



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

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Dates for your Diary

Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening:
1 November, 7 - 9 pm
PTA Quiz Night:
9 November
Collection of Exam Certificates for Leavers:
14 November: 10-12
Into the Sixth Evening:
15 November
Year 11 Mock Exams start:
W/C 19 November
Last day of term:
Friday 14 December

Note from the Headteacher

We have been fortunate to have an extended period of good weather from the beginning of term, but it looks as if autumn is truly on the way. I have sent an email separately with a uniform reminder about coats and hoodies, but it is in this period that the field is closed at lunchtime for the footballers and they move to the MUGA and also that the Hall is used to a greater extent at break and lunchtime.

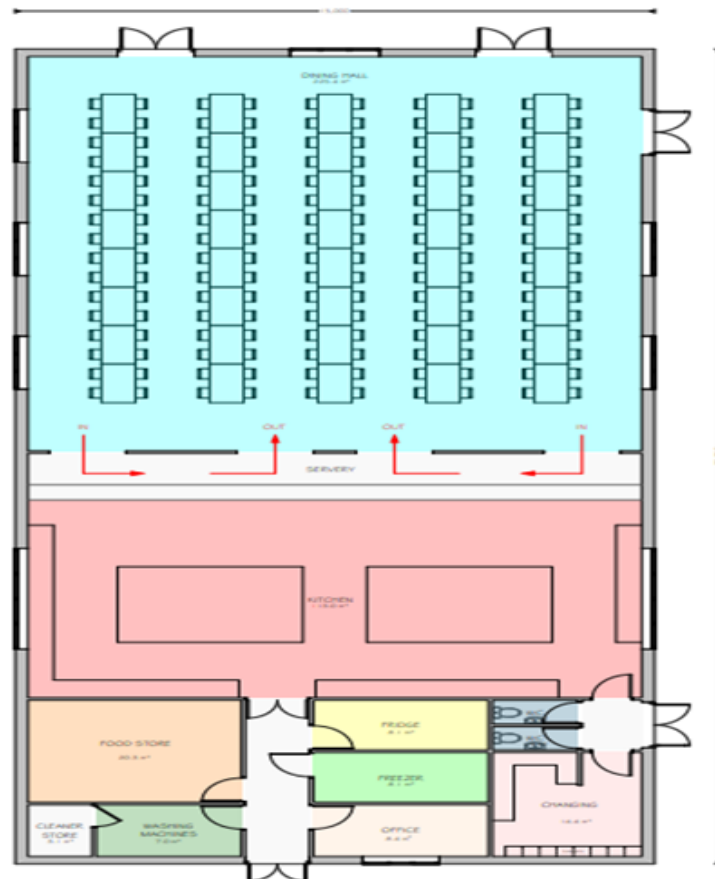
For many years the students of John Colet have had to do without a purpose built Canteen in which they could sit and eat purchased food, but the school has now submitted a planning application to put this right. A capital bid will be submitted to the Education Skills and Funding Agency in December and we should hear the outcome by the end of March. The most optimistic scenario is that, should the bid be successful, construction work will commence in September and the new facility available for use by the end of the 2019-20 academic year. If all goes to plan the works will not disturb the normal operation of the school as the building will be constructed on the grass area backing on to the swimming pool and parallel to the Sports Hall. If you wish to comment (favourable please!) on the planning application you can do so by following the link, <https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications//search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>.

Please see page 2 for plans.

The school was informed recently by a Police Community Support Officer that he had received a number of complaints regarding cycling on paths in the vicinity of the school that was putting pedestrians, including the elderly and young children, at risk. It is great to see so many of our students cycling to school as it keeps traffic off the road and is an excellent way to get exercise every day. However, the area around the school is very busy at the start and end of the school day and so I have asked cyclists to cycle on the road as they leave school or, if they felt that it would be unsafe to do so, that they should walk their bicycles until they are away from pedestrians. I am sure parents and carers will support the school in ensuring the safety of pedestrians as well as cyclists in the busy roads and pathways around the school at the start and end of the school day.

