



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

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Note from Headteacher

It's been a busy term for Year 11 students (and parents) with a Parent Information Evening, Parent Consultation Evening, Into the Sixth Evening and mock exams - I'm sure they particularly will be looking forward to the end of term. The first parent survey of the academic year completed in November showed a number of very positive improvements in terms of scores on last year, which is very pleasing, but we know there is a long way still to go.

Please see overleaf for a table of results.

Having conducted 1:1 interviews with 98% of Year 11 students it is clear that they feel very supported by members of staff at the school ('What is the best thing about JCS?') and would like us to relax the uniform rules that have been applied more consistently this year ('What would you change to make JCS better?'). They were open and honest with their replies for which I was very grateful, even if I may not agree on the suggested improvement!

Thank you to the PTA who ran a very successful disco for Year 7 in October and a Quiz Evening in November - their efforts to improve the amount of social seating for students in the school have been fantastic this term and the project is well underway in terms of the landscaping along the bank in the back playground.

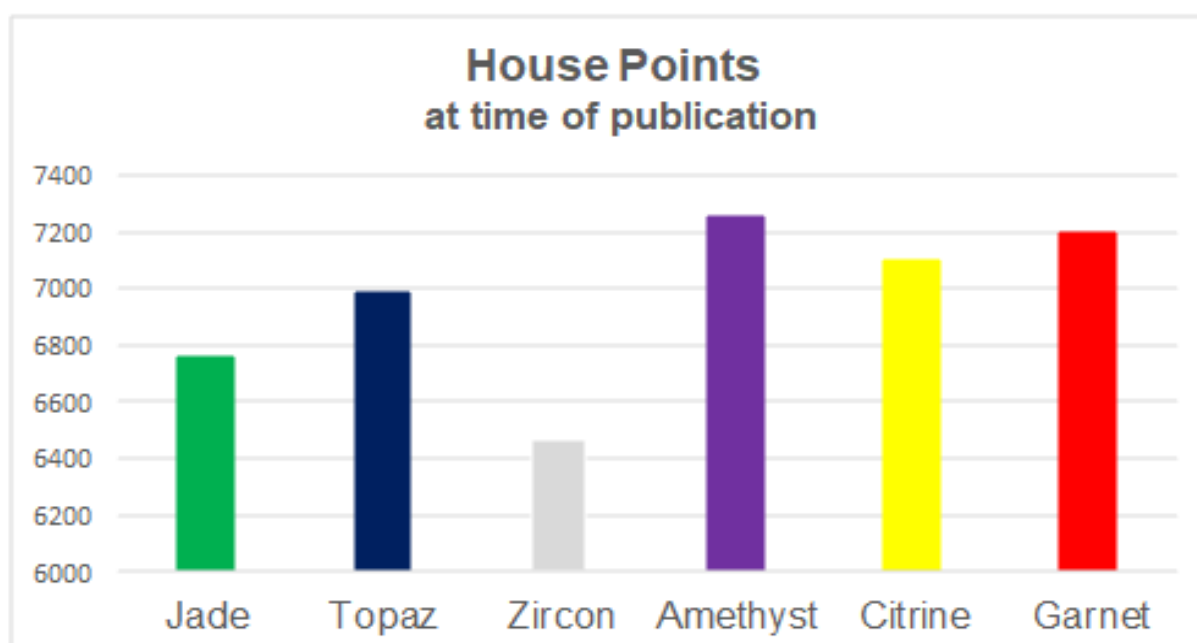
The relatively early finish on Friday 14 December is matched by an early return in January - 2 January for staff (INSET Day) and Wednesday 3 January for students with Year 13 going straight into mock exams. The term dates for 2019-20 are on the school website with Thursday 19 December as the last day in 2019, <https://www.johncolet.co.uk/whats-on/>.

The last week of term will see the second round of House Assemblies and the numbers taking part in events is picking up, but I am still hoping for even greater numbers to participate in events in the Spring Term. Thank you to all students for representing their houses so far. It's been a very busy term for staff and students and I wish everyone in the JCS community a restful and relaxing Christmas break.





Year 11 Parent Survey	Change from 2017-18
My child is happy at JCS	+11%
My child feels safe at JCS	+3%
My child makes good progress at JCS	+25%
My child is well looked after at JCS	+10%
My child is taught well at JCS	+15%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	+13%
JCS ensures the pupils are well behaved	+13%
JCS deals effectively with bullying	+8%
JCS is well led and managed	+20%
JCS responds well to any concern I raise	+25%
I receive valuable information from JCS about my child's progress	+18%
I would recommend John Colet School to another parent	+12%



Year 13 Science News

Congratulations to Corey M, Jack H Louis J on their Bucks Young Scientists awards. On Monday 12 November these students and Mrs P. Norris attended an evening event at Bucks New University celebrating the achievements of Young Scientists from schools across Buckinghamshire. The keynote speakers included Ciaran O'Keefe, a lecturer in Psychology, Shane Roadnight from Operational Practice and Fran Long from the Faraday Institute. These inspirational talks introduced students to the possibilities of a career in the Operating Theatre, the Space Race of the 21st Century: Producing better, longer lasting, lighter and safer batteries for cars and finally an experience of experimental psychology in action.



