points totals. Keep up the good work.

Boys	Girls
Sam Ashford (Year 8)	Mollie Stroy (Year 10)
Haydn Cox (Year 8)	Amelie Bock (Year 9)
Woody Ladyman (Year 7)	Lucy Cuthbert (Year 7)
Kaiden Malia (Year 9)	Madeline Warren (Year 9)
Phillip McGraw (Year 10)	Elsie Harwood (Year 8)
Aidan Lynn (Year 7)	Lucy Anderson (Year 9)

RSE Lessons

As part of the school's Personal, Social, Health, and Economic Education programme, your child is soon to receive relationship and sex education (RSE) lessons. Nowadays, there is a vast amount of information about relationships and sex on the internet, on TV, in magazines, which children and young people are exposed to. This can sometimes make an already confusing time seem even more complicated.

If students are provided with timely and age appropriate information about their bodies and relationships, they can make their transition into adulthood with the confidence and knowledge to understand what is happening to them, and hopefully grow into confident and healthy adults able to make positive choices.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's form tutor.

The Mayor's Challenge

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As many of you will be aware, last term John Colet took part in a local event to raise money for Carers Bucks. This event helped to raise an exceptional amount of money for charity whilst helping to keep participants as active as possible.

Over Christmas the event has been shortlisted for a National running award! The event organisers have asked if we could possibly support them by voting for "The Mayor's Challenge". Some of you may be aware that the organiser of this event is in fact an ex-student of John Colet School, Conor Richardson. To vote, all that is required is an email address and a couple of minutes of your time. This would be highly appreciated by Conor and his team if you could vote, as after all, every vote counts!

To vote please go to:

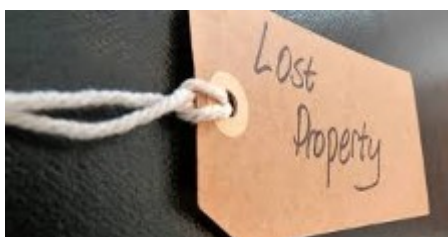
<https://therunningawards.com>

You will be able to find "The Mayor's Challenge" under Running Events and then Virtual Events. But we'd once again like to thank all those who took part and the best of luck to the team behind "The Mayor's Challenge"



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



Wendover Wolves

Good luck to our very own Wendover Wolves who will be competing in their very first Cheerleading Competition at the Copper Box Stadium on 23 February 2019.

Good Luck Girls!

Miss H Tallyn



Sports Festival

JCS have received this lovely feedback following on from one of the regular sports festivals that it holds with the local primary schools:-

"I visited your school this afternoon as a parent volunteer with Green Ridge Primary Academy.

I just want to say how impressed I was with the attitude, organisation and maturity your pupils displayed today. They are a real credit to your school.

My daughter and her classmates really loved the afternoon and didn't want to leave. Unfortunately we had to leave early due to a mix up with the coach.

Thank you very much, it was thoroughly enjoyable. "

Well done Miss Tallyn and all of your Sports Leaders.

Part-Time Vacancy

We are currently looking for a Librarian to join the JCS.

Please look at our website for further details.

Closing date for Applications: 9.00 am Mon 25

February 2019

Interviews: Thurs 28 February 2019



Student Council

The members of John Colet School Council attended an event at the District Council Offices organised by [Youth Voice](#), an organisation whose main objective is telling influential people, who provide services, about young people's needs and views.

Other Schools in Bucks attended and students were organised into groups, mixing Schools and different age ranges. Each group was tasked with identifying an issue which needed to be addressed and then over the session to come up with realistic solutions or implementation plans to tackle these issues which affected Bucks youth and the broader community. The attendees discussed transport issues, social media in education, youth mental health, school sanctions for behaviour and inter-school competitions.

After lunch the groups delivered a presentation to a panel of experts, including the Mayor, Youth Service Coordinators and members of the Council. The Youth Voice organisers then assured the students that their plans and ideas would be shortlisted and presented again for review and implementation to the relevant sectors and the Schools would be kept involved in this process.

