



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

September 2018

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Dates for your diary:

Parents Information Evening, Year 9 :
11 October 2018
Open Evening: 6.30 pm
4 October 2018
Open Morning: 9.00 am
5 October 2018
Inset Day: 12 October
Parent Consultation Evening, Year 11:
1 November 2018
In the Sixth Evening:
15 November 2018
Last day of term:
14 December 2018

Note from the Headteacher

The summer break is already a distant memory, but I hope that all students and parents had a good, restful break. It has been a busy start to the academic year with new rules and old rules enforced from Day 1. I hope that you are enjoying plenty of emails regarding rewards given out by teachers in lessons and that you have not received too many that are more negative. A number of students were not allowed to attend lessons at the start of term due to non-compliance with the Uniform Policy, which had not changed, despite the reminder sent by email during the summer holiday. I'm pleased to report that the students look smarter than ever with very few issues now outstanding. I realise that enforcing the policy upset some parents, but improving behaviour across the school, including being correctly dressed, is one of the main school priorities this year.

The governors have agreed the five key priorities below for the 2018-19 academic year:

Improve outcomes for all students and in particular these key groups: disadvantaged, SEN, high ability.

Staff manage students' behaviour highly effectively with clear rules that are consistently enforced.

Teachers encourage students to try hard, recognise their efforts and ensure that students take pride in all aspects of their work. Teachers have consistently high expectations of all students' attitudes to learning.

Students demonstrate key features of successful learning including:

They love the challenge of learning and are resilient to failure;

They are curious, interested learners who seek out and use new information to develop, consolidate and deepen their knowledge, understanding and skills;

They are eager to know how to improve their learning;

They capitalise on opportunities to use feedback, written or oral, to improve.

Students participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities that allow them to enjoy school and have opportunities to demonstrate leadership.

As a school we are trying to create a positive rewards culture with points accumulated by students for their own record and as contributions towards their house. The house points total is updated each week and can be seen on the school's new website at <https://www.johncolet.co.uk/about/house-system/>. As usual there are many extra-curricular opportunities for students (you will find the list on the Extra-Curricular section of the website) and the first house event, House Art, will be launched in the immediate future. I was delighted to see so many Year 9 students and parents at the launch of the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award scheme and look forward to this allowing students to enrol onto the Bronze Award this year with Silver and Gold Awards in future.



The website also includes the school calendar of events and a list of topics and specifications (GCSE and Sixth Form) broken down by year group. Students who are curious and interested will make good use of this latter section to read ahead and around the topic of the week in order to deepen their knowledge and understanding.

As well as new students into Year 7 and the Sixth Form we have welcomed a number of new members of staff in September. I wish them and all our students a very successful 2018-19 academic year.

Patrick Harty
Headteacher

New Support Staff:-

K Bonner, Learning Support Assistant
J Deeley, Learning Support Assistant
A Edmonds, Learning Support Assistant
K Lansdown, Admin Assistant (SEND)
K Komaroni, Learning Support Assistant
S Mannell, Learning Support Assistant
N Pope, Reprographics Technician
A Reed, Learning Support Assistant
T Sinacore, Assistant to Head of Sixth Form
L Walters, Matron

New Teaching Staff:-

K Bellingy, Computing
M Brown, Science
J Cole, MFL
J Collins, Maths
D Hill, MFL
J Horwood, PE
S Kennedy, Science
K Miller, Maths
S Palmer, Maths
N Panchal, Food Tech
B Rolfe, PE
A Simpson, MFL
J Strachan, Science
P Waddleton, English
S Yarrow, Art/Tech

Maternity Leave:-

C Cook, Science
J Kinnear, MFL

Lost Property

All lost property gets handed in to Matron. Anything that is named will be returned to the student, so please ensure that you name all of your child's property. Anything that does not have a name on will be kept in Matron's room until the end of the half term, when it will be put out in the hall for students to check through. If your son/daughter has lost or misplaced anything, please ask them to check with Matron.