Science

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Young Leader of the Year - Bucks and MK Sports Awards

John Colet School are very proud of Isabella for being awarded 'Sports Leader of the Year' at Bucks and MK sports awards. Her contribution to PE and sport at John Colet School and in the community has been outstanding.

Isabella has played a huge role in the organisation of the girl's active programme and the sports leadership festivals at the school. In addition to this she has a very positive impact in developing the girl's rugby. Over the past two years her own ability and confidence in coaching has developed vastly by leading extracurricular Rugby at John Colet School, Aylesbury Rugby Club and coaching at Chesham Staggs. It is very clear to see that Isabella was a very worthy winner of the award and we are very grateful for all her help.

Miss Tallyn - PE teacher

Article written by Isabella, she is pictured below with Greg Rutherford, World Long Jump Champion

A few weeks ago, I received a surprising email to inform me that I had been nominated for an award at the Bucks and MK Sports awards 2018 and that I would have to attend an event at the Aylesbury Waterside Theatre on Thursday 22 November to see the outcome. There were over 100 nominations for this award and I was lucky enough to be shortlisted to the top 3.

The night arrived and I walked into the theatre to the drinks reception, having a look at the competition. We shortly made our way into the auditorium for a light supper and a speech from Aaron Phipps, GB Paralympic wheelchair rugby player. After a very inspirational talk, we moved onto the awards, with numbers of amazing nominee's we got to the category which I had been nominated for, Young Leader of the year.

To even be considered was an absolute honour, the three of us who had been nominated were chosen for our exceptional leadership skills in sports in our community. Going through each nomination it occurred to me that we all really have impacted peoples involvement in becoming active.

An overwhelming experience as they announced that I had won the award for my contribution to Sport in Bucks and specifically for my school. After collecting my award and being interviewed by local press, I made my way back into the auditorium for a heart warming Q and A from Sophie Christiansen CBE Paralympic dressage 8th time gold medalist. A truly inspiring evening which I will remember forever.

Isabella P. Deputy Head Girl



Year 7 Author Visit

In October we were visited by award winning author and Everest summiteer Matt Dickinson. Matt asked for a pair of mountain boots for his tenth birthday and has never looked back! In his thrilling presentation to Y7 he introduced us to his life of adventure as an award winning Director/Cameraman for National Geographic TV, Discovery Channel and the BBC. He has filmed on Everest's Summit, in Antarctica, Greenland, Alaska and on top of the highest live volcano in the world.

It was a breath-taking audio visual tour of discovery to lands of ice and fire.



Matt's books for children and teens include the Carnegie-nominated **The Everest Files** trilogy and many more.

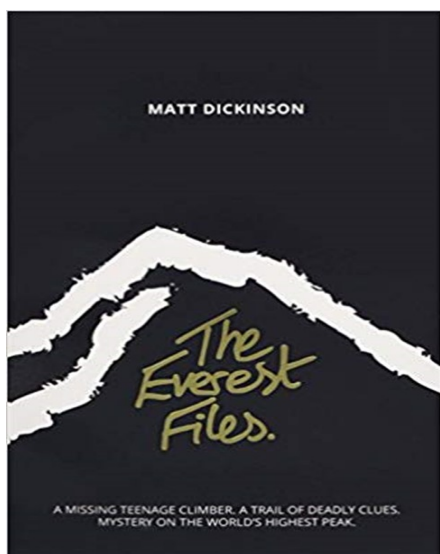
After the presentation two nominated groups of Y7's benefited from writing workshops in the Library, a fantastic day enjoyed by all who attended.

Mrs Clark - Librarian

When students were saying that an author had come in to school I was so excited about it. Miss Horwood said that I needed to go to the library and I was so curious why I needed to go but by the time I got in the room I was amazed from what I saw. The Author, Matt Dickinson was there and I was ready to learn. He told us about when he went up Everest. It started off with his friend and him walking up Everest and his friend nearly died because there was not enough oxygen on Everest. The way that he was telling the story made you want to hear more and more. Then he made us do our own real life story, mine started like this: One day I woke up, got dressed and went downstairs to see how my parrots were. If it is a good day I take them outside so I looked out of the window to see it was a great day. I took Beauty [the girl parrot] out to the aviary but I didn't close the door behind me and when I let go of her foot to get into the aviary she flew out of the door. I know that she is happier now than she was with me and I am happy about that. Another student wrote about her loving music. It was such a great lesson now I can't wait to finish his book. I am looking forward to another author coming in to tell us more stories about their life.