Thank you to all those who attended the Parent Information Evenings to date (Years 7, 9 and 11). If you missed the evening or can't recall some of the information then please check the parents section of the school website where you will find the presentations, <https://www.johncolet.co.uk/parents/>.

Purpose-built Canteen plans



PROPOSED FRONT ELEVATION 1:100



PROPOSED SIDE ELEVATION 1:100



Friday 28 September 2018

We are pleased to announce at the Macmillan Coffee Morning, a whopping **£106.89** was raised! Thank you to all staff that contributed.

John Colet Sixth Form



Interested in what The John Colet Sixth Form can offer you?

Come along to the Into The Sixth Open Evening

Thursday 15th November from 6.30pm to 8pm in the Hall

An opportunity to meet with Sixth Form tutors and see what subjects are on offer

Talk to our current Sixth Form Students to find out what life is really like in the Sixth Form.

This event is also open to students from other schools.



Cross Country Fixture

Congratulations to our Cross Country Team who recently competed.

Junior Boys Placings:

17th Ollie C 10.20
20th Charlie J 10.30
21st Ewan A 10.30
28th Logan N 10.56
40th Will B 12:00

The junior boys came 4th overall, a very well done to them.

Inter Boys Placings:

14th Ewan M 15.36
16th Aide B 15:54

Junior Girls Placings:

15th Lucy C 9.21
42nd Eve A 10.27
43rd Charlie M 10.37
44th Maddie C 10.40

Each student competed extremely well and showed determination and courage throughout.

#ontothnextone.

Miss Horwood



Pictured above: Ewan M, Aiden B, Ollie C, Ewan A, Charlie J, Logan N, Will B, Lucy C, Maddie C, Bethany S, Eve A and Charlie M.

Girls Football

U13's Girls Football—the girls drew with the Grange 2-2. They scored two great goals—well done girls.



COUNSELLING - A SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL

What is Counselling?

Counselling in school is a way of supporting young people with issues that are affecting their everyday lives, both in and out of school. Our counsellors work with a wide range of concerns including anxiety, stress, bereavement and loss, self-esteem, relationships, self-harm and bullying. Counselling is based on the building of a trusting relationship between the counsellor and their client. It can help young people to talk about what is going on to make them feel the way they do and to make sense of it. It provides a safe and supportive place for young people to express difficult feelings and where appropriate, learn how to manage them in a more positive way. Counsellors are trained to listen thoughtfully and carefully to young people without judging or criticising them. They do not give advice, but support their clients to make positive decisions for themselves.

Is it confidential?

Anything discussed in counselling sessions is treated confidentially. Counselling is a time when it is possible to talk about concerns without fear of them being discussed elsewhere. Ensuring confidentiality of the work is crucial for establishing trust so that children and young people feel confident to speak openly and freely about what is concerning them. This includes not discussing the work with school staff or parents, unless the child or young person requests or gives consent for this; accessing counselling is also confidential. Good practice involves a partnership with parents and the counsellor will always encourage a young person to explore how they could be supported in informing parents about counselling if this is appropriate and in line with their wishes.

However, if the young person or someone else appears to be in danger of any serious harm, it may be appropriate to seek help from other professional agencies to keep them safe. The counsellor would aim to discuss this first with the young person concerned and will always be working in the best interests of the young person.

All professional counsellors receive supervision of their work to ensure the quality of their practice and this is also confidential.

Who are the School Counsellors?

Our counsellors are all registered members (or working towards registration) of the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP), the body responsible for issues of professional conduct and work within their Ethical Framework, a professional Code of Ethics.

Fiona Harding, Counselling Service Manager, is a professionally qualified counsellor and supervisor with extensive experience of working with children and young people.

How are referrals made to the Counselling service?

Referrals may be made through Mrs A Scully, Designated Safeguarding Lead, Team Link for the School Counselling Service. The request may come from you, a staff member, another professional or your child who can self-refer.

