



Friday 19th January 2024

Parent Bulletin

Dear families,

I hope you have had a good week despite the cold. It is good to see that most students have been wrapped up warm on their way to and from school, and during break and lunch time. At this time of year, it is more important than ever to make sure all students come to school with a coat and their school jumper. A reminder that we do not allow hoodies and it does help students to have a successful day if they don't bring them in to school at all.

Wrapping up warm remains important for PE lessons too as students will continue to be taken down to Boxill Park for their cross-country lessons. The uniform policy for the school day and PE as well as information on how to purchase items can be found [here](#).

There has been a real buzz of activity at JMS this week with lots to celebrate in morning celebration assemblies. Walking through the 06 Gallery is a feast for the eyes and there have been lots of excited young people talking about their upcoming ski trip following their training run at the Milton Keynes Snowdome last week.

German Cookie Baking and Spelling Bee Evening

Thanks to all pupils and parents who joined to celebrate the pupils progress in their first term of their German learning. It was a pleasure to see so many of you enthusiastically take part in the spelling bee, musical conversions as well as baking many different examples of German biscuits.

Special mentions to Zusanna for her creativity with her biscuits, Laila for the taste of her biscuits. Noah and Isla for their quizzing skills and Max for winning the spelling bee.

We also raised our first £40 towards renewing our water supply at Welsh Farm.

Frohe Weihnachten and many thanks.

The German Team

Mrs Mannion, Mr Walker and Mr Migliaccio

The Art of Astrophysics

The University of Oxford are hosting a hands-on workshop for children in years 7 and 8 that explores topics in astrophysics through poetry and visual art. Click here for more information [The art of astrophysics | University of Oxford Department of Physics](#)

Year 11 Revision Support

You can access year 11 revision support and the period 6 timetable by clicking this link:

<https://sites.google.com/johnmason.school/jmsrevision/>

This has really useful resources for English, maths and science.

Visual Arts Student Showcase



This term we are pleased to celebrate the 2023 Student Showcase in the 06 Gallery.

This exhibition profiles work completed in the past 12 months, from across all Visual Arts subjects across all year groups, and celebrates effort and progress in relation to their outcomes.

The work is framed and presented as a curated exhibition to inspire students, staff and visitors, and to allow students to feel what it might be like to have their work shown in a professional gallery or arts space context.

Each piece of work may then be voted for to find the

'People's Choice' artwork, and win the Student Showcase award, joining a list of prestigious previous winners since the award started in 2008, some of whom have gone onto become successful working designers and artists in a variety of fields.

Tutors and teachers are invited to bring student groups into the gallery to view the work and cast their vote for their favourite piece.

Parents may view the exhibition at parents' evenings and school open events across the next two terms.



Congratulations go to all students who have had work selected to be part of the show; a postcard and reward point should be finding its way to you shortly. We feel this year's show is very strong with some fantastic and inspiring ideas behind the work as well as the skill involved in its creation.

We hope you enjoy it.

Claire Pennington

CAMHS School In-Reach Newsletter Jan 2024

This newsletter gives information to school staff about the School In-Reach team and planned work this term and contains other useful information on health events taking place.

[Go to this Sway](#)

Important Dates

1st February

9th February

12-16th February

Year 9 Parents' Evening

School finishes at 3.10pm

Half Term

Yours sincerely



Alastair West
Headteacher
John Mason School



NATIONAL BADMINTON

FREE Badminton Session
with GB Olympian for
Juniors & Adults - All
Levels Welcome!

**White Horse Leisure &
Tennis Centre Abingdon**

Sunday 28th January
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