

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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Congratulations on completing the Year and enjoy your Summer holidays!

The summer term has seen a return to some of our normal activities. Year 12 have completed their mock exams, Geography students have taken a school trip to Slapton and we even managed to host a Staff vs Sixth Form football match. Congratulations to all of Sixth Form who have navigated this difficult year; your resilience and determination is highly commended. Enjoy your Summer holidays!

Events of the half term

We welcomed a representative from Oxford Brookes University for one of our CitCom sessions this half term. He presented us with valuable information on the different types of degrees you can apply for, how to evaluate the reputation of a University alongside advice on how to write a personal statement. All students will have completed a first draft of a personal statement by 9th of July and should use their holidays to work on this or begin adapting it into a cover letter/application for apprenticeships.

With restrictions beginning to lift we have been able to plan for external visitors for our speaker program. Our summer term will be rounded off by a talk from John Levy on The Middle East and its impacts on the UK and the Global Community. The Autumn term is already filling up with speakers from Drive Safe, Project Trust and a return visit from Oxford Brookes.

Many thanks to Jodie Williams and Jamie-Lee Beaver who have acted as our Sixth form representatives while working with Aylesbury Youth Action (AYA). AYA have been creating a short film surrounding young people's experiences of Covid with our younger JCS students.

Arguably, our most exciting event of the half term was the action-packed, adrenalin filled Staff Vs Sixth Form football match. This highly anticipated match even included Mr Harty participating as goalie. Undeterred by the rain, staff and students gave it their all and provided an enjoyable afternoon of sports for the spectators present. The result was a much contested (1 staff goal was disallowed) win of 2-1 to the sixth form. Congratulations to Joshua Morton and Jamie Williams on scoring the winning goals. Hopefully in the coming year we can enjoy more Sixth Form sports and social events.



Our Sixth Form football team and action

Our World Challenge participants (current Year 12s and future Year 12s!) have this term taken part in training walks to prepare them for their trek across Tanzania.

Their first practice took them on a hilly 20km walk through West Wycombe, a first taster in learning how to navigate the sunburn and blisters that come with long distance walking. Their second experience was a three day walk along the Ridgeway, hiking around 17 miles a day. Well done to all who have taken part in the training walk on their great team ethos.



Our World Challenge participants at the end of a 20km walk.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Sixth form reward points totaled for the year are a huge: 4118

Our highest R point achievers this year are:

<u>Year 12:</u>	<u>Year 13:</u>
Ollie Hucklebridge: 117	Dani Cruickshank: 88
Emma Carlile: 115	Lotti Bucher: 66
Christian O'Mahony: 103	Kaden Borrett: 62

The first term as Head Student is all about expressing your feelings of how John Colet can be adapted to be the most welcoming, supportive and encouraging school for the whole community. From creating new opportunities for Sixth Formers, to adapting the canteen packaging to be a more eco-friendly alternative, the Head Students and I have been busy discussing our views of future improvements to John Colet School with Mr Harty. The first event to be arranged was a Sixth Form vs Staff football match which took place on 29th June. This event was open to all staff and sixth formers to watch and was in hopes of making up for lost time and opportunities, such as Sports Day, due to the Coronavirus pandemic. We felt it was important to provide an event for sixth formers due to the lack of PE and extracurricular activities available this year. However, we were aware of the importance there was to invite all students but unfortunately, due to the current restrictions we were unable to do so.

As part of the head student team I feel it is important to give everyone a voice to express their opinions on how we can make our school better. As a result, I hope to present myself as a friendly and approachable member of the school community, who is happy to take on board any suggestions from students of all year groups. Especially, moving into the next school year as I am aware of how difficult it will be for the new Year 7s, who missed out on induction days and time to adapt to secondary school life. Overall, I am eager to create a positive community and make everyone feel welcome at John Colet.

Lucy Histed- Head student

PARENTS / CARERS OF YEAR 12

-Whilst work experience may be currently difficult to come by in the current climate, we encourage students to look for ways in which they can boost their personal statements. This could be through virtual work experience or alternatively taking part in community based projects such as visiting and helping an elderly neighbour regularly, volunteering as a leader for Scout and Guide groups or engaging with local environmental campaigns.

-Students are encouraged to attend university open days. They will be allowed authorised absences for a maximum of two days where students provide evidence of attending the open day. As Universities start to host in person visits I would advise you take advantage of being able to experience your potential future home town in person.

PARENTS / CARERS OF YEAR 13

-A reminder that results day takes place on August 10th, members of staff will be on hand while you pick up your results in order to support those who may need help guiding through their next steps.

-Students needing urgent support on results day must attend at 9am. 6B/H 9:30-10:00am. 6L/O 10:10-10:30am.

-Make sure you have a plan A, B and C for results day, so that your day is not so stressful!