John Colet students were heavily involved in all discussions and made a great impression during the day.

Pictured below: Stanley, Laura, Isabella, Sam, Finn, Lola and Heidi



Careers Fair 2019

John Colet School hosted our annual careers fair on Wednesday 6 February and we welcomed over 20 exhibitors from local colleges, universities, training providers and employers. From careers in sport, nursing, beauty, engineering and agriculture to the RAF, Army, and teacher training, there was something for everyone! Students from across the school visited and were complimented on how engaged and confident they were as well as praised for the high quality questions they asked the exhibitors. Parents and carers, please do ask your son/daughter about their visit to the fair - you never know what they might have found out and what they might be planning for their future! A big 'thank you' to all of our student visitors and exhibitors. We are already looking forward to next year when we will offer more exciting opportunities to inspire our students.

Mrs Fanchi - Assistant Headteacher

John Colet School PTA

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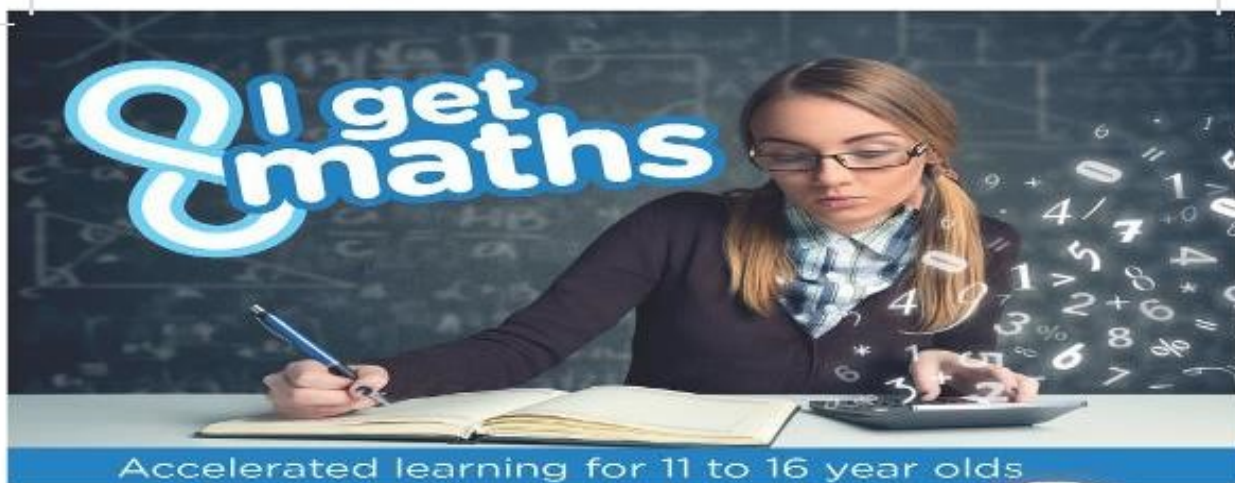
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Year 10 The Scholars Programme Final Graduation 9 February 2019

Saturday 9 February was the day The Year 10 Scholars had been waiting for... The final graduation. I woke up at around 8 am and got ready for the 10:26 train from Wendover to London. I arrived in London at around 11:30. From the train station we got a tube to Covent Garden and then walked to King's College London. My first impressions were good, this part of the university was large and modern but with a slight hint of vintage in some parts. Set on The Strand in the old BBC building, it was an inspiring location.



We were all pretty nervous to start the ceremony and I think that was reflected in the nervous looks we gave to our parents. When we were led into the lecture theatre it was a nice surprise. It was much larger than Oxford's lecture theatre and a little warmer too. 5 other schools and their families from across the south east of the country joined us at 1pm when the ceremony began. Dr Andy Flemming from The Brilliant Club explained the journey that we had all been on, and expressed how proud our parents should be of the achievement.

