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Friday 8th May 2026

Parent Bulletin

Dear families,

It has been another fantastic week for sport at John Mason, with our student's demonstrating enthusiasm, commitment and pride in representing the school. Our PE department were incredibly impressed with the energy and engagement shown by our Key Stage 3 students during National School Cricket Day, as well as their effort and attitude in lessons. It has been great to see such a positive response to cricket across the year group.

Building on this enthusiasm, we are delighted to have launched a Key Stage 3 after-school cricket club, which is now running as part of our Wednesday summer games programme. All students are very welcome to attend.

We are also very proud that Tom and Lilidh are part of the OX14 Abingdon Allies, a combined schools team representing the town in a prestigious T20 fixture against Kensington and Chelsea in London on Sunday 10 May. This opportunity reflects a remarkable 800-year historic connection between Abingdon and the London Borough, and the team will be competing in Holland Park, bringing together students from across local schools to represent our community. We wish them the very best of luck.

Also, a huge congratulations to Vinnie, who has been selected to represent Berkshire & Oxfordshire Schools at the English Schools South Region Golf Championship in May. This is a prestigious opportunity and a testament to his dedication and hard work. Thank you to Mr Davies for supporting and nominating Vinnie for this pathway. We are incredibly proud of Vinnie's achievement and look forward to hearing how he gets on.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students, having already completed their practical assessments, are now beginning their written examinations in the sports hall. We wish them every success, with the full Year 11 cohort sitting English Literature on Monday morning. We are grateful to all students for recognising the importance of this time and for contributing to a calm, focused atmosphere across the school to support their peers.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Alastair West
Headteacher

Whole School News

Oxfordshire Schools Athletics Trials:

The Oxfordshire Schools County Champs will be on June 13th at Tilsley Park Stadium. As last year, the event will be an open entry event, meaning the Athletes will need to enter themselves. They just go onto the website, www.opentrack.run and on the competition tab, filter by June 13th, Track, Oxford and the event will come up.

We encourage students to enter, particularly those who are strong School Athletes, Club Athletes or County Athletes. The event is primarily for Year 8 - 13, but there are some Year 7 events also.

If your Child would like to enter, please follow the link above but also do let our PE team know so that we can support them!

Best wishes and good luck

Mat Davies

Director of Physical Education



OX14 Learning Partnership Weekly Update

Please find the weekly update for the OX14 LP [linked here](#) and the events calendar here: <https://www.ox14lp.org.uk/events/list/> for circulation.

We look forward to seeing your Y11-13 students and parents at the Futures Fair on Thursday, booking is here. <https://www.ox14lp.org.uk/event/futures-fair-3/>

The Spring newsletter is linked here:

<https://www.ox14lp.org.uk/2026/04/28/spring-newsletter-3/>

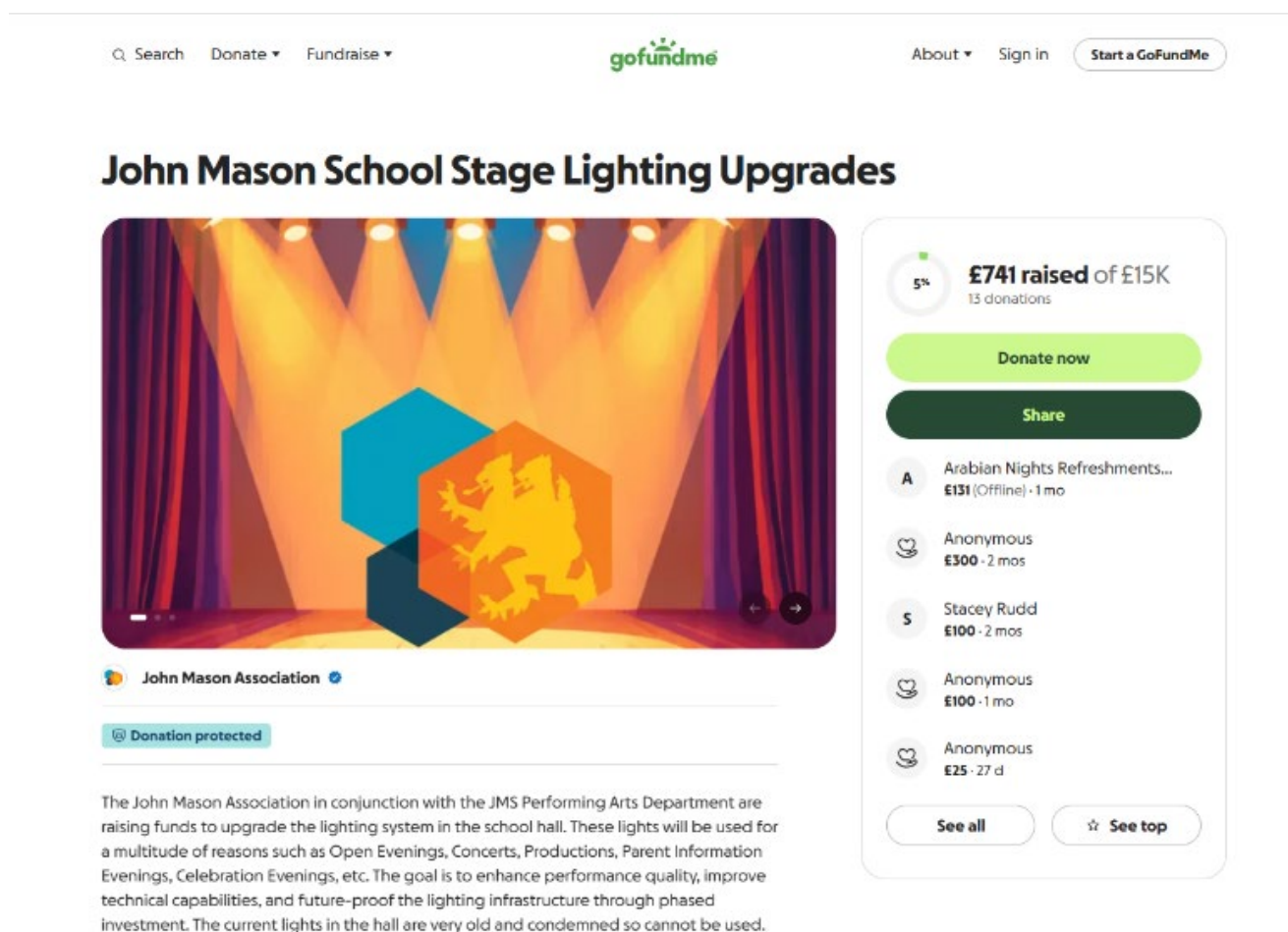
Thank You for Supporting Our Stage Lighting Fundraising Update