Thank you for reading my comments.

By Sotia Z Year 7



E-Safety

On Thursday 8 November five Year 10 students from John Colet School delivered an assembly to Year 5 and Year 6 students at Wendover Junior School promoting e-safety and responsible internet usage. The younger students were introduced to the THINK approach to commenting online: Is it True? Is it Hurtful? Is it Illegal? Is it Necessary and Is it Kind? They were also reminded what to do if they did receive any unkind comments from other internet users. Our E-safety ambassadors were very professional in their delivery and performance. Well done Scott L, Natalia M, Alicia F, Nicole S and Millen M.

11Z MAD Week

MAD week for 11Z was quite early on in the term and during the week commencing 8 October.

It crept up on the tutor group quickly and before they knew it, there was not much time to organise an event. However, we had talked in registration time about the plight of the homeless and we had talked about the night buses in London that the homeless use in the winter as shelter from the cold and this led to our decision.

I asked each member of the tutor group to donate an item of clothing for the homeless – I didn't mind what they donated provided it was in reasonable condition. We struggled in the first week with the donations but one more appeal from me and they all donated something. The clothing ranged from jumpers, t-shirts and jeans – all really useful items.

We now had to find a homeless shelter and one that I found was DENS. This is based in Hemel Hempstead and stands for Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter that helps to rebuild lives. I took two bags of clothes there and the person in charge was absolutely delighted with the contents. She was also very touched by teenagers thinking of the homeless and their suffering.

I would just like to say to 11Z that I am really proud of their commitment to MAD week and we may not have raised money but we certainly donated to a worthwhile cause and hopefully 'made a difference'.

Jayne Gott
11Z Tutor



Junior Town Planners Competition

My A-Level Geography class and I were invited to attend the first Schools Town Planning event run by the AVDC. In attendance and competition with us was the Sir. Henry Floyd Grammar, Aylesbury High School and The Buckingham School. When we arrived, we were ushered into the Oculus room where all Committee meetings take place. Introductions were made and a brief card-sorting warm up activity was presented. We resigned for a short interval before the main body of the event took place. We were then presented with the task which was as follows; designing, planning and pitching our own configuration of a fictitious development plot somewhere in the UK. We had to take into account team ideas, minimum building restrictions, infrastructure links as well as theoretical costs. This task required strong team bonds and communication as well as forward thinking and combined presenting abilities. The Committee comprised of the Chairman of the AVDC Planning Department, senior planning officers, and post graduates in the planning department. Overall, although we did not see victory, it was a great achievement, gaining us another invitation by the Chairman himself to attend the event next year.

Written by: G W-H 6H



Terrifying Tuesday

(As per our October Edition, here are some more photos:)

On 30 October the Sixth Form dressed up for the Halloween Terrifying Tuesday. Activities took place in the hall for the lower year groups, including decorate the doughnut, apple bobbing and freaky photo booth.

The funds raised totalled just over £100 and will be used towards the new Biology garden.



Remembrance Sunday

An incredible afternoon where we were all privileged to represent John Colet School and to have the honour of laying a wreath for those who gave their lives so we can live ours in the tranquillity that we do today. An experience that we will never forget and won't shy away from if asked to do it again. Overall, an enjoyable, unique and fulfilling day.

Sam M, Deputy Head Boy.

Pictured below: Siobhan W, Head Girl, Isabela P Deputy Head Girl and Sam M, Deputy Head Boy.



Year 9 WW1 Centenary Visit

Alannah and Grace, two of our Year 9 students were selected to represent the school on a trip to Belgium and France.

They visited a number of battlefields and other sites significant to the First World War along with Mrs Hillwalker. It was particularly poignant in the lead-up to the centenary and they were lucky enough to attend the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate.

Here are a few of the pictures taken along the way:-



My Takeover Challenge

Ella C 8ZA



On Monday 19 November I went to Great Ormond Street Hospital to do a takeover challenge created by the Young People's Forum. I was working in the Dubowitz Neuromuscular Research Laboratory where I got to look at muscle tissue through a microscope. When we were testing the tissues we were looking for unhealthy fibres to test them and make them healthy again. Another thing I did was separate DNA in some gel. We had to prepare a liquid and then heat it up; afterwards we had to wait for a while for the gel to set. We then pipetted the DNA into some wells in the gel, but then we had to stop to get lunch before the presentation. I had a very good time in the lab because I got to experience the jobs that people do to save lives. I learnt many new things in the lab, like how to tell whether a muscle is healthy. The research they do helps towards new treatments and understanding conditions like Muscular Dystrophy.

