

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Parent Bulletin

Dear families,

Not only have we noticed snowdrops and daffodils starting to blossom across the John Mason site, but we are starting to see the hard work of our Year 11 students coming together as they prepare for their final trial exams which begin on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

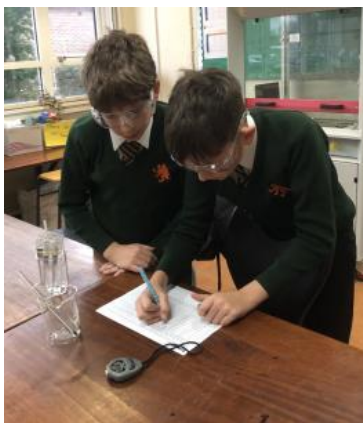
These exams are a last chance for students get used to the process of sitting an external exam as well as a chance to gauge the level that they are working at.

Year 11 students can find their exam timetables on their Bromcom app and on MCAS. Revision strategies and resources [here](#).

We often talk about the importance of our curriculum going much further than just exam subjects and I am very proud to share that two of our students, Taia and Annabel who are both in the Oxfordshire Girls U16 England Rugby Developing Player Programme have their first fixture this weekend. We wish them luck.

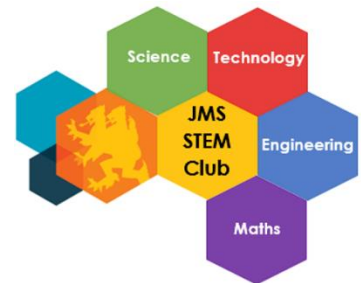
### STEM Club


Last week STEM Club were looking into the Penguin Huddle method. This practical is a model for penguins insulating themselves by huddling together. When they are by themselves, they will lose body heat quickly, however when they huddle together, they insulate each other, reducing the heat loss. They will then shuffle themselves occasionally, so the same penguins aren't always on the outside.



The students got into groups and recorded the temperature of water in a single boiling tube compared to the temperature of water in a group of boiling tubes over 10 minutes. Their results showed that even though the temperature dropped in both sets the group (huddle) of boiling tubes stayed warmer for longer.

This week we will be sticking with the cold theme and making hand warmers.






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### Important Dates

1 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 9 Parents' Evening
9 <sup>th</sup> February	School finishes at 3.10pm
12-16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term

Yours sincerely

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