

# JOHN COLET SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

## NEWSLETTER

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A half termly update from our Student Writers

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

Merry Christmas to all. We have completed our first term! Our new Year 12 students have settled into life in KS5 and Year 13 are working hard with focus on the Mock Exams which take place in the New Year. Alongside the school curriculum there have been many events and activities for students to participate in. We hope you enjoy your Christmas break :)

### Remembrance Sunday

*'In memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we might live in freedom and peace - members and staff of John Colet School.'*  
On the 11th of November we remembered those who have sacrificed their lives and commemorate those who are still fighting in wars today. Our head student team took part in laying wreaths at the cenotaph.



### External Speakers

Since coming back to school we have had two external speakers come in to talk to students as a part of the Speakers Program.

A representative from Animal Aid (a campaign group who protest against animal abuse) came into school to speak about what Animal Aid do. She spoke about animal testing, slaughterhouses, and other forms of animal abuse as well as ways in which we can help end animal abuse like buying cruelty free products and going vegan; creating discussions on what we thought was ethical in regard to the treatment of animals. Leaflets were given out at the end about companies that used animal testing, and those that don't source their meat sustainably.

The school consent project also came in to speak to both Year 13 and Year 12. The Schools Consent Project is a charity which educates young people on issues surrounding sexual assault and consent. Students were split into groups, and each had an hour-long session. In the workshops students looked at what consent is and how it is identified, what rights and responsibilities they have in terms of consent, how sexual consent laws are defined in the UK and how to give and receive support.

## RAF Trip

“We got a tour of the site and were told about the phase 1, 10-week programme. We went into the museum and used a flight simulator. We also did first aid and went around the firing ranges.



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We watched some of the phase 1's train and went through what it would be like to train to become part of the RAF. The trip was fun and beneficial and a good indicator for deciding if the RAF is good for me.”

Oliwia Majdan 6L

A big thank you to Amelie Bock and Chloe Phillips for writing the first edition of the student led newsletter! I look forward to seeing what other content you come up with in the future. Each edition of the newsletter will still include important dates and updates from Mrs Fanchi in the 'Parents/Carer' Section. Have a very Happy Holiday! -Miss Rose

### **PARENTS / CARERS OF YEAR 12**

All students should have completed their student/parent forms for work experience. We appreciate that during the current climate work experience placements may be harder to confirm. Please let Mrs Sinacore or Mr Goodman know if your child is having difficulty securing a placement as soon as possible. Any students without a suitable work experience placement will be supervising activities taking place in school.

If you feel you may have any skills, interests or a career that you could give a talk on that may enrich our Sixth Form speakers programme please email Miss Rose.

## Mock Election

On the 3rd and 4th of November a mock election took place in school, where students were able to vote for parties that had taken place in recent local elections. We spoke to Miss Sinacore who ran this and other election experiences.

### **What was the purpose of the election?**

It was part of UK Parliament Week which is an annual event coordinated by the UK parliament week to get students more involved with parliament, politics and how it affects us.

### **What were the results from the election?**

Conservatives -244, Green – 397, Labour – 131  
Liberal Democrats – 67, Spoilt papers – 23

### **Why do you think the Green party won?**

COP-26 and the Greta effect. Younger people are also much more aware of the impact of climate change.

### **Were there any results that surprised you?**

I thought Labour would get more. In 2019 people didn't like Jeremy Corbyn which is why they didn't do so well. I thought Sir Kier Stammer would make a greater impression.

### **Do you think this voting experience was beneficial to students and why?**

I am hoping students will find out more about politics, this group of students have been the most affected by the government in terms of education and covid's effect on their learning.

### **PARENTS / CARERS OF YEAR 13**

For those students applying through UCAS all applications should have been sent off by our internal deadline of 17<sup>th</sup> of December. We will continue to release more information on the UCAS next steps throughout the year.

We will hit the ground running with Mock Exams when we return from the Christmas break. Exam timetables can be found on the Learning area of the John Colet website.