After lunch I had to do a presentation to a group of nurses that were starting their jobs at the hospital. It was scary at first but once I got used to talking to them, it became much easier. I had to tell them about my experiences at the hospital and how I coped with all the stress and pain that I was dealing with. They were really nice and listened to my tips on how to treat their patients. The nurses had to do some activities that helped them understand what patients think when they're in the hospital.

The takeover challenge at Great Ormond Street Hospital, sponsored by the Young People's Forum, is where young patients get to take over some of the jobs in the hospital. The project also runs nationally led by the Children's Commissioner for England.

Revision Guides

We are hoping to collect donations of used revision guides. If you have any revision guides you would like to donate, please send them into reception and bear us in mind in future once your son/daughter has finished with their books.

Many thanks.

Laura North

Family Liaison Officer



Girls Active run by Miss Tallyn

We have been very lucky to be selected on to the Girls Active for a second year in a row. On the Tuesday 6 November 15 students and I were selected to attend a girl's active festival at Stoke Man-deville Stadium. Whilst we were there we learnt different ways to encourage girls to take part in sport. The main aim of the day was to learn how to break down the barriers that girls have to participating in sport and then take these ideas back to school.

During the event, we took part in many activities. The activities included football, hula hooping, rock-etball, cheerleading, boxing and a spin class. We had an opportunity to take part in all activities in small groups.

Whilst these activities were taking place we also attended workshops - the topics of these work-shops were; mental health and wellbeing, leadership and marketing. These three workshops were designed to teach us how we could motivate young girls.

At the end of the day all the students were given time to design some aims and objectives to imple-ment within our school. We also were able time to reflect on the programme last year and what we could do differently this year.

I really enjoyed this experience and I am really exciting to be apart of the GLAM squad this year (girls leadership and marketing). I can't wait to take our ideas back to school and hopefully help oth-er students.

Alys E 8ZA



Sports Leadership Update

What a fantastic start to the new level 1 sports leadership qualification at John Colet School. With 55 students showing outstanding commitment to attending sports leadership sessions prior to the school day on a Tuesday morning.

Students have been working extremely hard to develop their understanding of leadership, team work and communication and have been putting these skills into practice through roles at our primary school festivals or by assisting at after school clubs at Wendover Junior School.

Year 9 sports leaders pictured- Looking very smart in their new sports leadership jumpers.

Miss Tallyn - PE teacher



John Colet School creates link with Everyball Tennis

Last year was a very encouraging year, in terms of developing Tennis at John Colet School. With three teams representing the schools in competitive leagues, the u15 girls becoming league champions and a group of 9 students who were tremendously lucky to have the opportunity to go on a trip to the All England Club to watch the Wimbledon Tennis Championships. With the hope to continue to develop the tennis here at John Colet School I am pleased to announce that we will be creating a link with Everyball Tennis, which is the coaching team of Halton, Wendover, Aston Park and Tring Tennis Club.

As part of this exciting new opportunity we will be running a tennis club for year 7 and 8 students in the sports hall on a Tuesday afternoon from 2.00pm-3.00pm.

If students require any more information please see Miss Tallyn in the PE department.

Miss Tallyn - PE Teacher

U13's Handball Tournament

U13 girls played a district handball tournament and did not lose a single match, not only were they successful but they were graceful in success. They played excellent handball and worked hard as a team. These girls are now through to county finals - well done ladies.

Miss Horwood



GCSE and A Level EXAM CERTIFICATES

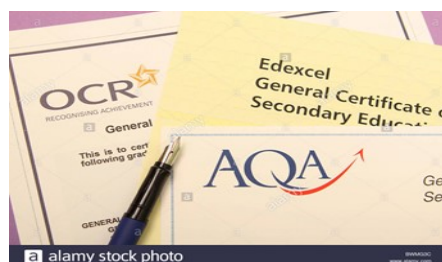
We still have a number of certificates waiting for collection. Certificates are extremely important documents and are **very costly** to replace. Certificates can be collected from the school office during the following times:

between 8.00am – 4.15pm until Thursday 13 December.

between 9am – 11am on Thursday 20 December.

between 8.00am – 4.15pm when the school re-opens on 3 January 2019.

If you wish for someone to collect your certificates on your behalf you need to provide a letter/email confirming this.



Live Screening of Romeo and Juliet

On Wednesday 21 November we were fortunate enough to be able to offer a live screening of "Romeo and Juliet" by the Royal Shakespeare Company, broadcast live from Stratford-Upon-Avon.

