

Thursday 21st March 2024

Parent Bulletin

Dear Families,

This is our last Parent Bulletin of what has been a busy term. We've shared a huge range of achievements throughout the term and we know that students turn up after school week after week for training in the PE Department and represent John Mason across the county and beyond. This week you'll hear about the collaboration, determination, and the focus of John Mason students in a diverse range of sports and I'd like to congratulate all of them for their sporting achievements.

Uniform after Easter

When students return after Easter break, they can wear summer uniform if they wish. This means they can wear a white polo shirt with John Mason School logo and suitable length black tailored shorts. No sports shorts or jean/denim material allowed. Shorts should be of a suitable length that protect modesty. Our uniform policy can be found here:

<https://www.johnmason.oxon.sch.uk/assets/UNIFORM-POLICY-inc-PEFINAL.pdf>

Whilst I know that most students wear the full uniform it has not escaped my attention that there have been some exceptions. I'd like to remind you that when students are not wearing their uniform, we will offer them the opportunity to borrow items of clothing for the day, and if this is not possible they may need to work in isolation or may be sent home to get changed.

Recent Sporting Events and Achievements

British Schools Trampoline National Finals



Congratulations to Dylan Downie who represented John Mason School in the British Schools Trampoline National Finals and came 4th in the years 7-9 boys elite category with some impressive scores. We are very proud of Dylan's achievements.

Year 8 Netball

Year 8 Netball team participated in the Vale Championships on Tuesday 12th March here at JMS. The teams had 6 games in cold, wet conditions against tough opposition. They came away with 5 wins and 1 draw, making them Vale Champions and they will represent the Vale at the County Finals on Thursday 21st March. A massive congratulations and good luck to the team.

Year 7 indoor 5 aside cup competition

This tournament was played at Faringdon school and had 8 teams in the competition. The team were on top form and battled throughout every game. They drew one game and won 3 games to reach the final. They came across a team they have played and beaten in a 9 aside game. On the day, the team from Chipping Norton had the upper hand and won the game to become champions and John Mason were runners up. Well done chaps.

6th form football team vs The Warriner

The team played in the quarter finals of the U19s County Cup against The Warriner School away. The pitch was awful as it was really boggy but the team managed to keep their feet and play well. The first half had chances at both ends, but more in the opposition goal. Their goal keeper had a great first half keeping out the John Mason attack. In the second half the power and determination to get the goal to take the lead paid off as we scored, a through ball to Patrick allowed him to go one on one with the keeper. The next goal was scored via Jake who once again had a great game. The final goal came from Jeremiah who ran onto another fabulous through ball to score and put the game to bed. Well done chaps - a great performance. They now move into the semi finals away against Henley College. Man of the Match was Patrick.

Year 7 football against Lord Williams School

This game was the quarter finals of the County Cup which was going to be a tough game as this was a big school they were playing against. John Mason scored first through Jonas who had an excellent game. Then unfortunately the boys conceded a deflected own goal to make the score 1-1 in the second half. The game went back and forth, and went to penalties. The team kept their cool and won the game 5-4 on penalties.. They progressed into the semi finals which is a great achievement. The man of the match was Sam.

Futures Fair



The OX14 Learning Partnership are looking forward to welcoming students to the upcoming Futures Fair on April 23rd. It is a great opportunity for current year 12s and year 11 and 13 students and parents to meet representatives from a range of universities. More information and booking is via the website [linked here.](#)

Important Dates

28th March at 1.10pm School breaks for Easter

15th April Term starts

Term Dates for the academic year 2024-2025 have now been published on our website <https://www.johnmason.oxon.sch.uk/events/term-dates/>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Al West'.

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