

Friday 27th June 2025

Parent Bulletin

Dear families,

The theme of this week has been transition. On Wednesday we said farewell to our Year 13 students at their Summer Ball, today we said farewell to our Year 11s in their Leavers Assembly and they will be enjoying their Summer Ball tonight. At the other end, Thursday marked our largest transition day with all of our Year 6 students, due to join us as Year 7's in September, spent the day getting to know their tutors and tutor groups as they visited lessons across the school getting their first experience of what a Secondary School education is like. It's an important time for all these young people as they move from one phase of their lives into the next.



Marking this exciting transition, we have launched a new school video on our website, featuring interviews with some of our current Year 11 prefects, as well as footage from lessons across the school, we hope this proves a great resource for students joining, or thinking of joining JMS in the future to find out a bit more about our school.

Other year groups have been busy in and out of school with our first group of Year 8s at the Welsh Farm and Year 9 and Year 10 visiting Sorrento, Italy all keeping staff and students very busy. We look forward to hearing from them when they return.

My final mention goes out to the Year 8 athletics squad who put in a range of incredible performances to become Oxfordshire County Champions 2025! Another fantastic achievement from the Year 8 athletes, brilliantly supported by the PE department and Year 9 and 10 Student Leaders who made the event such a success.

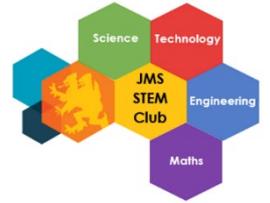
Have a good weekend.

Best wishes.

