

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## Parent Bulletin

Dear families,

The temperature has risen all week, and I know that students were feeling it on Friday afternoon. The numbers of students playing on the field at lunchtime have dwindled and I was glad to see students being sensible, sitting in the shade, and drinking water.

Ice lollies in the canteen have been a popular addition in recent weeks, and I want to take this opportunity to let you know about a couple of other changes the canteen have made. We have decided to reduce our reliance on single use plastics by no longer selling water in bottles. I'm very grateful for students from the Eco Club asking for this change and to our canteen staff who have committed to working to reduce our environmental footprint. Carton drinks will still be available and our message to students is to always bring a refillable water bottle to school which you can fill for free using the taps and water fountains across the school site.

Thursday night marked the premier of our GCSE and A-Level Visual Arts Exhibition. The work completed by students in Art, Graphics, Textiles and 3D design includes a wonderfully broad collection of styles and techniques however I was overwhelmed by the incredible standard of the work that students have produced. If you didn't manage to visit on Thursday then the exhibition continues tomorrow morning between 9:30am and 12:30pm, please don't miss this opportunity to visit.

Following a warm weekend, I understand temperatures are expected to drop on Monday morning. Students will be expected to be in their normal summer uniform and I'm sure will enjoy a break from the heat.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes.



Alastair West  
Headteacher

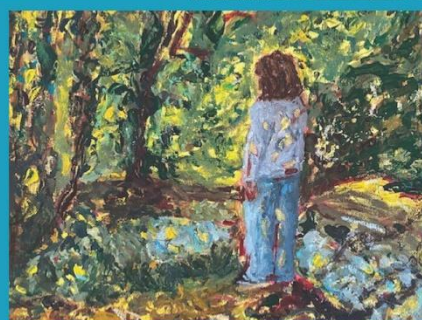
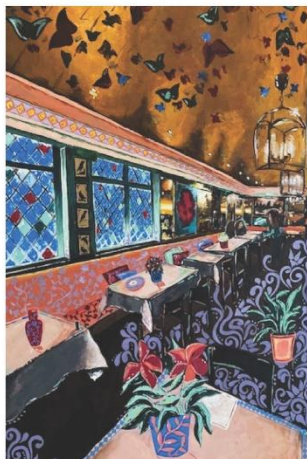
# School News



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## GCSE & A' LEVEL

Art, 3D Design, Graphics & Textiles



## ART BEAT 2025 EXHIBITION

### Open Viewings

Thursday 19th June 3.30pm-7pm

Saturday 21st June 9.30am-12.30pm

06 Gallery & Visual Arts Faculty

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TUNE IN  
Life is  
happening  
around you

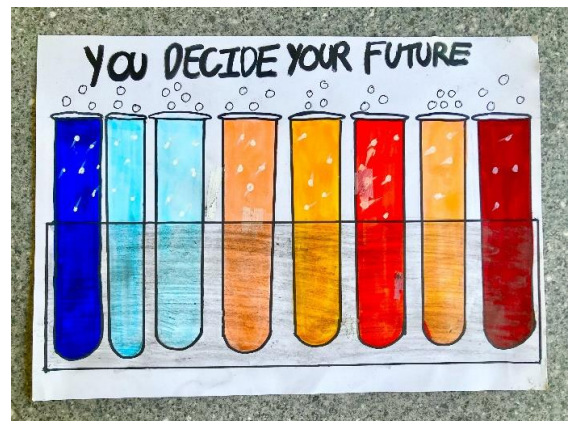


Be inspired by the  
creativity of young minds.

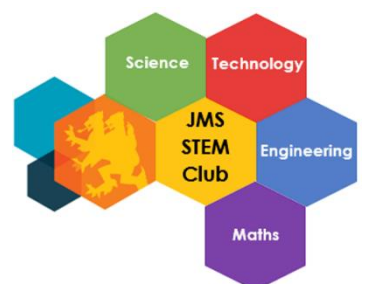


# Show your stripes!

Show your stripes was created by Professor Ed Hawkins from the University of Reading in 2018 to represent the climate crisis in stripes of colours. Each stripe represents the average temperature for a single year, relative to the average temperature over the period as a whole. Shades of blue indicate cooler-than-average years, while red shows years that were hotter than average. The STEM department ran a competition for students to be creative and design their own stripes. Thank you to those who entered they were amazing, and you will receive points for your house. Well done to the following winners for their hard work and creativity; Tabitha in year 7 and Amelia in year 9.



**STEM Club**



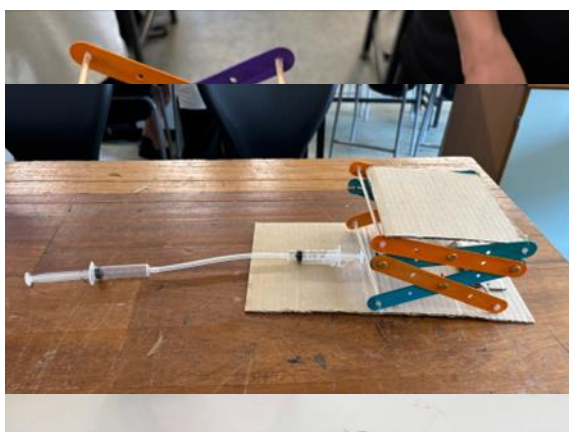
For the past 3 weeks STEM club have been working hard engineering Hydraulic Lifts.

This involved creating hinges and joints, platforms and hydraulics.

We did not have any instructions, it was all discovery, practice and improve. They turned out looking amazing and fully functioning.

Next week STEM club is being run by our 6<sup>th</sup> Form STEM Leader Lillie.

Notice: STEM Club is not running Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July as Mrs Williams will be on Welsh Farm with her form group (She is very excited!).



### **Important Dates:**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 9.30-12.30pm - Art Beat Exhibition

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 11 Summer Ball

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July – INSET Day (School closed to students)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term (School finishes at 1:05pm)

Other important dates can be found on our website calendar:

<https://www.johnmason.oxon.sch.uk/events/calendar/>

Term dates for the academic year are on our website:

<https://www.johnmason.oxon.sch.uk/events/term-dates/>

Term dates for the next academic year are now on the website:

[Term Dates 2025-26](#)