Many schools nationally participated in this event, Primary schools right through to colleges and secondary schools. As we study Shakespeare and with some year 8 classes having studied "Romeo and Juliet" last term, they were able to watch the performance in their English classrooms during periods 1 to 3 enjoying two breaks in-between. The experience was enriching for our students and we also include a review written by one of our students. One class have already written to cast members thanking them and asking questions about the text and careers – some have requested them to come to the school to host a workshop!

The English Department enjoyed organising the event and look forward to offering students many more exciting events in the academic year.

Romeo and Juliet Stage Performance

On Wednesday we watched a live stage performance of Romeo and Juliet. This was performed on the Royal Shakespeare Stage in Stratford Upon Avon by some amazing actors. I personally like the genders being switched like Mercutio and Prince Escalus who were both played by actresses. My favourite scene was when Tybalt sees Romeo at the Capulet Party, this was an excellent scene because of the fantastic acting skills and made you feel like you were there. This was an amazing experience and I am very thankful that Mr Harty let us take time out of lessons for this play. I highly recommend doing this again for future year groups because it was such a new and fun learning experience.

By Tom R 8x3m

Romeo and Juliet

This week I watched the live screening of Romeo and Juliet. I really enjoyed watching it as it was awesome that we were one of the schools that got to watch this live broadcast. As I have been studying Romeo and Juliet in English this term, it's made everything I've learnt all come together and given me a clearer understanding of Shakespeare's tragic play. My favourite scene was where both Romeo and Juliet took their lives as the actors performance was very emotional to watch. I also enjoyed writing the quotes on the table in class as watching it live. This helped me analyse it and pull everything I knew all together. I definitely recommend people to either watch these sort of broadcasts live or go to the theatre as it will be a really enjoyable experience. I hope we are lucky enough to get an experience like this again in the future.

Daisy S, 8X3



Year 7 Science Project

The Year 7 students were tasked to create a parachute as part of a Christmas project to ensure Santa landed safely. They had a weekend to come up with some ideas and these girls used excellent scientific knowledge and expertise to create this successful parachute. Marvellous work. Well done to Bella, Eva and Mia, really showing the 4 r's of John Colet. Miss Horwood

Pictured below: Bella and Eva



Lost Property Plea

The School Office are holding these items of Lost Property.

They were found in the old lockers at the end of the summer term and have not been claimed.

The diary pictured on the right contains some family photos.

If you recognise them, please let the office know as we would like to reunite them with their owner.



Note from the Attendance Officer

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

Good Luck Students

Mrs Bull





John Colet students step triumphantly into Metro Bank's entrepreneur "Dragons Den"

Five teams from year 9, at The John Colet School, Wendover, learning Business Studies, proudly and triumphantly pitched their ideas to a number of leading, local business professionals in Metro Bank's "Dragon's Den" style contest on Wednesday, 27 November 2018.

The Dragon's came from a wide portfolio of backgrounds and included a representative from a leading blue-chip organisation (which has a representation in Aylesbury), an established private sector enterprise, a charity and a public sector authority. The Dragon's present on this autumnal evening at Metro Bank's Aylesbury store included:

Iain Kirkpatrick, Managing Director for Metro Bank UK,
Michael Donnachie, Michael Anthony Estate Agents Senior Partner
Caroline Bennett, Director of Fundraising at The Pace Centre
Nigel Ashton, Director for Commercial Strategy at AVDC

The objective

As part of their learning syllabus, each team had a "blank sheet" of paper to inception a new product or service. After a competition at the School prior, five teams were invited to present in front of a packed crowd of fellow students, proud parents and friends and many members of Buckinghamshire's business community, the Dragon's would pick one winner. Ultimately, the students who took part would learn a huge amount relating to be a successful entrepreneur; experience that will help shape their future career potentials, objectives and desires.

"It was a hotly contested evening which required the Dragon's full concentration and business acumen to recognise the opportunities being presented."

After lengthy deliberation - which reflects on the outstanding job the students did in presenting - the "Dragons" selected "Team CBE" for their car battery idea. The Dragon's offered their fictional £100,000 investment to the winners. However, all teams were awarded credit for their ideas which were wide as they were varied. The ideas ranged from pencil cases to cakes to heated hoodies for colder days.

Heather Wood, Local Director for Metro Bank who hosted the evening, said: "What a fantastic evening. It was fantastic to see the effort and desire of the students as they sought to impress our "Dragons". A fantastic night, thank you to all who took part. My appreciation and gratitude is also extended to all our Dragons who listened and gave the students the benefit of their many years' experience of commerce and industry. All the Dragons commented on the high standard of each presentation; entrepreneurship in the UK is alive and well!"

Mike Donnachie, who was one of the Dragons', commented: "It was a fantastically enlightening evening. All the ideas were incredibly detailed and thought through. I was proud to have been asked and I hope together our experiences of life in our collective backgrounds is something that the students can learn from as they move into business. I was very impressed. A great event."

