

JOHN COLET SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

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

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Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the parent consultation evening on 28 February. Attendance was 82% and the conversations were productive and positive. Year 13 sat for their final year group photograph recently and the resulting picture looks great. Please do purchase a copy using the forms given out. If students would like to see a printed copy before purchasing one for themselves, they are welcome to view the print in Mrs Fanchi's office.

We return to school after the Easter holiday on Tuesday 23 April, which is a blue week. Year 13 will celebrate their Leavers' Day on Friday 10 May and study leave will begin on Monday 13 May. Students are expected to wear sixth form dress code attire when they are in school for revision sessions or for exams.

Events of the half term

Year 12 and a group of Year 11 applicants visited the UK University and Apprenticeship Fair in Milton Keynes. As well as speaking with course providers, many students chose to attend seminars on applying to Russell Group universities, Oxbridge or Higher Apprenticeships. We collected lots of free pens too!

Year 12 visited Bucks New University and along with a tour of the facilities, the opportunity to speak to undergraduates and a lovely lunch in the student café, students participated in taster seminars and activities too. Encouragingly, 68% of students said the visit would help make decisions about their future choices.

A group of students from the Sixth Form attended the climate march in London recently. They feel strongly about this important issue and they were proud to show their support by joining other young people on the march and standing up for a cause.

The team selected as finalists in the Big Bucks Sales Challenge were privileged to spend the day at JUNE Medical with entrepreneur, Angela Spang. They learned about the business and were coached in presentation and communication skills. This week the team presented their final task in the exciting surroundings of Pinewood Studios along with a number of other local schools. Whilst the team were not victorious this year, they had a great experience. Well done to Holly O'Sullivan, Tom Withers, Aaliyah Khan, Euan Anderson, Oliva Borns and Tanya Chineka.

Ex-Colet student, Ben Blackburn, visited us to talk about his career choices since leaving Year 13 in 2009. After working his way up to management at Tesco, he is now working for a local tech start-up company, Jetfruit. His message to students that it is ok to change careers in search of something different was relevant in a time when 'careers for life' are less likely. Ben explored the difference in working for a large corporation compared to a small local business.

We enjoyed an entertaining presentation by Niall from Project Trust which is an organisation specialising in long term overseas voluntary placements. Niall talked inspiringly about the benefits of taking a gap year but particularly about the long-term impact of working within a community to benefit a project in a sustainable way. For more details visit: projecttrust.org.uk

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

As part of our focus on the 3Rs (Ready, Respectful, Responsible) Sixth Form students have been recognized and rewarded by staff with points which contribute to their houses and which are sent home to parents/carers by email. The combined total for the year to date is 1910 - keep it up!

Our top performing students in LC2 with perfect ATLs of 1 in all subjects are:

Year 12

Elenor Guess
Muhammad Irfan
Nathan Mount
Abie Rowland

Year 13

Hannah Cass
Gaia Cook
Corey Meehan

All have been awarded R4s from Mr Harty

Congratulations this half term go to the three Year 12 students who have participated in the Young Enterprise competition. Sam Walker, Tom Withers and Tom Pendlebury were winners in the 'Best Presentation' category and runners up in the 'Teamwork' category when they attended the final presentation evening last week. Well done to the YE team; a great result!

A 'well done' and 'thank you' to Grace Woodley and Abie Rowland who participated in the Lessons from Auschwitz visit to Poland last week, representing JCS. Along with their learning from two seminars, the visit has provided them with a special understanding of the horrors of the Holocaust. They will be arranging for a Holocaust survivor to visit school to speak to the Sixth Form soon.

Well done to Emma Manning, Luke Winter, Corey Meehan & Lucy Clarke (Year 13) who won the Advanced Challenge in the recent Rotary Technology Tournament. The team saw off rigorous competition to secure the award.
Congratulations!

Holly O'Sullivan, Muhammad Irfan & Nneka Ayogu are soon to take on a sponsored 10 mile walk as part of their National Citizen Service Action Day. You are very welcome to make a donation to Bucks Mind if you should like to via <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/10milewalkmind>. Good luck to the students completing the walk in April – we are hoping it stays dry for you!



Prom preparations are well underway and the Head Students have sought views to ensure the end of Year 13 celebrations are the ideal 'send off' for our Leavers. Along with this, plans are coming together for the Leavers' Day celebration taking place on Friday 10 May. The Head Students continue to fundraise; this week they were selling Krispy Kreme donuts around the school at lunchtime. They sold over 100 donuts in under 5 minutes, so a very successful venture! The Head Students will also be involved in interviewing prospective Head Students and sharing their expertise as part of the handover to the new team before they go on study leave in May.

PARENTS / CARERS OF YEAR 12

This week sees the launch of the process for the Year 12 students wishing to apply for a position on the Head Student team.

We will shortly launch the UCAS application process for Year 12s. All students are expected to register online even if they choose a different pathway next year.

Please keep an eye on your email inbox for guidance being sent home about supporting your son/daughter with work experience or work shadowing.

PARENTS / CARERS OF YEAR 13

You should have received a letter outlining the arrangements for Leavers Day 2019 taking place on Friday 10 May. Students must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner in order that everyone can enjoy the day and bid a fond 'farewell'.

Your support during the examination season is appreciated; please make sure your son/daughter eats well, sleeps well and takes regular breaks from their study in order to perform at their best!