Food Technology

Back in July some Year 10s went to Rumsey's to pitch some new Vegan cakes to Kate, the owner, which they have been designing and developing in Food Tech.

Her words -

"I hope you found this afternoon useful and felt the kids enjoyed it too. They'd obviously put some effort into it and we were impressed with the quality of the cakes produced. They were also a lovely bunch who were very well behaved and polite, a credit to you and the school."

Overall Elliot, Dene and Hayley won, with special commendation going to Molly and Liam. Kate has promised to develop some of the ideas into her menu, so watch this space!

Excellent news from a project with a local business!



History trip to Munich July 2018

On Tuesday 17 July 31 very excited year 10 students left school at lunchtime accompanied by Miss Ellwood, Mrs Gould and Mr Clarke to get to Luton airport to catch a plane for Munich. After a long journey and a little initial confusion on the Munich U-bahn we made it to our hostel. We had a packed itinerary and day one began with a guided walking tour of Munich, during which students learnt about the rise of the Nazi party and saw where the Munich Putsch took place. We had lunch in Munich's beautiful main square and even managed to persuade some students to try a traditional bratwurst instead of a McDonalds! In the afternoon we made our way to Dachau Concentration Camp; this was a poignant and moving visit and the students were excellent as they listened intently to the tour guide and tried to comprehend the horror of the Holocaust.



On day two we took the train to Nuremberg and saw the huge and impressive Nazi party rally grounds where thousands of people were swept up by the Nazi propaganda machine. We also visited the courthouse where the Nuremberg Trials were held to bring leading Nazis to justice, although we were disappointed that we were not able to go into the actual courtroom since it was in session. In the evening the students had some free time to visit a traditional German fair.

Day three started with a trip to the Nazi party Documentation Centre, which houses thousands of rare photographs and documents relating to the Nazi era, and students really got a greater insight into how the Nazis took and held control in Germany between 1933-45, and the awful legacy they left behind. In the afternoon we were able to take a more light-hearted trip to the 1972 Olympic park in Munich and went up the Olympic tower with impressive views across the whole city and towards the Alps.

Munich was just as hot as the UK in July and the students coped brilliantly, fully engaging with some really challenging history, long hot days and lots of walking. Their behaviour was brilliant and they were a pleasure to be with. The history department hopes to offer this trip again to GCSE history students.

Miss Ellwood



Note re: Medical Appointments

We appreciate that it is not always possible to book medical appointments outside of the school day, but would like to remind parents and carers of the school procedure should you need to take your child out of school for an appointment:

Please supply the school with confirmation of any appointment in writing or by email and preferably with a copy of the appointment letter prior to the appointment;

Please ask your child to sign out with Matron and then wait to be collected by their parent/carer;

If returning to school on the same day the student will need to sign back in with Matron in the first instance.

With over 1,000 students in school if your son/daughter has a medical appointment during break or lunchtime it is highly unlikely that we will be able to locate them if they do not remember themselves.

If the appointment is during a lesson time, it is the student's responsibility to excuse themselves from their lesson and sign out with Matron in time for their collection. If they do forget the office can send a student to collect them but this can sometimes cause a delay.



Mathematics Success

At the Senior Prize giving on Thursday 13 September, two excellent Mathematicians were awarded the highest accolades in Maths. James won the McLintock Cup for his fantastic GCSE result of a Grade 9 and for the hard work and passion he had shown for the subject throughout his GCSE years. Ryan was awarded the Mr Ed Brown Shield for excellence in A Level Mathematics. His hard work and dedication throughout Year 13 really was something to admire. We wish the boys every success as they move onto pastures new.

James and Ryan pictured here with Mrs A Passaro



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.

Mobile Phone Policy

Mobile Phones At John Colet we have a 'no see, no hear' policy for mobile phones while students are on school site. Students are asked to turn off their phones and put them away before walking through the school gates and are only allowed to use their phones once they leave the school site at the end of the school day. Students going to after school clubs and activities are permitted to use their phones on the school site after 4.00pm. Outside of lessons, time before school, at break and lunchtimes is important for socialising and meeting friends; we want to encourage students to talk to their friends rather than being attached to their mobile phones. If a student needs to contact their parent/carer, they should go to student support where they will be allowed to ring home. Should you need to contact your son or daughter, please contact the school office and we will get a message to the student. Unfortunately at times parents try to contact students directly which causes their phone to go off during lessons, resulting in the student having their phone confiscated as per school policy. Students are in school to learn and should not be distracted from this, hence we ask that you do not contact them directly during the school day.