Brainchild of the event, Head of Business Studies at the John Colet School, Lee Adams, said at the event's conclusion: "This was a fantastic experience for our students and everyone who took part. I know how much time, effort and consideration was made by the students and they can be proud of their achievements. Thanks to Heather and the team at Metro Bank for hosting and help to organise, and to the "Dragons" who got involved and helped the event be the success it was. On behalf of the John Colet School, please accept our thanks."

Iain Kirkpatrick, Managing Director for Metro Bank summed up the evening: "This was an outstanding event for local students gaining insight and expertise from professionals who have amassed many years' experience. At Metro Bank, we offer initiatives like this up and down in our stores in the UK to excite, engage and encourage customers to understand what is possible. This was another superb showcase."



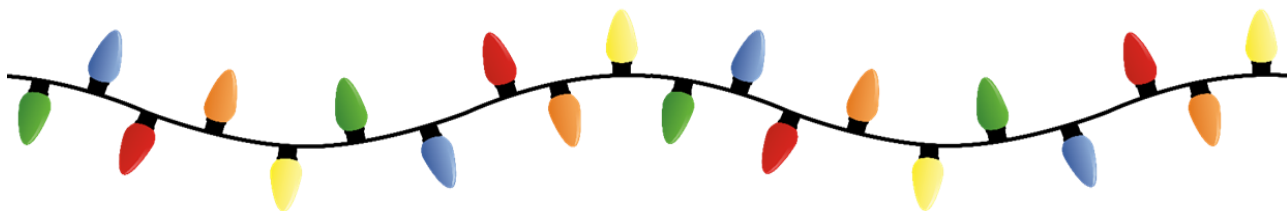
POLITE REMINDER

Please be reminded that students should be in school by 8:25 am, with registration taking place at 8.30 am each morning.

Please also be reminded that if a student is off sick from school, the school needs to be notified each morning by 08:30 am by telephone or email.

Thank you for your co-operation.





Christmas Stories

Looking for some stocking fillers?

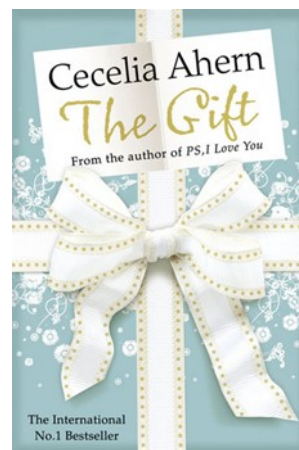
Here are some seasonal book ideas to read during those quiet spells in the Christmas break.

From **Michael Morpurgo** to a collection of four short stories written by different authors, beautifully illustrated, simply called **Christmas Stories** (easy reading) A.V.

A Gift from Bob: How a street cat helped one man learn the meaning of Christmas. Following on from **A Street Cat Named Bob**, this is the touching story of James Bowen's last Christmas on the streets busking and selling the Big Issue before Bob changed his life forever (moderate read) A.V.



The Gift by **Cecelia Ahern** is a thoughtful, heartfelt Christmas story that speaks to us all about the value of time and what is important in life (moderate/challenging read) A.V.

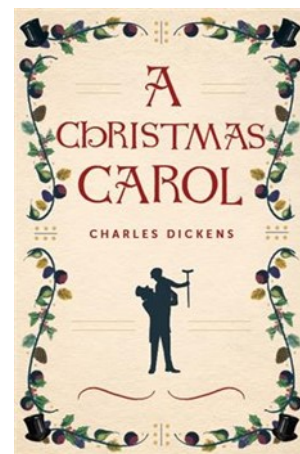


The Girl who Saved Christmas by **Matt Haig**, author of **A Boy Called Christmas**. This is a story of Amelia who, with the help of some elves, eight reindeer, the Queen and a man called Charles Dickens, saves Christmas from jeopardy. (Easy/moderate)



A Christmas Carol by **Charles Dickens**.

This Dickens classic is 178 years old and remains timeless. There are various editions but one with the original Arthur Rackham illustrations is a gift to be cherished (moderate/challenging) A.V.



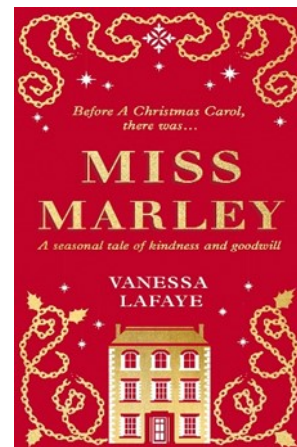
The ever popular **David Walliams** has a new book out for Christmas, **The Ice Monster**, a story about a ten year old orphan and a 10,000 year old mammoth.

