

Friday 7th March 2025

Parent Bulletin

Dear families

Spring is just around the corner and with the sunshine and lighter evenings there are lots of exciting opportunities for John Mason Students in the coming weeks. Year 10 and Year 11 will enjoy the opportunity to see Macbeth at the Amey Theatre on Monday morning. For Year 11 the timing of this trip, in the run up to their GCSE English Literature exam, could not be better.

It is now just two weeks before Year 10 have their Work Experience week. I cannot over emphasise the importance of this opportunity for our students and would like to thank everyone who has offered to help organise placements or host students for this week. The transition from education to work life is a huge one and I know that this will get our wonderful Year 10s thinking seriously about what they want their careers to look like. Whilst not everyone can know, having an idea of what this career might look like can provide context to the everyday work in school and I know that our current Year 11s have benefited from the additional focus and the drive it has provided them over the last 12 months.

And finally, we are growing more excited by the day about the upcoming performance of Jesus Christ Superstar. The Performing Arts department are in overdrive with preparations and tickets are now on sale. Please don't miss out on the chance to see our students bring all their hard work together on the 26th and 27th March.

Have a fabulous weekend.



Alastair West
Headteacher

School News

Human Library

On Tuesday 18th March Year 8 are going to be involved in a Human Library Event. This will involve students being off timetable until break time to complete several activities around the world of careers and sustainability.

We are still looking for anyone to come and help support this event. If you feel you are able to be involved can I please ask that you complete the link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdwXVj2_t6bvQcIIc0edTOgPWxYdIXk6S7dFRQOJLovaA0CJw/viewform?usp=sharing

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Gibson lgibson@johnmason.school

Vale Netball Tournaments

JMS hosted the last of the Vale Tournaments, with Year 7 being one of our busiest yet with 90 students playing in the tournament. A great insight into participation levels of extracurricular!

It was a lovely afternoon, running like clockwork thanks to the help of 6th formers, yr 10 volunteers and the support of the PE dept.



Jesus Christ Superstar School Production

🔊 Tickets on sale from Monday 3rd March

John Mason School
OPPORTUNITY | RESPECT | DETERMINATION

JESUS CHRIST
SUPERSTAR
SCHOOL PRODUCTION

by TIM RICE Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

Wednesday 26th March & Thursday 27th March
Doors open at 6:30pm | Tickets £8.50

We are excited to announce that tickets are on sale for our fabulous school production of Jesus Christ Superstar. This is going to be a truly spectacular show and one not to miss. Tickets can be purchased using the QR code in the poster below or clicking here: [JCSS tickets](#)

JMA AGM

We have the AGM of the John Mason Association on Wednesday 12th March in the LRC and we would like to invite as many parents and carers as possible to attend to come and find out about the JMA, hear what we have been up to over the last 12 months and help us shape the future. We are looking to make changes to modernise the JMA and would welcome new faces and fresh ideas to help us do this.

If you are at all interested in joining us to create a JMA that supports the school in the best way we can meet us at the front of school at 6pm, there is no obligation to sign up for anything. We look forward to welcoming you on the 12th

All About One Planet Abingdon 🌿🌍🌟

We are Abingdon's climate and sustainability group. We support local people to act on the climate, ecological and social issues affecting us and help to make Abingdon as sustainable as possible.

We run loads of free youth events where kids and young people can learn how to take action against climate change in a hopeful and empowering way, and above all have fun and make new friends!

Here's some of the events, workshops and activities we've got coming up in March:

- Youth Sundays – every Sunday from 10am–4pm
- Youth mindfulness walk – Saturday 15th March, 2–3pm
- Youth Social – Tuesday 25th March, 4–7pm in the Guildhall

Check out the full list of events on our website! oneplanetabingdon.org/events/

Important Dates:

Wednesday 12th March – JMA AGM at 6pm

Thursday 20th March – Year 7 Parents' Evening

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/>