Attendance Matters!

Attendance at school is so important for our students. If they aren't in school, not only do they miss lessons, they also miss out on the opportunity to take part in clubs, see their friends and join in with extra-curricular activities.

Children who frequently miss school can fall behind with their work and do less well in their exams – 90% attendance means a student has missed 19 days of school, which is almost 4 weeks! This has been shown to reduce performance by one grade at GCSE across each subject.

To help your child maximise their learning and achieve their full potential, please can we ask that you support them by:

- Booking holidays during school holidays (holidays during term time are rarely authorised and may lead to a fine).
- Making medical appointments out of school hours whenever possible, or after 2pm to minimise lost learning time.
- Ensuring your child arrives at school on time. They should be in their forms by 8.30am each day for registration.
- Sending your child to school if they have only a minor ailment.
- Bringing your child to school part way through the day if they make a recovery after a few hours at home.
- Discussing the importance of good attendance and punctuality with your child.

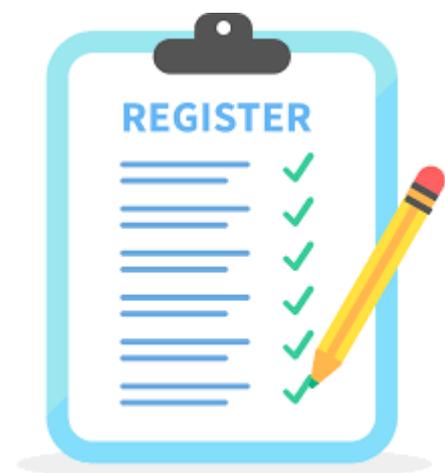
Of course, we understand there may be occasions when your child is too unwell to attend school. We ask that you contact the school office before 8.30am on each day of absence to keep us updated as to their progress.

If there are any issues, medical or otherwise, affecting attendance, please discuss these with your child's form tutor in the first instance.

Please be aware that the Department for Education consider a child to be a Persistent Absentee when attendance falls below 90%. A letter will be sent to parents/carers when there are concerns about absence, or if it falls below this level, and an improvement will be expected and/or medical evidence provided.

Students who achieve 100% attendance each term will be awarded certificates and House Points! Students who work to improve their attendance and punctuality will also be recognised

Di Bull, our Attendance Improvement Officer, is also contactable via the school office. She is always happy for you to get in touch regarding any attendance issues or queries, and would be glad to hear from you.





Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme officially launched!

I am very pleased to announce that this term we have officially launched the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme at John Colet School. On Monday 17th September a very successful parent's information evening was held for Year 9 parents. The school will begin with the launch of the bronze award to the year 9 students and with the hope to offer silver and gold in the near future. Closing date for all year 9 Bronze applications is **Monday 1st October**.

Miss Tallyn- DofE Manger

Sports Leadership Update:

This week was the first week of John Colet's new sports leadership qualification. Over 52 year 9 and 10 students have been chosen to complete their level 1 in Sports Leadership. This qualification involves the students attending a lesson at 7.30am on a Tuesday morning. Although the students are required to start their school day an hour early their attitude and effort has been fantastic and there is great potential in our students to become outstanding leaders. More to come in the next edition.

Miss Tallyn- PE teacher

U15 Girls Tennis Team Reach Regional Playoff Final

The U15 girls tennis team have had a very successful year winning all of their league matches and they qualified for the regional league play off finals. The play off final took place at Wycombe Abbey School on Thursday 13th September. The team consisted of Nicola (Year 10), Ella (Year 9), Lola (Year 9) and Alys (Year 7). The girls narrowly lost to a very experienced Wycombe Abbey School. This is a fantastic achievement and the girls should be very proud, especially with it being the very first time the school has entered a competitive tennis league.