Year 10 Scholars Programme

I am pleased to announce the names of the successful applicants to this year's Scholar's Programme:

Lotteke	B
Em	B
Emily	C
Jasmine	H
Amie	W
Waqas	A
Thomas	G
Christian	O'M
Frankie	McD
Roman	M-K
Ben	N
Tom	S

Once again, John Colet students showed great interest in the Programme and worked hard on their applications and interviews. It is always difficult to make a selection of this kind, and this year was no different - the standard of entry was impressive, so well done to everyone who took part in the process.

The students will now start their course with a visit to Wadham College, University of Oxford on 13th November. They will be taking part in a lecture, tour from current students and a tutorial with their PhD tutor, Morgan Davies from SOAS University. They will be researching 'Why Do We Make Music? An Introduction to Ethnomusicology'. I am very excited to see their work and follow their journey. Look out for further information in the next newsletter.

If you'd like to learn more about The Scholars Programme and The Brilliant Club, please visit:
<https://thebrilliantclub.org/the-brilliant-club-for-schools/our-work/>



Year 7 Parent Taster Lessons

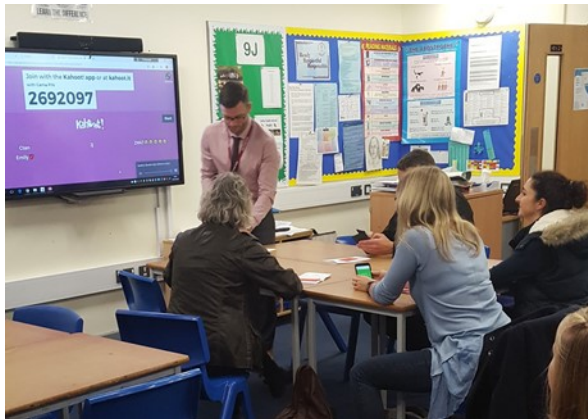
On Thursday 18 October a number of brave parents joined us at John Colet to take part in some student-style lessons. The aim of the evening was to help parents understand how their children are taught in the 21st century education system.

The parents of the new Year 7's were split into groups and taken off around the school by our wonderful Year 8 guides. They undertook lessons in Maths, English and Science just as their children do. They worked in pairs or small groups to tackle a range of problems from negative and positive numbers, finding out the energy mass of a Dorito crisp and teasing each other with grammatical terms!

The parents' faces changed from fear and apprehension to laughter and competitive excitement! Parents told us it was a fabulous evening, and many were impressed by how "engaging and interesting" the teaching was. Overall, 97% of those that attended rated the experience as good or excellent.

I would like to thank the parents for attending and the staff for "going that extra mile" to deliver the classes.

Here are a selection of images from the evening :-





Autumn term with the John Colet PTA

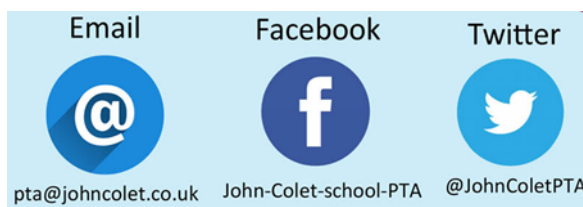
The new school year has got off to a flying start! We have been incredibly busy organising a number of events, all to help us to achieve our aim to advance the education of the pupils at the John Colet school.

Our main fundraising project this year is to finance the landscaping of a disused area of ground to allow us to provide a much needed social area for students with new seating. The project is well underway and over two days last weekend a star group of volunteers removed all of the overgrown planting, which formed phase one. This has now been chipped and will create the base layer of the newly cleared space. The second phase of this project will involve a digger removing all of the stumps and preparing the bank for the additional sleeper steps. We are thrilled with the progress that has been made and would like to say a massive **THANK YOU** to all those who gave up their spare time to help. If you are able to help with the phase 3 of the project, where additional planting and sleeper construction will take place, then please do get in touch via the Facebook page, Twitter or via email, pta@johncolet.co.uk

Tickets are still available for our **Quiz Night on Friday 9th November** (see separate flyer in this newsletter) – we are pleased to announce that Lindt chocolates have kindly offered to support our evening and will be providing the chocolate prizes 🍫 🍫.

