

Friday 24th October 2025

Parent Bulletin

Dear families,

We've had a fantastic end to a very long term 1, finishing up today with a celebration of everything the JMS students have achieved across the last 8 weeks both as individuals and as a group.

In classrooms students are working incredibly hard. We have now reviewed exercise books in every subject and for every student in both Year 7 and Year 11 and we have seen incredible demonstrations of dedication and efforts by our students. They are consistently working to produce their very best work and then reflecting on the feedback they receive from their teachers to make it even better.

This theme of achieving a Personal Best has been replicated in house competitions. Our "Big Reveal" this afternoon was a chance to celebrate improved punctuality to lessons, increases in attendance and the fantastic work that students are completing. Over the last 8 weeks students have been involved in house competitions for their Tutor notice boards, Uno, Basketball, Top Bins, and Bench ball. Students have been on trips to Vertex Science Labs, Williams Formula One and Cologne, and our sports teams have been out and about performing with consistently high levels of determination, stamina and skill.

Ock have the highest attendance and were winners of the Tutor Notice Board Competitions. Thames were overwhelming winners of the Tutor Quiz taking the prize in 4 out of 5 year groups, however when all of these scores and others were combined with student achievement points it was Stert who snuck victory for Term 1 with 40,282 House Points compared to Ock on 38,973 and Thames on 37,346.

A huge congratulations to Stert House. With 31 weeks left of the 2025-26 House Cup it is all to play for!

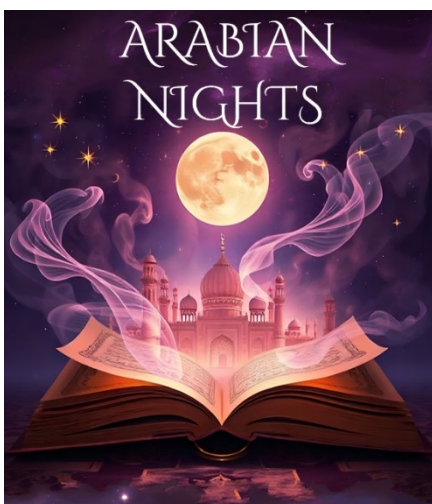
Have a great half term, and Year 10 please note the change of date for your Parents Information Evening from 5th November to 12th November. We can't wait to see you.

Best wishes.



Alastair West
Headteacher

Performing Arts: Rehearsals for Arabian Nights



The Performing Arts Department is buzzing with excitement as rehearsals for our upcoming school production of Arabian Nights are well underway!

We've already completed the first tale, Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves, with students demonstrating outstanding commitment and energy, particularly in their physical theatre work.

Our talented student choreographers are also hard at work crafting dynamic routines to introduce each story, and their creativity and dedication have been truly inspiring. We can't wait to share the magic with you when the curtain rises in March 2026!





Pastoral News

We have been delighted by the engagement in House competitions this term. Alongside gaining House points when they display the schools' values in lessons or around school, Students have had the chance to take part in the following opportunities this term:

- Uno House competition
- Basketball shoot out House competition
- Tutor boards competition
- Top bins, small wins Year 7 challenge
- Year 7, 8 and 9 House benchball
- Year 8 Cologne Trip
- Year 7 Vertex science trips
- Open evening and morning student leaders
- Sports clubs and fixtures

Points for these competitions are then added to House totals for attendance and students achievement points. Points are gained throughout the academic year, resulting in a termly but also end of year winner.

Last academic year, Ock won the end of year prize.

We would like to congratulate Stert House for being in the lead as we break for half term.

Next term, we have the following planned opportunities:

Event	Year Groups	Dates
House Sport: badminton/ netball/ rugby/ football	7-11	24 th November- 5 th December
Country Dancing (PE)	7-11	8 th -19 th December
Christmas Bauble STEM competition	7-11	Deadline 12 th Dec
Geography Volcano Competition	7-9	End of November
Christmas card design	7-11	24 th November deadline
Sports leaders applications	7-10	Deadline 14 th November
Weekly quiz	7-11	Weekly

Whole School News



JMA Easy Fundraising as we get closer to Christmas!

We need your help! If you shop online, please could you sign up to easyfundraising to enable the JMA to raise money to support our school. It's a really easy way to raise money – you just use the easyfundraising site to shop online with more than 3,500 well known online stores like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S and when you make a purchase, the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you.

We want to raise as much as possible, so please visit our easyfundraising page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/jmaabingdon/> and click 'support us'.

Thank you

OX14 Learning Partnership Weekly Update

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

Upcoming Important Dates:

Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st October	Half Term
Wednesday 12 th November	Year 10 Parents' Information Evening 6-7pm
Thursday 27 th November	JMF6 Open Evening at Fitzharrys 5-7pm
Monday 10 th - Friday 14 th November	Year 11 Pre-Public Exams

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](#)

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Managing Feelings & Behaviour

Where? The Maple Tree, Littleworth Road, Wheatley, OX33 1NW

When? Mondays 9:30 - 11:30 (teas and coffees served from 9am)
3rd November - 8th December

Cost? Free to families living in Oxfordshire (Ts & Cs apply)

A course for parents and carers which covers the following topics:

- Emotional regulation
- Positive discipline and boundaries
- Managing meltdowns effectively

To book a place please email:



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Effective Communication for SEN

The Maple Tree
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This **free course** equips you with practical strategies and insights to enhance communication with individuals who have SEN.

Topics covered include:

- using a total communication approach
- using key word signs to support speech
- using visual aids effectively

6th Nov - 11th Dec
Thursdays 12:30 - 14:30
(6 week course)

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