Miss Tallyn- PE teacher





House Art

Deadline: Monday 8th October

Competition details:

The submission should be a tonal drawing in either black and white or colour, using drawing pencils or coloured pencils.

The drawing should be no larger than A4 and no smaller than A5. Cartridge paper can be collected from your Head of House.

The subject should be a single everyday object.

Each House should submit ONE piece per Key Stage to Mrs White in AR2 by 3pm on Monday 8th October.

Safer Internet

It is clear that as humans advance into the future, computers keep getting more powerful and intelligent. While this can and most of the time be a brilliant thing with smartphones, connection and even computers that can detect skin cancer, there are some disadvantages that are already upon humanity.

One of the clear problems in computers is cyber security and Internet safety. This is extremely important as more and more people are becoming reliant on computing and even holding personal details online such as bank account information and credit card details. This poses a threat of hackers and malicious activity that could attack anyone without the correct knowledge!

Top Tips:

1. Don't share your username and password with anyone.
2. Don't set up a meeting with people online without your parents.
3. Only post something online if you would be okay with anyone in the world seeing it including your family.
4. Make a habit of checking your settings on social media, make sure they are always up to standard making sure people you don't know can't access your information.
5. Think before you post, don't include pictures holding information about your home, school, surroundings or anything that could lead a stranger to find you. Remember that once you post something online, it's public.
6. Make sure that you have an antivirus software running on your computer and make sure that it is up to date.

A great way of combating this problem is to get people to invest some of their time learning about computer safety, and while they're at it they can learn an extremely important skill for the future, programming.

Who are CodeBytes?

A group of computer enthusiasts who are very keen to raise safer internet awareness and explore advanced areas of computer science. Come and visit us in IT1 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm after school on Wednesdays or speak with a CodeByte ambassador or Mr Khan for more details or to join.



Scott L 10C

CodeBytes ambassador

Useful Websites:

<https://www.childnet.com/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

Year 10 Photography visit to Brighton

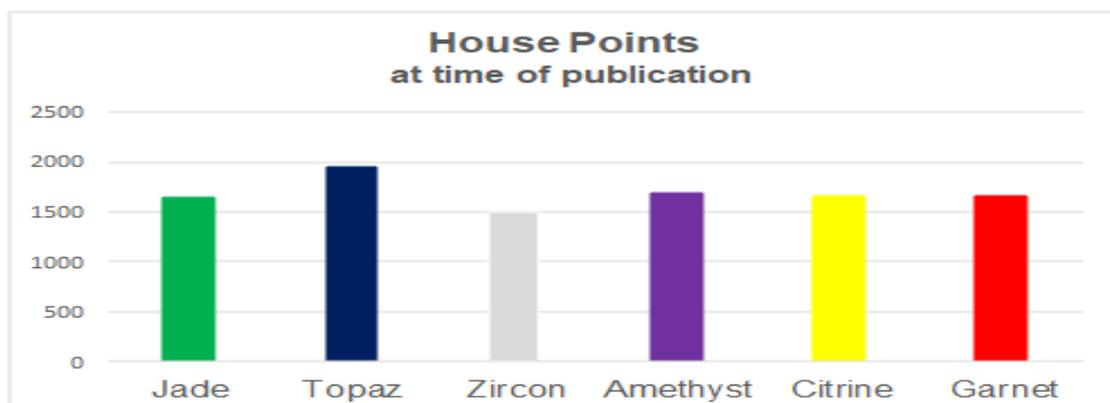
On the 20 September we took 30 year 10 students to Brighton for a day of photographing by the sea, on the pier and in the Lanes. The rain held off for us, however, we did have the remnants of storm Bronagh which resulted in high winds and large waves. Some of the girls were taking images at the end of the jetty and unfortunately got soaked through as a wave came over the top.

A couple of the boys gallantly gave up their sweatshirts for the girls to wear. All students took a large number of images for their 'Wish You Were Here' portfolio project.

