



Friday 20th October 2023

Parent Bulletin

Dear families,

We have made it to the end of a busy term. It didn't start how we had hoped, but that feels like a distant memory now. I have been overwhelmed by the variety and depth of talent I have discovered as I have visited lessons, met students and families, and learned about what makes John Mason School tick. I was always excited about joining the school community but could never have predicted how privileged I feel.

It is great to be working with a dedicated team of staff who have a clear understanding of what they can do to make John Mason School even better. We have talked about our shared underlying values and look forward to giving you opportunities to tell us what you value and what you want to see more of.

I hope you have a restful half term and we cannot wait to see students back on 30th October. Until then, here are some of the great things that have been taking place this week.

Open Mornings

Families were back to continue with Open Morning tours this week. We have been very busy at all five of our Open Mornings and we are very proud of our student guides who did a fantastic job of showing so many families around. We kept hearing such great feedback from our visitors about our tour guides and how helpful, confident and enthusiastic about John Mason they were.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Year 11 students enjoyed a revision day in school this week. They learned a wide range of revision techniques and applied them to a variety of subjects they are studying. They will be sitting their mock exams from 6th-10th November, and we hope that they will be able to put some new techniques into practice.

Face to Face Parent Events

It was great to host New Tutor evening last night as a face to face event after a couple of years of on-line events. All parent's evenings will now be face to face and you will be asked to book appointments via Schoolcloud.

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Berlin

A group of our Year 11 students have arrived safely in Berlin after a very early start at 2.30am this morning in the rain. They have a packed schedule including a visit to a Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, the Brandenburg Gate and the Olympic Stadium. We hope they have a fantastic few days.



Poppy Appeal



If students would like a poppy, we have poppies available in return for a small donation in the reception area of school.

Flu Jabs

Letters were sent home today asking for parents/carers to consent for their child to have a flu jab in school. Years 7-11 are all able to have a flu jab in school this year. If you did not receive the letter or would like further information, please email office@johnmason.school.

Important Dates

- 20th – 23rd October – Berlin Trip
- 23rd – 27th October – Half Term
- 31st October – 6.30pm – Ski Trip Information Evening
- 2nd November – Year 9 Parents' Information Evening
- 9th November – Key Worker Meetings
- 9th November – Year 7 Parents' Information Evening
- 17th November – JMA Family Quiz (more details to follow)

Yours sincerely

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

Alastair West
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