

Friday 2nd May 2025

Parent Bulletin

Dear families

Families from the local community were out in force last week to support Abingdon United gain promotion against local rivals. It was great to hear the contribution of some JMS alumni, and their fantastic win went to provide inspiration for the Year 8 boys football team who won the Oxfordshire County Cup in style and made it two out of two following on from their success in Year 7. The whole Year 8 team showed great determination in the heat of Tuesday afternoon to take the title. Thank you to everyone in the PE department and other staff who went along to support. The skill and stamina of our Year 8 footballers is becoming legendary.

Whilst students managed brilliantly in the competitive game, the heat this week has slowed things down on the field at break and lunchtime with most students sitting in the shade to enjoy their time out of lessons. Please can I ask that you make sure your child brings in a water bottle with them to school, every day. They should only be filling it up during break and lunchtimes, so a big bottle is preferable. On very hot days, please consider a hat and suncream as well.

Year 10s have finished mock exams, and I am extremely proud of the way they have approached them. With students in Year 7 and 8 also completing their Maths Challenge in the exam hall, we are now clear for the start of external exams for Year 11 and Year 13 and wish them all the luck in the world. The effort they have shown over the past year has put them in a very strong position.

We hope you enjoy the long weekend and look forward to seeing students back in school by 8:30am on Tuesday 6th May.

Best wishes.



Alastair West
Headteacher

School News

Stem Club

Last Friday was DNA Day, therefore STEM club celebrated by learning about our DNA and how our genes are coded. Each students selected a gene from an animal or plant and modelled the code using beads on a bracelet, choosing to do a single strand of DNA or challenging themselves with a double strand. Some students even made a model of a DNA double helix.



Next week we will be celebrating David Attenborough 99th Birthday!



Important Dates:

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 6th May – Welsh Farm Parent Information Event

Tuesday 20th May – Sorrento Parent Information Event

Thursday 22nd May – Year 10 Parent's Evening

Other important dates can be found on our website calendar:

<https://www.johnmason.oxon.sch.uk/events/calendar/>

Term dates for the academic year are on our website:

<https://www.johnmason.oxon.sch.uk/events/term-dates/>

Term dates for the next academic year are now on the website:

[Term Dates 2025-26](#)