They have researched the Photographer Martin Parr in class and his 'This is England' series of images, the students took a whole set of images in response to his work.



Current House Point Standings:



Year 7 News

The Year 7 students have now completed their first three weeks at the John Colet School and have settled in well. We have been impressed with the smartness of their uniforms and how quickly they have adjusted to their new school. The Parents' Information Evening was held on Thursday 27th September where we shared information that will help you to support your child during Year 7. The presentation is on the parents section of the school website including details of which staff to contact if you have a query about school. We would be grateful if you could read this as it will help us to deal with queries as efficiently as possible.

Dr P Myatt

Head of Year 7'

Family Liaison Officer

My name is Laura North and I am the Family Liaison Officer (FLO) at John Colet School.

I primarily work with pupil premium students and my role is to liaise between parents and the school and to be a point of contact and support for parents and children if they have any issues they wish to raise.

I also work alongside other members of the staff team and outside agencies to ensure pupils are in school every day and support pupils and families to participate as fully as possible in school life.

I will be on hand to offer confidential advice and guidance to help support you and your child, whether that is at home or in school.



I am in school Monday - Thursday morning so please feel free to phone or come and talk to me. If you would like to make an appointment to meet with me, please contact the school office or email familyliaison@johncolet.co.uk.

Macmillan Cake Morning - Friday 28 September

JCS staff brought in some delicious cakes this morning for Macmillan Coffee Morning - we will up-date you in the next Newsletter as to how much was raised!





**JOHN COLET SCHOOL
WENDOVER
PTA**

Raising money to support the pupils of John Colet School



Autumn term 2018 events



~ Friday 19th October 2018 ~

Year 7 Welcome Disco

(WITH DJ FREDDIE DE MONTE)



~ Friday 19th October 2018 ~

Mufti Day

(£1 PER PUPIL VIA FORM TUTOR)



~ Friday 9th November 2018 ~

Quiz Night

(ADULTS ONLY EVENT)



The proceeds from these events will help to fund our project to develop the banked area behind the English and Humanities block - your support is really appreciated!



Welcome to the John Colet PTA!

It's a new school year and we'd like to welcome back existing parents/carers as well as extend a warm welcome to new parents/carers to the school. We are in our second full year as a PTA, and we're excited about the fundraising events we have planned for this year! Please put the dates in your diary; further details to follow.

Our aim is to create a shared community that brings together parents, teachers, and pupils to advance the education of the pupils at the John Colet School. We believe that having engaged parents with a voice in how resources are invested contributes to the success of the school.

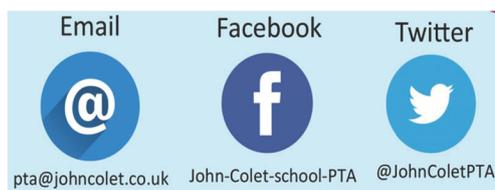
We are about more than just fundraising, though. We also offer social opportunities to bring the school community together, working towards common goals - and also have some fun doing that along the way!

How can you support us?

- ⇒ **Attend our events** - save the date in your diaries
- ⇒ **Help organize event** – email us at pta@johncolet.co.uk to register your interest
- ⇒ **Follow us on Facebook and Twitter**
- ⇒ **Sign up to the Vale Lottery** and raise money for the school whilst in with the chance to win £25,000!



Thank you for your support!





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

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

Friday;
 9.30am – 10.30 am – Ladies that Lift
 11.00am – 12.00om– 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.



Youth Café

Wednesday 3-4.30pm for 11 -17 year olds

Youth Club

Thursday 7-9pm for 13 -18 year olds

Amazing Donkey

Friday 7-9pm for 10 -13 year olds

Way Board (Wendover Area Youth Board)

Want to make a difference in your community, aged 13- 18,
contact us for more info to get involved...

Find us: Wharf Road, School Campus,
Wendover, HP22 6HF (opposite the John Hampden School)

Contact:

becky@wendoveryouth.co.uk or
paul@wendoveryouth.co.uk www.wendoveryouth.co.uk

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