

Friday 17th May 2024

Parent Bulletin

Dear Families,

Different year groups are following very different pathways as we approach the end of the year and it is a privilege to watch them grow, both as groups, and as individuals. Year 11 and 13 students focus on their academic studies and their external exams. Year 10 and 12 are starting to think about what comes after school, with Year 10 completing Work Experience and Year 12 starting preparations for university applications. Meanwhile on Wednesday we welcomed Narrative Alchemy, a creative and educational theatre production company, who worked with Year 8 and Year 9 students on their Personal Development curriculum, sharing Chelsea's Story.

Chelsea's Choice

Chelsea's Story is an internationally renowned applied theatre play that has proven highly effective in raising awareness around the sensitive issue of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). Year 8 and 9 students were glued to the performance and learnt how to look out for the signs of exploitation, look out for themselves and look out for each other.



ChallengED – Team Brick Building Event for Students



On April 30th 2024 120 students gathered in the Larkmead School hall for a morning of collaborative and challenging tasks with local education company House of Fun. The IBrick workshops involved designing and testing two challenging brick builds with a focus on teamwork and engineering. Mixed school groups encouraged students to meet new people and take on different roles within their teams. Students enjoyed

making new friends and spending time working on the tasks as well as modifying their designs and learning from others.

Student Feedback

'I think that it was a really great time well spent and it was even better that we got to meet people from other schools that we usually wouldn't see.'

'I enjoyed working with other people I didn't already know.'

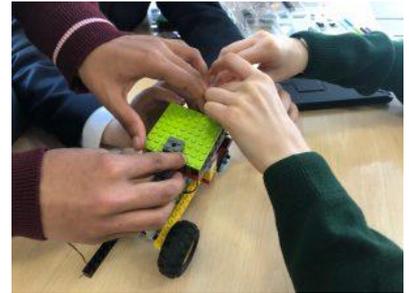
'I liked building the rescue robot because it was something different and fun.'

'I enjoyed the building, meeting new people, doing fun activities and having ideas and putting it into the work.'

'It was fun working as a group to fix problems.'

96% of attendees would recommend the event to a friend.

New for 2023/24 the partnership has planned three core events based on the aims. InspirED took place in November and was a morning of inspiring guest speakers and student stories for students in year 10. ChallengED is the second in the programme and will be followed by SupportED, with a wellbeing focus, in June.



School Health Nurse Team Newsletter

Please find the latest SHN newsletter which is now in SWAY format. Your SHN for John Mason school is Sarah Shaw and their contact detail are Email - sarah.shaw@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk Tel - 07500 227807

You will also find further information regarding the services of your SHN on the school website.



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WELSH FARM

Books, Uniform and Plant Sale

Saturday July 6th 2024
10am – 12 noon
School Courtyard

to raise £15,000 for the
WELSH FARM BOREHOLE

We are holding a pre-loved uniform and book sale and we will also be selling plants.
This is a community event to raise funds for the Welsh Farm Borehole; we look forward to welcoming you all to our courtyard.
Donations of books and uniform can be dropped off at School Reception prior to the event.




CHARITY FUNDRAISER DAY

In support of Sobell House and OxTrail's School project 2024, we're having a BLUE and YELLOW day!

A day where you get to pick an accessory or item of clothing: jumper, tie, glasses, to wear with uniform to celebrate what this brilliant Charity does for us.

Please bring in £1 or anything you can afford and wear one item of clothing or accessory that is BLUE or YELLOW WITH UNIFORM on the 7th June.

Please ask your teacher/tutor if you're not sure what to wear.

We are raising money for Sobell House Hospice, a locally based charity that provides specialist end-of-life care to adults across Oxfordshire.





Charity Fundraiser Day

In addition to their school uniform, we are inviting students to wear something blue or yellow on 7th June. This is to support our charity fundraiser for Sobell House Hospice. Students can bring £1 in as a donation, or parents and carers can donate online via their MCAS account under the products section.

Please be aware that this is **not a non-uniform** event, and students should still be wearing their school uniform. Year 11 students will need to wear only their full school uniform while sitting exams and will be able to add their blue or yellow accessories when they leave the exam room.

I am aware that students have worked with us to improve standards of uniform throughout this term, and I have been approached on several occasions requesting a non-uniform day. I have promised the student council that, if uniform continues to improve, and our Charity Fundraiser Day for Sobel House is a success, then we will have a non-uniform day before the end of the academic year.

Important Dates

24th May Term ends at 3.10pm
27th-31st May Spring Half Term

Yours sincerely



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