When Elsie, a Victorian orphan, hears about the discovery of the woolly mammoth, she wants to know more and by chance, she comes face to face with him and it sparks the adventure of a lifetime from London to the Arctic. (Easy read) A.V.



Miss Marley: a Christmas Ghost Story-a prequel to A Christmas Carol by Vanessa Lafaye.

This is the story of orphans Clara and Jacob Marley, who live by their wits in the poorest alleyways of London in the shadows of the workhouse. Jacob is set on a path towards his infamous partnership with Ebenezer Scrooge, but can Clara persuade him to let love and kindness into his heart and avoid the hideous fate that awaits him? This is a gem of a story filled with humanity. (Easy) A.V



A perfect light Christmas romance is **Covent Garden in The Snow** by **Jules Wake**.

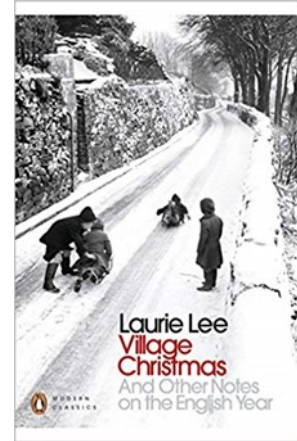
The main character Tilly is very endearing, creative and a technophobe and engaged to Felix. When a monumental blunder forces her to work closely with the new IT director, super serious and brooding Marcus, it's a match made in hell, or is it? (Moderate)



As always near the festive season there is plethora of biographies. If you're sporty, one of the most amusing is **How to be a Footballer** by **Peter Crouch**, very funny on almost every page, wonderfully self-deprecating and sharp on the ludicrous behaviour of the modern player. (Moderate)



Village Christmas: And Other Notes on the English Year by **Laurie Lee**. This is a collection of nostalgic stories and essays about life through the seasons of the year and in some ways mirroring the passage of time on earth. The writing is lyrical, descriptive and transporting, guaranteed to put a smile on your face. (Moderate/Challenging)



Have a great Christmas!
Eat, drink, read and be merry!
A.V. = Audio Available



Don't forget to bring your water bottle to school EVERYDAY!!!

Keeping hydrated increases focus, energy and relieves fatigue. It boosts your immune system and prevents headaches.

Make sure you refill your bottle before school, during break time and at lunchtime.

Thank you - Matron

Wendover Junior School Mentoring

Eleven Year 9 students have been working hard every Tuesday afternoon this half term mentoring Year 6 students from Wendover Junior School. They have been working together to help the Year 6 students develop their skills in Maths and English. This has been a fantastic opportunity to strengthen links between Wendover Junior School and John Colet School and has given our Year 9 students a chance to develop their own mentoring, leadership and teaching skills. The Year 9 students have also used this time to contribute towards their Duke of Edinburgh Service hours.

Well done to: Fleur T, Julia S, Katie A, Bailey M-R, Grace W, Emily M, Vincent J V-R, Lowenna G, Luca J, Olivia H and Freya J.



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



Girls Football

Year 7/8 Girls football team played a fantastic tournament on Friday winning two, drawing one and losing two. They worked exceedingly hard. Well done to all.

Miss Horwood.



CASUAL EXAM INVIGILATORS



We shall be looking for paid exam invigilators for this academic year.

Exam Invigilator Responsibilities:

Assisting with setting up of the examination rooms such as laying out equipment and examination papers

Ensuring the students do not talk whilst in the examination venue

Dealing with queries raised by the students

Guiding students to their seats

Checking attendance during exams

Collecting exam papers at the end of the exam

Supervising students leaving the examination venues ensuring they leave in a quiet manner

Ensuring that school policy and procedure is followed closely throughout the examination process

Exam Invigilator Essential Skills:

Previous experience working with a high attention to detail in an office of education setting

Strong communication skills able to liaise with academics and students daily

Extremely patient and able to stay vigilant throughout an exam period

Organised and excellent time management skills

If you have the right qualities and are interested and would like more information please email your details to office@johncolet.co.uk

The Exams Officer will be in contact with interested parties with further infor-

Note from the English Department for Year 9 Students

The English department are pleased to be able to offer an after school club for all year 9 students, starting in January. This will take place on a Wednesday between 3.00pm and 3.30pm in EN5. The purpose is to get the students to focus on writing to argue and persuade by debating and encouraging interesting discussions.

Based on the concept of a 'thunk' (an unusual question to make you think) we will step back from being English teachers – listen to, and accept what students say, but will challenge it with an opposing view – a “but what if.....” type of question to encourage further discussion. There are no right or wrong answers to these questions, just simply well-thought out answers. By giving the student's thinking time this will help them later to formulate responses for the English Language GCSE exam they will be taking in two years.

Please encourage your child to attend for what we hope will be not only academically beneficial, but great fun too!