We are delighted to share that fundraising towards our new stage lighting is going really well, and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported this so far. The total Stands at an amazing £741!

In particular, the sale of refreshments at a recent event has made a valuable contribution to the fund, £131. These small purchases might not always feel significant on their own, but together they have made a real difference and helped move us closer to our goal.

We are extremely grateful for the continued support from our school community, and we look forward to sharing further updates as the project progresses. Thank you once again for helping us enhance our facilities for students and performances.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/john-mason-school-stage-lighting-upgrades>.



The screenshot shows the GoFundMe page for 'John Mason School Stage Lighting Upgrades'. The page features a header with navigation links (Search, Donate, Fundraise) and the GoFundMe logo. The main title is 'John Mason School Stage Lighting Upgrades'. Below the title is a large image of a stage with spotlights and a central logo featuring a lion and a shield. To the right of the image is a fundraising progress bar showing 5% raised (£741 of £15K) from 13 donations. Below the progress bar are buttons for 'Donate now' and 'Share'. A list of donations is shown, including 'Arabian Nights Refreshments...' (£131), 'Anonymous' (£300), 'Stacey Rudd' (£100), and two other anonymous donations (£100 and £25). At the bottom, there is a 'Donation protected' badge and a paragraph of text explaining the project.

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John Mason Association

Donation protected

The John Mason Association in conjunction with the JMS Performing Arts Department are raising funds to upgrade the lighting system in the school hall. These lights will be used for a multitude of reasons such as Open Evenings, Concerts, Productions, Parent Information Evenings, Celebration Evenings, etc. The goal is to enhance performance quality, improve technical capabilities, and future-proof the lighting infrastructure through phased investment. The current lights in the hall are very old and condemned so cannot be used.



Congratulations to...

Reuben Y9, who was the JMS winner (via public votes) for the Art Bytes Competition and has been invited to the National Gallery in London to receive his certificate and see if he has progressed further in this national art competition.

Eva's and Reuben's artwork are attached, respectively.



Three Year 11s won this Year's Student Showcase (via in-school votes):

Gold - Eva

Silver - Will

Bronze - Lizzy

Fantastic achievements by all.

A further selection of the 'Showcase' students across art and design disciplines will be awarded a special Gold Seal on their sketchbooks to record their 2025-26 effort and achievement.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION about AUTISM

**MONDAY
11TH MAY
11:05 -12:05**

Join Ruth Cox of OCC's Communication and Interaction Service to talk about how your child's autistic tendencies affect family life and what you can do.
Have your questions answered.
Share your worries.

Confirm your place by emailing:
jms.inclusion@johnmason.school

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE
JOHN MASON SCHOOL

Upcoming Important Dates:	
Monday 11 th May	Coffee and Conversation about Autism
Tuesday 12 th May	Sports Awards Celebration Evening
Thursday 21 st May	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Thursday 16 th July	Summer Concert
Friday 17 th July	School closes at 1.10pm - End of Summer Term

For a complete list of upcoming events please view the school calendar on our website here:
[Calendar - John Mason School](#)

Term dates for the academic year are on our website here:
[Term Dates - John Mason School](#)