Tickets for the disco and the Quiz Night can be purchased online at: <http://www.tickettailor.com/events/johncoletschoolpta>

Don't forget to sign up to the Vale Lottery and raise money for the school whilst in with the chance to win £25,000! One of our supporters won £250 in last weekend's draw!



Thank

your support!

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QUIZ NIGHT

TO BENEFIT THE



John Colet School
P.T.A.

Friday 9th November 2018 @ John Colet School

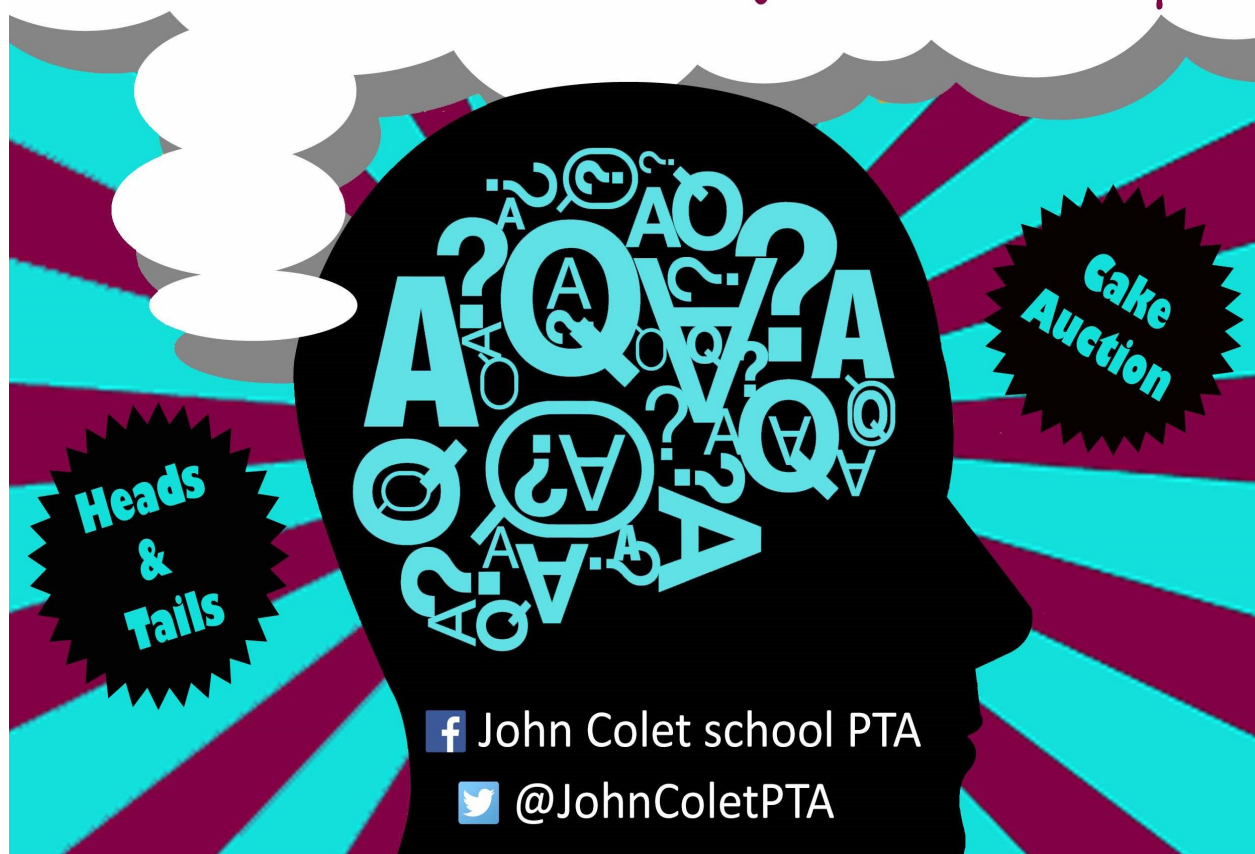
Doors open at **6:30pm** - Quiz starts at **7:00pm**

£10 per person / teams of 8-10 players

Cash bar - Thai supper included

Order tickets online at:

www.tickettailor.com/events/johncoletschoolpta





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

Contact Emma on 07969433351 for more details or to book yourself onto a class.



