

Friday 26th April 2024

Parent Bulletin

Dear Families,

I'd like to start by thanking you for your support with school uniform. Students tell us that the John Mason Uniform Policy allows a degree of flexibility and freedom that they value. Most importantly it needs to be fair. The only way for this to be true is for it to be applied consistently to all.

Since the start of term staff have worked hard with families and the percentage of students meeting expectations has transformed. We are working with you to ensure those last few individuals are supported in getting it right. Already uniform is looking so much better. Thank you.

Our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition left school this afternoon and will be trekking across Oxfordshire this weekend. I'm sure they will appreciate all the preparation they have done when they reach base camp. It is a wonderful characteristic of DofE at JMS to see our Year 12 students lending their time and passing on their advice based on their own experiences from previous years. Just one demonstration of how our community so often works to make itself stronger.

The buzz around DofE seems to have spread across the school as we see so many students making use of the dry weather to get out onto the field at lunchtimes. Thank you to all students who are leading the games and activities taking place and to those who keep our field clear of litter in a good condition for the afternoon PE lessons. Seeing this collaborative approach stands out as something our community can be very proud of.

Welsh Farm Race Night

It's not too late to join us tonight for our fabulous race night! You can still come along and pay on the door. I look forward to seeing many of you there and supporting such a fantastic cause: The Welsh Farm.



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WELSH FARM

Goes to the races!

April 26th 6.30pm - late

to raise £15,000 for the

WELSH FARM BOREHOLE

We are hosting our very own evening at the races. There will be races throughout the night. Horses and Jockeys will be available to buy 2 weeks before the event, but you can bet on everything on the night too! There will be a BBQ and a limited bar with snacks.

This is an adult only event
We look forward to welcoming parents, staff and friends of John Mason School and of course the Welsh Farm.

Sporting Achievements This Week

Good luck to the Year 7 JMS boys football team in their upcoming fixture in the County Cup final.

Commiserations to Kevin, Toby and Finn and their team from Abingdon Rugby club who were runners up in their County final against Bicester last Sunday.

OX14 Partnership

Please find the latest newsletter from the OX14 Partnership here [OX14 Partnership Spring Newsletter](#)

Important Dates

9th May Year 8 Parents' Evening
16th May Year 10 Parents' Evening

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

Tuesday 28th May - Friday 31st May
9am-3pm

Free half term art

Painting Graffiti Poetry Collage Drawing

10-21-year-olds
[Click here to register!](#)

Blenheim Palace, a testament to cultural heritage, presents a fantastic opportunity for young people to immerse themselves in the artistry of the past. Art project **The Emblem of Peace, Past and Present** is designed to engage 10-to-21-year-olds who will be exploring a renowned painting and the beautifully painted ceiling of Blenheim Palace's saloon. Transport available if required.

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Yours sincerely

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