After that, students from King's College introduced themselves and explained about what they were studying. We were then taken away for a mini workshop where we had time to reflect on our achievements and what we enjoyed about the Programme. We all wrote a mini speech about our experience and some of us were asked if we would read it out at the front of everyone! Ben and Frankie delivered their speeches to the whole room!

Whilst we were in our workshop, the parents were given a presentation by King's College explaining how the university process worked. They spoke about everything from courses and grade requirements to accommodation to the scary idea of student finances. It was really interesting to understand how it all works.

Next, we had a talk from James, a third year medical student, who spoke about life at King's College. He expressed the importance of never giving up on your dream because if you put the work in you can achieve it.

When his speech finished the final graduation ceremony started. Every school was called up one by one and received their certificates. John Colet was finally called up and we received our certificates and posed for photos (which felt awkward!)

After the event we all had our pictures taken again and then were free to explore London!

In conclusion, the day was great and one hundred percent worth all the hard work and pressure. If you are thinking of applying you definitely should because it is a once in a lifetime opportunity. But just remember, that nothing worth having comes easy.

By Christian O'Mahony

Calling all Year 8s...could you be the next Scholar? Don't miss the launch in assembly after half term!



UNIFROG

In keeping with our commitment to provide students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next step after school, we will now be using Unifrog; an award-winning, online careers platform. Unifrog brings into one place every undergraduate university course, apprenticeship, and college course in the UK, as well as other opportunities, such as School Leaver Programmes, MOOCs and every college at Oxford and Cambridge. This make it easy for students to compare and choose the best university courses, apprenticeships or further education courses for them. They can also explore exciting opportunities further afield by looking at English taught undergraduate programmes available in Europe and the USA. All students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 will shortly have access to this excellent website using their own log in, which form tutors are providing to them. A letter will be issued to parents/carers of all students enabling families to use the site to search 900+ career profiles and be more informed about the various pathways available to your child after GCSE or A Levels.

Keep an eye on your inbox for this information coming soon!!

Mrs Fanchi - Assistant Headteacher

Year 7 Lepra fundraising

Year 7 are once again working with UK charity Lepra to raise valuable funds for some of the poorest people in the world. Lepra is committed to the eradication of leprosy and to help those whose bodies and lives have already been damaged by it. As an international charity they work directly with communities in Bangladesh, India and Mozambique to find, diagnose and rehabilitate people affected by leprosy. If untreated, leprosy can lead to life-changing disabilities but it is curable and with support sufferers can rebuild their lives.

On Wednesday 6 March Year 7 will have the opportunity to take part in a sponsored workout session to raise funds for Lepra. The students will also be given an insight into what living in areas where leprosy occurs is like and how Lepra helps to support people affected by the disease. A donation of £25 is enough to cure someone with an early diagnosis of leprosy so all donations can help to make a huge difference to people whose lives have been changed by leprosy. For more information about Lepra's work, please visit their web site at www.lepra.org.uk.

Dr P Myatt

Head of Year 7

World Challenge Disco

Due to the snowy weather on Friday 1 February, the World Challenge disco for year 7/8 had to be postponed. We will be announcing a new date in March very soon. All ticket holders will be able to attend. If a ticket holder can no longer attend the new date, a refund can be issued.

We look forward to seeing you all at the disco in March!