At John Colet we are very fortunate to have parents who support us not just through supporting their son/daughter in daily school life but also by making a monthly donation ranging from £5 to £20 per month. Whilst this may seem a small amount, over time these donations build up and we are able to use them to enhance students' experiences at John Colet. This month we have been able to use these donations to purchase a minibus to replace our 18 year old blue minibus to support the increase in sports competitions and school trips. We would like to thank you for your donations as they do make a difference.

If you would like further information on how to set up a monthly donation to the school please contact the Finance Office on finance@johncolet.co.uk



We are looking for drivers to help with the After School Minibus Service from January 2019. If you are interested, please do contact the school office.

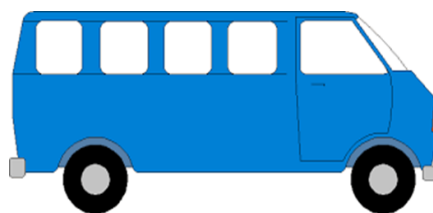
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Merry Christmas from the John Colet PTA

Since our last newsletter, we are very pleased to announce that we are now a Registered Charity with the Charity Commission. This is result of the hard work we have put in over the past 18 months and the success we have had with the fundraising we have done so far. Being a registered charity will allow us to apply for grants and claim gift aid on eligible donations.

Landscaping update

We have been incredibly lucky to have had huge amounts of guidance from a local Wendover landscape designer, who has led the group of parents to rejuvenate the large area of disused ground and help us to make a fantastic social area for the children. We are hopeful that the final steps of this project will be completed by the time we finish for Christmas, so the area can be used early in the Spring term. Thank you to Danny Nelson and all the parents involved with the work, we will post pictures on our social media and in the next school newsletter of the finished area.

Fundraising update

Since the last newsletter, we have entertained 100 Year 7 students at their disco and we have also had a Mufti day, both of which helped to boost the bank balance and will be used to pay for the new seating in the landscaped area. Thank you for your support of these two events.

On Friday 9th November the PTA hosted the 2nd Quiz Night, where we entertained 160 people and raise a tremendous £2400!! Mr Harty was a fantastic Quiz Master and we were thrilled with everyone's participation in both the cake auction and "Heads and Tails".

Many thanks to everyone involved in the evening, the George & Dragon for the yummy food and our Year 7 parent who kindly arranged for massive boxes of Lindt chocolates as prizes! We had seven local companies help to sponsor the rounds and the bar menu and we are hugely thankful to them for their support.

Our final fundraising event of this term will be another Mufti day on Friday 14th December. The cost will be £1 per pupil and children are encouraged to wear non-uniform or a Christmas jumper. The funds raised from this mufti day will be split between the PTA and Save The Children.

Whilst you're enjoying a mince pie, why not take 5 minutes and sign up to the Vale Lottery!

You can help raise money for the school whilst in with the chance to win £25,000!



The autumn term finishes soon, and we would like to wish all parents, carers and children of the John Colet a very Merry Christmas. The PTA would also like to thank you for your continued support, we really do appreciate it.



Want to get fit this term? Choose the BML Fitness studio

Exercise class Time Table

1;1 PT sessions £35
1;2 PT sessions £50
1;3 PT sessions £60
Small Group PT's £70

Mondays;

9.30am – 10.30am – Pilates with Debbie
1.45pm – 2.45pm – 20 20 20
7.15pm – 8pm – Box HIIT

Tuesday;

6am – 6.45am – Commuters Circuit Class
9.30am – 10.15 am – Clear Cut Core
11am – 12.30pm – 50 + Low impact resistance exercise & coffee Morning
6.15pm – 7.15pm – Active Weight Training
7.30pm – 8.30pm – Man Alive with Dan. (Men's only)

Wednesday;

9.30am – 10.30am – Pilates with Debbie at Renew Pilates.
10.45pm – 12.15pm – Pure & classic Step
6.15pm – 7.15pm – Step up and Hit
7.30pm – 8.30pm – Step up and Hit

Thursday;

9.30am – 10.45am – Postnatal fitness Class
11.15am – 12.30pm – 50 + Low impact Cardio class & coffee Morning
12.45pm – 1.45pm – Tai Chi with Elaine MacWhirter
2.00pm – 3pm – Pilates with Elaine MacWhirter
7.30pm – 8.15pm – Pilates with Debbie at Renew Pilates
8.25pm – 9.10pm – Pilates with Debbie at Renew Pilates

Friday;

9.30am – 10.30 am – Ladies that Lift
11.00am – 12.00pm – YOPI with Vicky (launches 2nd Nov)

Saturday;

9.00am – 10.00am – Body blast boot camp
10.15am – 11.15am – Smart circuits with Dan

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