Alastair West
Headteacher

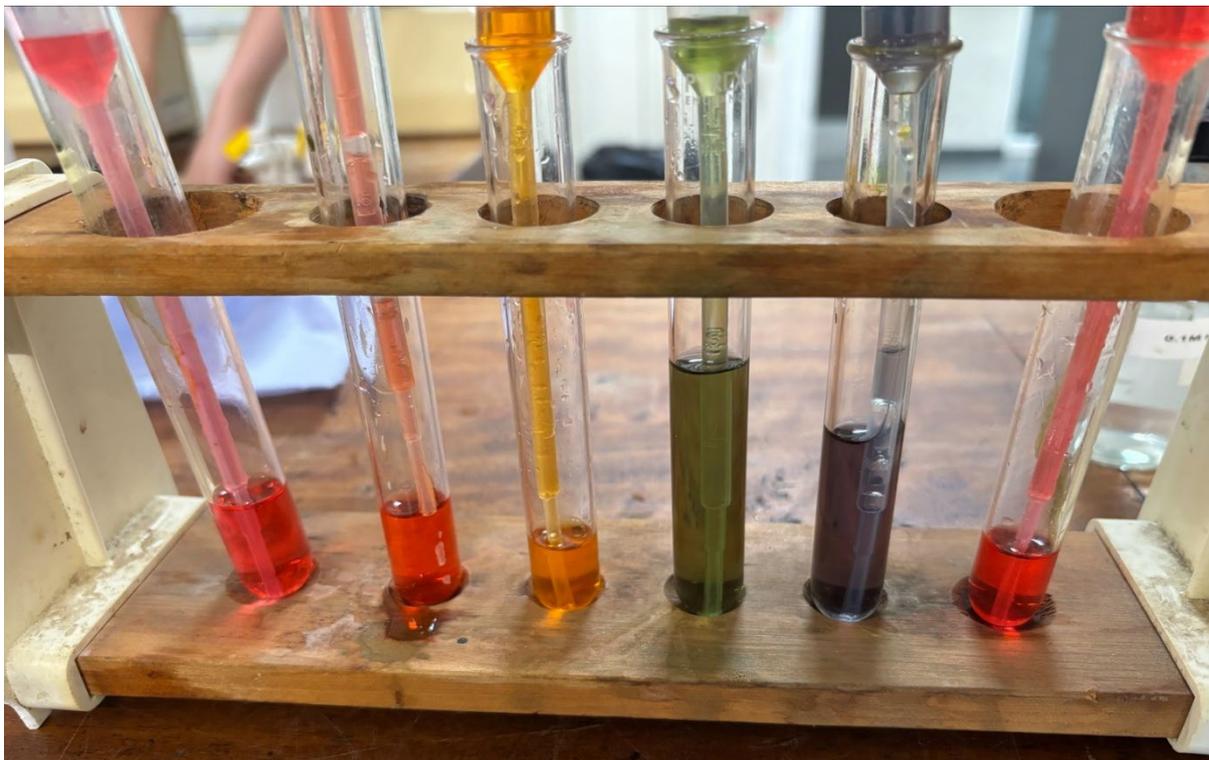
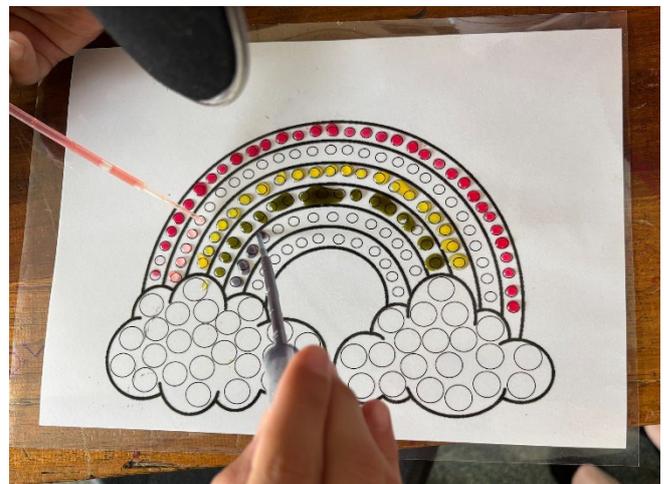
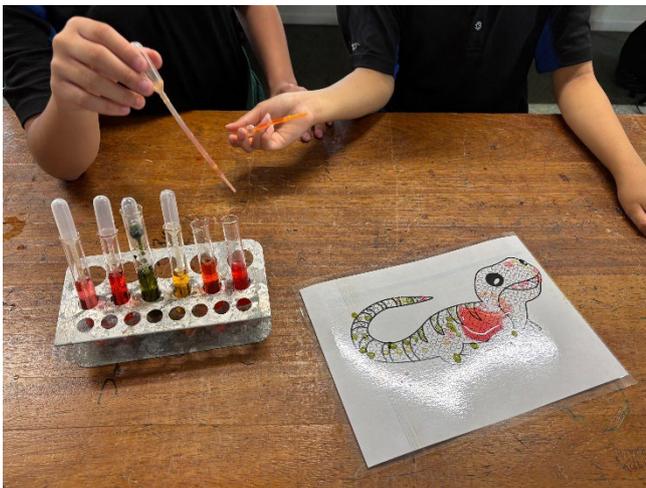
STEM club

This week in STEM club we were celebrating pride month by making pH rainbows. Students were given Hydrochloric acid, Sodium Hydroxide and pH indicator. They were set the challenge to make as many different colours as possible, by mixing the acid and alkali. Once they were happy with their colours, they chose a laminated picture and coloured it in by using a pipette to add drops of the different colours they had made. It turns out purple was the hardest colour to make, but some happened across pink, so no rainbow was the same.



Reminder! STEM club is not running next week as Mrs Williams is at Welsh farm with her year 8 form.

I will see the club the following week.



Important Dates:

**STEM Club will not be running Wednesday 2nd July as Mrs Williams is on Welsh Farm.
STEM Club is back on the following week Wednesday 9th July.**

Monday 7th July – INSET Day (School closed to students)

Wednesday 16th July 6-8pm Young Musician of the year concert, ticket on MCAS

Friday 18th 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](#)