

# JOHN COLET SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

## NEWSLETTER

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A half termly update from the Head of Sixth Form & our Head Student Team

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Mock exams end and Year 13 work towards their final exams, it is a busy time of year.

Well done to Year 13 who focused on their mock exams and spent much of Christmas revising and working hard to give themselves the best platform for moving on towards the Summer exams. Year 13 reports will be issued soon and the hard work and focus steps up a gear for all. Year 12 can learn from their example and ensure they start good learning habits this year. I look forward to seeing as many students and parents as possible at the **Parent Consultation Evening on Thursday 28 February**.

The Annual JCS Careers Fair took place for Year 10-13 on Wednesday 6 February. A range of local employers and training providers were on hand to meet our students and inspire those who are unsure of their future pathways. It was fantastic to see students enthusiastically engaging with our visitors and being proactive.

### Events of the half term

Nearly half of the Year 13 cohort are applying through UCAS this year to study an exciting range of courses at institutions all over the country. They are receiving encouraging offers and many have experienced successful interviews. It is never too early for Year 12 to begin thinking about their personal statements and listing their skills and experiences!

We welcomed two representatives from The Samaritans to talk to us about the importance that active listening can play when supporting a friend with mental health concerns. The students were empowered with skills to help them talk to a friend who might be experiencing a challenging period in their life. A really interesting talk was given about the opportunity to become a future Samaritan volunteer.

Year 12 participated in their second collaborative event of the year, the 'Big Bucks Sales Challenge'! Local award-winning entrepreneur and business woman, Angela Spang, led the students through key elements of creating successful marketing pitches. The winning group will now spend a day with Angela and her team and will then be competing against other schools in the final at Pinewood Studios on 27 March. An amazing opportunity to develop their work-based skills and knowledge! Well done to the winning team!

Our interest for world travel was ignited by Jack from gap year travel company, Oyster Worldwide, who came to outline the benefits of a gap year to students. A gap year can be taken before university or before going into work upon completion of a degree or apprenticeship. Students can gain valuable experience or even extra qualifications whilst travelling and participating in global projects.

JCS are proud to announce that the Sixth Form team participating in the LIBF Share Investor competition have made it through to the semi-final! Of the 23,540 students in 5,885 teams from 856 schools who traded in the first round they are one of just 500 teams who have made it to the semi-final. This is an excellent achievement and we wish them luck in the next stage of the competition!

### CELEBRATING SUCCESS

As part of our focus on the 3Rs (Ready, Respectful, Responsible) Sixth Form students have been recognized and rewarded by staff with points which contribute to their houses and which are sent home to parents/carers by email. The combined total for the year to date is 806 - keep it up!

Our top performing Year 13 students according to the last progress reports are:

Hannah Cass  
Gaia Cook  
Corey Meehan

Their ATL has been judged to be  
'exceptional in all three subjects!  
Fantastic!

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do."

Pele

The special mention for the half term goes to Isabella Parola, our Deputy Head Girl. Isabella was able to use her First Aid skills and knowledge to help to save the life of her Grandmother, who collapsed and required CPR. Isabella feels all young people should be First Aid trained as you never know when you might need to intervene to help someone. As a result, the Sixth Form have been watching short First Aid videos in assembly on how to perform CPR and how to put a person into the recovery position.

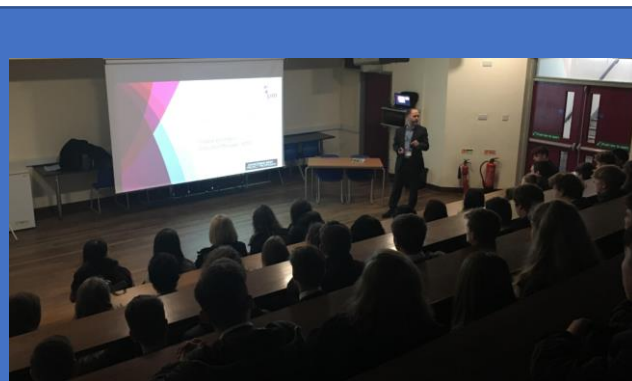
A First Aid qualification looks great on a CV and will benefit students in almost any job or career they choose for themselves in the future.



## Reminders

In order to secure positive references students must ensure a good record of punctuality and attendance throughout Year 12 and 13. Students/parents must contact us on each day of absence with a reason.

Students must also ensure they are adhering to uniform expectations; no hoodies to be worn on site and skirt length continues to be problematic! Parental support in reiterating these messages at home is appreciated.



Our Head Girl, Siobhan, is pleased to report that the first clearance of the JCS Biology Garden took place at the end of January. A team of students, led by Siobhan, worked with a team of volunteers from the Chiltern Society (who brought much needed tools!) to clear much of the leaf matter and assorted waste from the area. The team battled the first snowfall of the year in freezing temperatures to reveal some hidden treasures; a useable raised planter and a polytunnel full of seed trays emerged from underneath the long grass and weeds. The second date is planned for 12 March. If parents are able to donate garden tools (cutters, spades or forks) or materials (stepping stones, planters or pots) please contact the school office. Later in the year, donations of seeds would also be welcomed by the students as they look to develop the garden for use by the community.

## PARENTS / CARERS OF YEAR 12

Students are sometime unsure what constitutes 'wider reading' or 'reading around'. You can help by encouraging them to look for news articles which link to their subjects, asking them questions about their learning and supporting them with researching aspects they find interesting.

Parent can now support with searching for university courses, apprenticeships and careers pathways using our new platform 'UNIFROG'. The parental log in for use at [www.unifrog.com](http://www.unifrog.com) is **parentsjohncolet**

**Year 12 upcoming visits: 8 March to MK University and Apprentice Fair and 13 March to Bucks New Uni**

## PARENTS / CARERS OF YEAR 13

If your son/daughter has not yet devised a revision planner, encourage them to do this over the half term break. This is also a good opportunity to get their folders organised and ensure they have all they need for revision (index cards, highlighters, post-its, Dictaphone are all helpful!)

If your son/daughter is still unsure of their plans after Sixth Form try using our new platform 'UNIFROG' to help them get inspired. The parental login at [www.unifrog.com](http://www.unifrog.com) is **parentsjohncolet**

**Year 13 Leavers Day date is soon to be announced. Students are expected to be available until 25 June 2019 as exams can still run up to that date.**