

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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Wishing all our Parents, Carers and Students a Happy Holiday.

Our sixth formers have been presented with many new challenges this term and we applaud their efforts in maintaining a positive and uplifting attitude. The end of term also marks the first full term as a sixth form tutor for Ms Simpson, Mr Brown and Miss Qadeer who have already made a positive impact supporting their forms. Parents Consultation Evening for sixth form will take place on Thursday 25th of February. At this moment it is still expected to be a virtual event with video conferencing used for appointments.

While upholding a solid revision plan is essential for preparing for the upcoming exams and mocks, it is also important for students to use this upcoming holiday to take a break for their emotional health and wellbeing. We encourage them to schedule some time into their schedules to rest and recuperate. Take some time to read a book, enjoy a TV series, sleep well, spend quality time with family and drink lots of water!

Events of the half term

The NFTS short film challenge is normally run for the whole of Y12, however, due to restrictions this year our Y12 Media students have been working hard stepping up to the plate. The brief this year was to create a short film advertising the school, and students have been enjoying involving younger year groups (in a socially distanced way). The films will be judged internally on the 17th of December by teachers and our Y13 Media representative Kaden Borrett.

Year 12's have been presenting Miss Rose with their completed community service cards. Many have supported the school and wider community by volunteering for 10 or more hours over the past term. During these difficult times it has been amazing to see them persevere with helping others and raising the community spirit.

This half term we also welcome our new librarian Miss Donnelly. She has been busy sourcing new books specifically for and recommended by Sixth Form Students. She's an amazing resource for any new book or DVD recommendations. She will be introducing Y12's to our new selection of titles in their next book club life skills class.

Each Year 12 student will take Life Skills classes as part of their Enrichment sessions. In these classes they will learn about finances, budgeting and even learning to repair their own clothing. Students are also lucky enough to experience a first aid session with Matron, and this term have enjoyed the chance to learn how to give CPR on the school Resusci Annies.

It is never too early for students to start researching their post-18 options. We encourage year 12s to start making full use of the Unifrog resource to research apprenticeships and university courses. Parents and carers can also log in to Unifrog to use the research tools and learn how to aid your child with CV's and Personal Statements. Parents/ Carers will need to sign in using the form code: parentsjohncolet. This will then take you to a log in screen where you can add your details and email address.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Congratulations to all our students who have achieved perfect ATL Scores this term
They are:

Year 12:

Pip Burchmore
Emma Carlile
Eve Cattle
Macey Crawford
Lucy Histed
Ollie Hucklebridge
Joshua O'Mahony
Abbie O'Toole
Isabel Rowe
Lola Sainsbury

Year 13:

Elliot Beever
Daniella Cruickshank
Hannah Griffiths
Kate Henley
Nyssa Hir
Becky Hyams
Jack Tuffin

'My form this term presented an assembly highlighting how important the food voucher scheme is for certain children within the local community. We explained how Marcus Rashford managed to push the government into two U-turns to try and secure food vouchers for disadvantaged children, who are currently facing financial problems due to the Corona Virus which has affected some many livelihoods across the country. This year the sixth form is running a reverse advent calendar to try and help members of our community who are less fortunate than us have a slightly brighter Christmas with their family, as we believe that no family should go hungry around the festive period. We will be collecting the food and sanitary donations given by members of the school on the final day of term (18th December). Miss Simpson will then be taking it all to one the local food banks. Last year this was a huge success and Miss Simpson was able to provide the food bank with numerous full boxes of products.'

– *Joshua O'Mahony, Year 12*

Some of our Year 12 students are participating in Young Enterprise this year. The company, Wax Worx, have been busy making and selling a variety of scented candles and wax melts. Creating scents such as orange and cinnamon, frankincense and mulled wine. The company is initially concentrating on hitting the Christmas market before developing more product ideas in the New Year. They will be debuting their products at the staff Christmas craft fair and sixth form students will be able to purchase directly from them after the 11th of December. The participants have been working hard after school hand crafting their products and working on their marketing.



Left: Students learning how to make candles for Young Enterprise



Right: Y12 Life Skills class learning how to give CPR



Above: Our head student team laying the school wreath at the Cenotaph

Our head student team have been busy upholding their leadership duties, acting as representatives of the school. While they could not take part in the Remembrance Sunday Memorial service this year, the students took the school Wreath and placed it themselves before holding a moment's silence. The Head Student team have also helped promote both our school and sixth form by taking part in filming for our virtual school open evening and Into the Sixth. They gave informative responses to questions about school life and specific subjects and were positive asset to the presentations.

PARENTS / CARERS OF YEAR 12

We strongly encourage Year 12's to begin researching University Courses as we will begin working on their UCAS applications soon.

Alternatively for those looking to pursue work or apprentices, now is an ideal time to start building connections and exploring what opportunities are available. There are numerous resources on Unifrog to use to see what entry qualifications are needed for certain career paths and Mrs Sinacore is readily available to discuss careers options with those students who want to book in for a session.

PARENTS / CARERS OF YEAR 13

Year 13 A-Level mock exams will take place between 5th to the 8th of January. Students have been sent a copy of the exam timetable to their school email.

Mock results will be issued on Thursday 28th of January.

Congratulations to all our Year 13's who have completed their UCAS applications. Our extra UCAS catch up sessions have been a great help for many and we will be ending our CITCOM sessions this year with a session specifically catered to those applying for apprenticeships and jobs.