All classes with Emma are £8.00 PAYG or £40 for a 6 class block



Science

Is it making **complete sense** or do you need some *help*?

Biology and Chemistry A level, GCSE Science and all **exams** - getting ready? Want to **improve** your grades? Are there topics you find really **difficult**?

I can help you!



Experienced and fully qualified former Colet teacher



Friendly, effective and based in Wendover

Call or text Mrs Smith on 07503 646 507
or email: sandymail7@talktalk.net

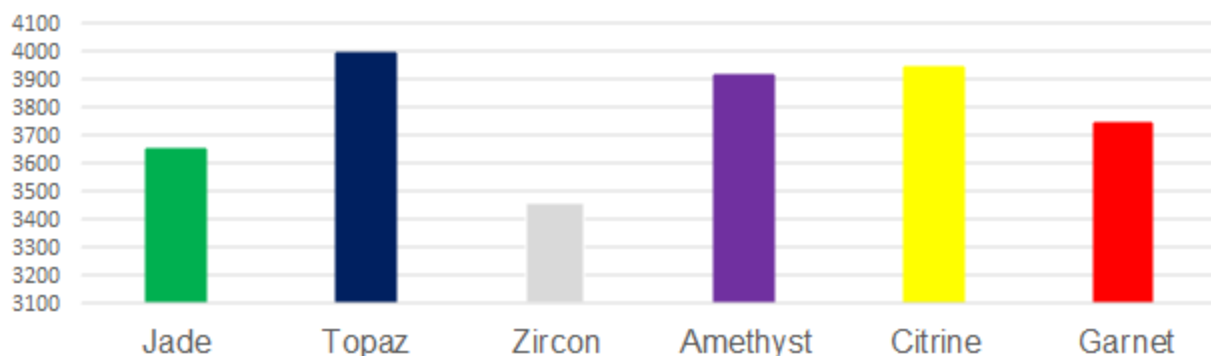
Polite Notice

Wendover Health Centre have asked that parents please do not park in the Health Centre when picking up students from school. Parking is limited and it is becoming increasingly difficult for patients to find a parking space, especially on a Tuesday afternoon when JCS finishes early.

Thank You.



House Points
at time of publication



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 information.



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



EXAM CERTIFICATES



For those students who have left John Colet, we have arranged a morning where you or someone on your behalf can collect your exam certificates.

This is aimed at those students from Year 11 who have not returned to 6th Form and Year 13 students who have now left John Colet.

If you are still studying at John Colet, certificates will be distributed via your Tutor during registration or during a special assembly. You will be notified of these arrangements nearer the time.

FOR ALL LEAVERS - A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

WEDNESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2018

10AM – 12NOON

This will take place in the Gallery

If you wish for someone to collect your certificates on your behalf, you need to provide a letter confirming this, even if it is a parent collecting them for you.

Another important reminder, if you move house please make sure we know your new address. In the event of you or someone else not being in a position to collect your certificates, we will post them home to the address we have on our database.

We would, however, prefer it if your certificates were collected. The Royal Mail is not foolproof and post can and does go missing.

Certificates are important documents and it can be a costly exercise if you need to replace them so remember to keep them in a safe place!





Terrifying Tuesday

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.

MORE PHOTOS OF THIS EVENT TO FOLLOW IN THE NEXT EDITION.....

Please look out for a similar event nearer Christmas – Frosty Friday!