

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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Best wishes to all our Sixth Form students, parents and carers for the summer holiday. What a busy year it has been! This newsletter has hopefully provided an insight into the variety and number of activities which go on through the academic year. This half term, with Year 13 gone after their exams have finished, our Year 12 students have been taking on the leadership of the Sixth Form and implementing new initiatives which benefit the lower school, such as peer mentoring. A great effort from our students!

JCS welcomed an impressive number of our applicants to induction day. Students from our Year 11 cohort and from other schools attended a range of challenging and inspirational taster sessions to get an understanding of what each course will be like when they enrol in August. It was lovely to see the students dressed in their Sixth Form attire and getting to grips with the independent nature of Post 18 study. Well done, Year 11!

Early bird booking opens for Bucks Skills Show 2019

The Bucks Skills Show takes place on Saturday 19 October from 9.30am to 3pm at The Gateway in Aylesbury – and we're encouraging parents and carers to book free tickets now.

Over 100 high profile employers representing a range of industry sectors will be on hand to advise, inspire, answer questions and encourage students to take part in interactive exhibits:

- Creative industries (film, TV & music) – sponsored by Cube Video
- Engineering, technology & manufacturing
- Life sciences, health & social care
- Business
- Retail, hospitality & leisure
- Public services
- Space industries
- Construction
- Meet education providers in the 'next steps' area.

A speaker programme runs throughout the day featuring an A-list line-up, including Google, Bucks Healthcare Trust, Flannery Plant Hire, Pinewood Studios, MP for Aylesbury David Lidington, Ministry of Sound and more.

[Click here to book free tickets](#). Places are limited so book early. Follow [@BucksSkillsShow](#) on Twitter for updates. JCS will be attending on Friday 18 October as a Sixth Form visit.

Every Year 12 student has met with Mr Harty to discuss their personal statements. Students are now working hard on these very important written pieces as they are vital to a university's decision whether to offer students a place on their chosen degree course. Please do read their drafts and help them construct their statements.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

As part of our focus on the 3Rs (Ready, Respectful, Responsible) Sixth Form students have been recognized by staff with points which contribute to their houses and which are sent home to parents/carers by email. The combined total for the previous term Jan – April is 508 - keep it up!

Most improved Year 12 in terms of progress between LC1 and LC3 are:

Tom Astle
Nneka Ayogu
Tanya Chineka
Eloise Coggins
Zack Harris
Alex Hogg
Riona Mason
George Wilkinson-Hoare
Tom Withers
Sam Witherspoon

The World Challenge team have been hitting those trails again in training for their expedition to Namibia in 2020.

Over three days the team walked 43 miles of the Ridgeway Path from Wendover to West Ilsley on the A34. The weather was glorious and hot but some parts of the route provided little shade; lunch by the river at Goring was a welcome respite! The team continue to bond and learn more about each other (and the teachers!) so that they can work collaboratively when they are travelling in Africa. The next training event is a mini-expedition to Snowdonia next spring to learn camp craft and cooking skills! Please do follow our journey @JCSWorldChall and support the challengers if you are able to do so.

In the previous issue you read about MOOCs and the value they can add to a personal statement and future prospects. A recommendation for the 'Preparing for University' MOOC has been made and might be of interest to those wishing to do a generic and helpful MOOC which is cross curricular. Log on to the Future Learn website to find this course hosted by University of East Anglia.

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses>

If parents would like to develop their child's 'soft skills' a new business venture has been launched locally. Go to <http://boostlifefskills.co.uk/> for more details about their services.



The Head Student team have had a packed schedule this half term with their presence requested at a number of school events. They have assisted in judging the lower school speaking competitions, met lots of new intake parents at the Year 6 Induction Evening, addressed the prospective Sixth Form students at the Year 12 Induction Day and spoken at all of the Celebration Mornings. They have taken to their new roles with confidence; do read their profiles in the July edition of the Wendover News if you want to get to know more about them and the plans they have for their tenure as student leaders.

PARENTS / CARERS OF YEAR 12

Thank you to those of you working hard 'behind the scenes' to help your young people secure work experience. If they have not managed to secure a placement this term, they should continue to try and find an opportunity next year. Please do let us know if you need assistance as we have a range of contacts.

Summer Boost / Work – some students have been issued with targeted work to boost their 'likely to achieve' grades and all students will have received some summer work to ensure they maintain and further their progress over the summer break. Please remind them not to leave it to the last minute!

PARENTS / CARERS OF YEAR 13

A Level and BTEC results for Year 13 are released to students from 9am on Thursday 15 August when students can collect results in person in the Hall. Students applying through UCAS will receive notification through Track as to whether they have successfully secured their first choice. Whatever the outcome, staff will be on hand in school to assist and advise should you need to get in touch. Students can register for clearing from 5 July. Find out all you need to know about clearing at <https://www.ucas.com/events/2019-entry-clearing-opens-331906>

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