The World Challenge Team





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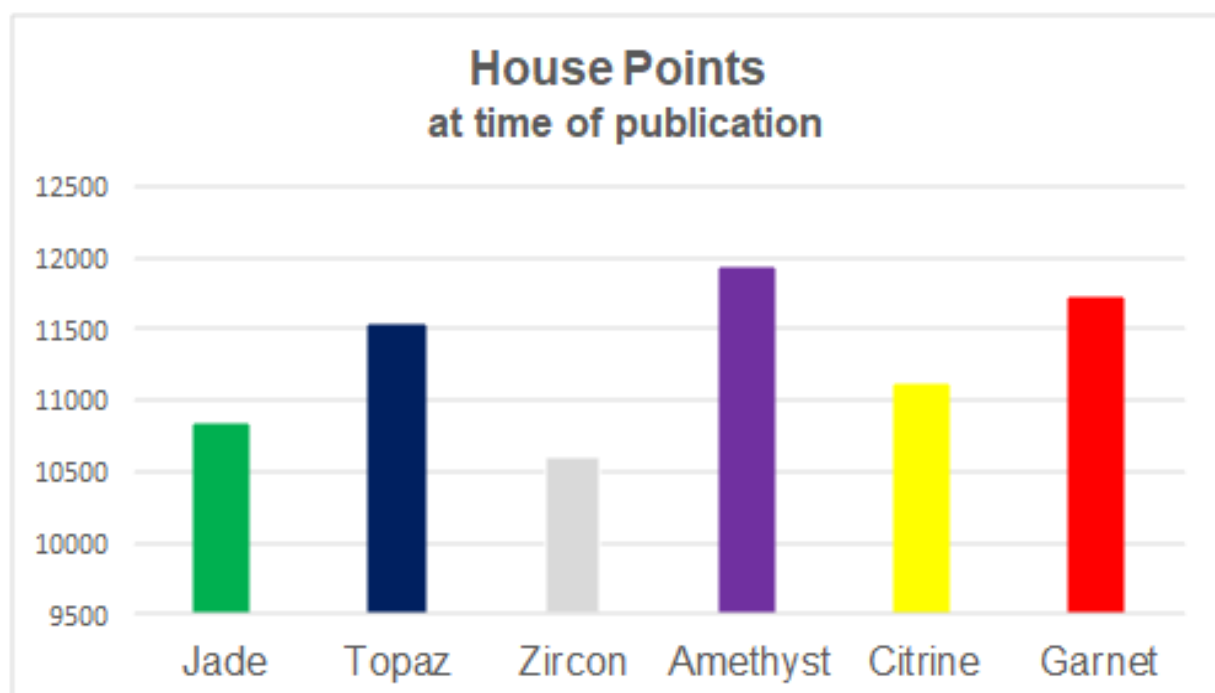
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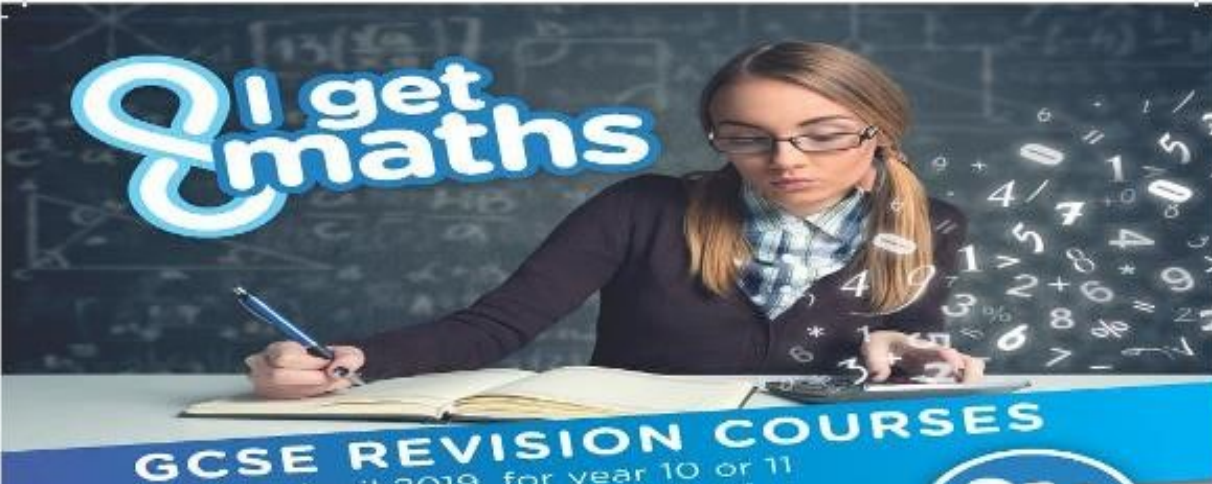
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