

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## Parent Bulletin

Dear families,

Whether you were relaxing or hard at work, I hope you and your family enjoyed the Half Term break. The award for the most active should probably go to the Year 12 Gold DofE groups who, following a day of training, paddled their canoes the nearly 40 miles from Lechlade to Abingdon, camping over two nights on their way. We're glad they made it back safe and well – and mostly dry!

With exams in full swing for Year 11 and 13, this week has been as busy as any other and I was particularly impressed with the 60 students who spent time after school to complete their training to become Sports Leaders. I can't wait to see them put their training into action helping to run primary sports events over the summer term including our Primary transition day on 26<sup>th</sup> June when we will invite all the Year 6s who will be joining us in September to experience their first full day at JMS.

This weekend, I am very grateful to those staff who are heading to the Welsh Farm for a 'Spring clean' and preparation, making sure everything is ready for our first Year 8 visitors at the end of the month. We have a busy term ahead and we'll be sure to keep you updated.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes.

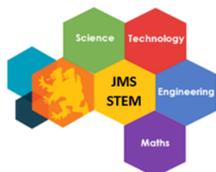


Alastair West  
Headteacher

# School News

## Vertex Pharmaceuticals trips.

To celebrate our Year 9 and Year 10 trips to Vertex Pharmaceutical we are launching a house competition. We look forward to sharing the winning entries in the coming weeks.



## Vertex Pharmaceuticals Thank You card!



We would like to send Vertex a Thank You card to thank them for having us visit and use their laboratory.

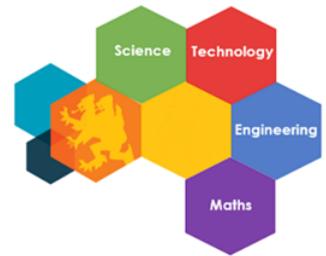
### Competition:

Design the front cover of the Thank You card, every entry gains points for their house and the winner also wins a prize along with their design being printed into the final card.

### Requirements:

- Must be in year 9 or 10 (as you were the year groups that visited Vertex)
- Design must be no bigger than a A4 page, this can be hand drawn or electronic.
- You must have your name (first and last) and form written on the back of the design (or in the name of the saved document).
- You need to give the entry to Mrs Williams either in person C15 or email [kwilliams@johnmason.school](mailto:kwilliams@johnmason.school)
- Deadline: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025





## British Science Week

Back in March all year 7 students celebrated British Science Week by completing a project day, where they had to work in groups and come up with a sustainable solution business idea. The day involved year 7 students learning about sustainability and how to develop a business idea. The students came up with amazing sustainable business ideas, such as sustainable fashion, clean up robots and recycled plastics. A big well done to all our year 7 students who took part in the British Science Week Sustainable Solutions day. Your teachers had such a great day working with you and hearing your passion for sustainability and business ideas. Each student who completed the project day has gained a CREST award which is a nationally recognized scheme, and their certificate has arrived and will be given out by their form tutor over the coming week.



## **Important Dates:**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 12 Parents' Evening

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Art Exhibition

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

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

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](#)