



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

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Message from the Headteacher



It is with great sadness that I share with you the loss of one of our students, Ollie Gardiner.

We remember welcoming him as a bright eyed and inquisitive new Year 7 student in September 2015. Ollie loved coming to school and mixing with his friends. He was an incredibly brave student, who always looked to the positive, learning in lessons and even more recently when very ill, insisted on coming to school. We will fondly remember Ollie's smile, determination and enthusiasm and he will be missed by everyone within the John Colet Community.

I am sure that you have followed Ollie's fight against cancer and admired his resolve. Ollie's death has affected our students deeply as they have supported him and have been inspired by his strength, and as a community we have all pulled together to raise money to support his treatment. There is support in school available for all students who have been affected by loss and I would recommend you visiting the child bereavement website where you will find resources to help you support your child at this time.

We will be holding a memorial service in school on Wednesday to remember Ollie and our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this tragic time.

Miss Sarah Palmer
Acting Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

School Finishes: 12:15
Tuesday 19 December 2017

School Concert:
Thursday 14 December 2017

School Re-Opens:
Thursday 4 January 2017

**MOCK
EXAMS**

**Start
SOON**

**YEAR 11 GCSE MOCK EXAMS
FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER -
MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2017**

**GOOD LUCK WITH
YOUR EXAMS**



Remembrance Sunday

The Head Student team were proud to represent the John Colet students and staff and lay a poppy wreath in remembrance of service men and women who have sacrificed their lives in war. Vivian, Conor, Emma and Ryan attended the memorial at the cenotaph in Wendover on Sunday 11 November and laid the wreath with a message from the school which read: 'To remember all of those who fought and died in the past, for our present; thank you'. The team did the school proud on this important occasion and we thank them for representing us so well in the community.

Thank you to Wendover News for supplying the photograph below.



In to the Sixth Open Evening

Our annual 'Into the Sixth' open evening for prospective Sixth Form students was popular and exciting this year. Subjects on offer produced exciting and interactive displays to demonstrate the nature and content of the courses on offer. The current sixth form students represented the school fantastically well and spoke passionately about their studies and enthusiastically about their experience of being part of the sixth form. It was great to see so many Year 11 students taking an interest in Post 16 study options and asking questions of the teaching staff who attended the evening too. Copies of the 2018-2019 prospectus are available to view on the school website along with an Expression of Interest form which can be downloaded, completed and returned via your form tutor for internal candidates or for the attention of Mrs Fanchi, via the school office.

Champions for Sport:

John Colet School have also been lucky enough to be accepted onto the 'Sports for Champions' programme.

Sports for Champions is a charity that involves an Olympic British Athlete coming into the school to deliver a fitness circuit to pupils which lasts 4 minutes only (per group/fitness circuit) and then an assembly at the end of the day.

We are lucky enough to have Ezekiel Ewulo (British Long Jumper) coming into our school on Tuesday 5 December between 1-3pm. What this will involve is pupils coming out of lesson for a maximum of 10 minutes only to complete their fitness circuit with the famous athlete and then returning back to class.

If pupils want to take part in this fantastic opportunity then they must get sponsored to do the event. Pupils can collect sponsorship forms from Miss Darvill.

60% of money raised comes back into the school to spend on sports equipment and then 40% goes to Sports for Champions to help pay for the athletes training/facilities. It would be a great opportunity to say that John Colet School have helped the next Olympic gold medal winners!!

For every pupil involved a sticker will be awarded.

For every pupil who raises £5-14.99 they will receive a postcard photo of the athlete.

For every pupil who raises £15-34.99 they will receive a signed poster of their GB athlete.

For every pupil who raises £35 or more, they will receive an autographed instant photo of themselves and their GB athlete!

All sponsor forms must come back to me with ALL money raised by Thursday 30 November if pupils want to take part in this fantastic opportunity!

All information is on the back of the sponsor forms and there is also a very good informative DVD that I can play to pupils if they would like to know more about this day.

Girls Active

John Colet School have been lucky enough to have been accepted onto the Girls Active Programme for this academic year. What this involves is an initiative to try and enhance the participation and enjoyment of girls P.E through the use of 10 chosen pupil 'GLAMS' (Girls Leadership and Management Squad). I have selected ten girls for different reasons, ie. Excellent sportswomen or excellent attitude to learning.

The GLAMS will be in charge of comprising three clear objectives for the school and then implementing them throughout the school year.

For example other schools in the past have done the following:

- Girls are responsible for writing the curriculum in P.E.
- Running sports sessions after school for female members of staff
- Designing and refurbishing school changing rooms/P.E kit

This is just a sneak preview into what the programme can offer. The school is provided funding to be able to make this possible but the key thing is that the students are at the heart of the programme and it is things that they want to see in their school and their P.E lessons.

This programme has proven to improve ATL across the whole school and therefore hopefully if successful; should benefit both staff and pupils alike.



Sports News

Squash

John Colet had their 1st matches of the season - and what a fantastic performance they gave.

First on was Ollie, only just finding out last week the Colet had a squash team - he was keen to step up to the mark.

He played well against an experienced player and looked like he had an enjoyable match, pleased to be back playing squash.

Next up was Jack, after losing the first game and having some well thought out advice from his team mates he managed to play a hard fought match and win 3-1 - what a come back!

Next up was Alex- his opponent was extremely mobile and Alex really pushed himself to his limits but unfortunately lost to a player who played well on the day.

Next up was Ben who played a National player, He put up a great fight and looked like he was putting in 100% all the way through- Ben will have learnt a lot from this match.

The last match was Archie , Archie played a fantastic tight game hitting the ball low and hard and put his opponent under more pressure than he could cope with- no one was more surprised than Archie for his 3-0 win over the Bucks U15 County champ, Alfie - what a performance - top marks to Archie!

Then the Colet played again - against Hampden second team. Great performance from Jack who chased every ball and won 3-0.

The whole Colet team managed to secure 3-0 victories, winning the match 5-0.

What a fantastic afternoon of squash they all had.

A special big thank you to Tracey for providing the delicious cakes after!

Next match against the AGS - at theirs on the 23 November - details from Mr Atkinson to follow

Squad:

Archie

Ben

Alex

Jack

Jack

Ollie

Well done Team!

Stay Safe Trip



On Monday 13 November fifty Year 12s went on a trip to the Wycombe Swan theatre to see a heartfelt, moving presentation presented by local authorities, victims and offenders. We took the coach down to Wycombe and found our seats. There were four different schools which gradually filtered into the theatre and sat down, all excited, but clueless on what was to come.

As it started the music died down and a speaker walked onto the stage and put a helmet on the desk at the front, the mood had changed to quite scary and emotional. As more and more speakers came on stage the desk filled with more items and the audience's heads filled with more traumatic stories. By the end there were so many items on the stage that just looking at them would make me feel terrible for the people's lives that have been affected by something as small as not wearing a seatbelt.

This presentation is a must for any Year 12 student that is thinking of driving soon. It really changed the way in which I view young drivers and definitely will affect the way I, and many of my friends, will drive.

Oliver 6J

The Old Bailey Courthouse

On the 10 October, the Year 13 Sociology class went to London for the day to visit the Old Bailey as part of our Crime and Deviance Unit.

When we arrived at the impressive building, we had to go through metal detectors and had our belongings searched for security purposes; after this, we were greeted by a police officer, Kevin, who works in the historic building with over 600 rooms. We were struck by the enormity of the building and its maze-like layout. The building has amazing architecture; featuring huge marble pillars, specially imported from Italy, great statues of famous figures such as Elizabeth Fry and beautiful stained glass windows. Some of these were originals and others had been added after The Old Bailey was bombed in 1973. There is still a piece of glass embedded in the wall as a memory to this event, which Kevin showed us.



On our tour we were able to visit a range of areas including down the basement where the original cells were.

Members of the public are not normally able to access this area, so we felt very special! We were even lucky enough to go into the exact courtroom (Court 1) where the Yorkshire Ripper, Wiltshire Ripper and the Kray Twins were sentenced in. It was incredibly small and oppressive inside. We were allowed to stand in the dock where these famous criminals have stood and try to picture how they must have felt. It is incredible how the witnesses and family are all located so close to the defendant.

After the tour, we were able to visit some of the many courts in session. In the police officer's room, they have all the trials listed and notes with how many defendants will be on trial. We were able to watch two trials, both gang related. We had to silently enter the public gallery to see the trials, both of which involved a murder. We were warned that we are not allowed to speak of the trials on any form of social media for confidentiality reasons, as these cases are ongoing.

It was such an experience to see this- actually being in the courtroom as opposed to how we would normally see trials in court on TV. In fact, we learnt, it is free to turn up and sit in the public gallery to watch any trial, no matter who you are.

Overall, some sixth formers have described the trip as 'captivating', 'enticing' and 'one of the best school trips I have ever been on'.



£1800 Raised Thank You



PTA Quiz Night

Quiz Night, the first PTA fundraising event of the year, was a phenomenal success! The PTA would like to thank those staff members and six form students who helped the PTA with this event, and of course to all parents, staff and governors who attended. We had a great time and hope you did too! We raised £1800.

Please look out for our next evening event planned for the Spring".

As the photos show, a good time was had by all.

Our winners are pictured here on the left!

Year 13 Science News

Congratulations to John, Charlie and Tianni for being nominated as Bucks Young Scientists of the Year for 2017. John was awarded Young Biologist of the Year, Charlie Young Chemist of the Year and Tianni was awarded Young Psychologist of the Year, in recognition of their hard work and progress over the past 14 months of A-level studies at John Colet School.

All three students and Mrs Cobley attended an awards ceremony at Green Park where they were awarded with a certificate of recognition and got to spend time with other young scientists from the county, and listen to guest speakers.

Year 8 Scholars Launch Trip to University College Oxford

The selected 12 pupils started their Scholars Programme with a day trip to University College Oxford. Students were met by members of the Brilliant Club and escorted through the historic building to one of the lecture rooms.

Students took part in a brief tutorial to understand the aims of the Programme and then were split into 2 groups. One group took a tour and the other started their first tutorial to investigate the topic of The French Revolution, with their PhD tutor, Robin Shields.



On the tours, the current Oxford students showed the pupils the beautiful grounds and key features of the University. This included a visit to the library, the halls of residence, the dining room, the common room and the University Chancellor's house! The pupils were very impressed with the delicious lunch provided in the Harry Potter-esk hall!

After lunch pupils took part in a session with Oxford University to learn about life at University and in particular Oxford. Overall, the pupils said that they had an excellent day and felt ready to get stuck into their first piece of homework!

Last year students on the Scholars Programme were commended by their PHD Mentor on their excellent work ethic and quality of dissertations submitted. We are hopeful of similar success this year.

Watch this space for more information as the course develops!



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