

Friday 17th November 2023

Parent Bulletin

Dear families

I am grateful for the hard work staff have done in the last few weeks to review behaviour systems. It is clear that there will be more work to do and I am committed to ensuring that our systems treat all students fairly and consistently and provide an opportunity for all students to learn the behaviours that we would expect them to repeat when they leave school and become a part of our wider society.

Our systems also need to ensure that students develop the habits they need to help us in our aim to improve the life chances of all learners at John Mason School. Our consequences have been designed to provide opportunities for staff to remind students of expectations, remind them of when they have previously met those expectations and talk about what has gone wrong so that both staff and students can draw a line under the event and know that their next lesson will provide a fresh start.

Detentions

Our detention system has previously meant that students simply receive an hour detention after school. We are making the following changes to this system with three levels so that we can ensure the consequences can reflect the behaviour.

'C2' will now mean that a student talks to their teacher at the end of the lesson and allows for an immediate re-set. 'C3' will now mean that a student has the opportunity to take ownership of their behaviour and attend a detention at lunchtime. Students will be expected to go straight to their lunchtime detention and they will have an opportunity to buy food at breaktime or at the end of lunchtime. If a student does not attend their 'C3' detention they will automatically be placed in a 'C4' detention which will be for 1 hour at the end of the school day.

As well as behaviour events and detention times arriving in your MCAS app you will receive an email to confirm the time and location of any detention as will your child. We hope that this gives students the opportunity to take ownership of their behaviour and learn habits which lead to better outcomes for themselves as well as their peers.

Courtyard Toilets

We are very pleased to have opened our new toilet block which contains 6 separate rooms with toilets in each. These toilets are available to all students at any time of the day. We encourage all students to use toilets at breaktime and lunchtime whenever possible.

We will continue to have additional toilet blocks open at break time and lunchtime. One block for boys and one for girls for Year 7 only and one block for boys and one for girls for all other year groups.



Caffeinated drinks, sweets and smart phones

We know from research that consuming caffeinated drinks, eating sweets and the amount of time spent on smart phones all have a huge impact on peoples physical and mental health. We see the impact in the way our students engage in their learning and in the way they behave.

Caffeinated drinks and sweets are not allowed to be brought onto the school site and we ask for your support with this. Smart phones should be switched off and put away in bags for the entire school day. We want to thank you for your support in communicating this message and in monitoring your child's use of smart phones when they are not in school.

Winter Ball



Tickets for the Year 7 Winter Ball are now on sale on MCAS.

JMF6 Open Evening

Year 11 students and their parents and carers are invited to come to the JMF6 Open Evening to find out more about what 6th form can offer them. This event is being held at Fitzharrys School.



The poster features a dark grey header with the JMF6 Abingdon logo on the left, which includes a shield with a lion and a bird. To the right of the logo, the text 'JMF6 ABINGDON' is written in large white letters, and 'SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING' is written in orange and white. Below the header, the date and time 'THURSDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 5.00 - 7.00pm' are displayed in white and orange. A central photograph shows two young women sitting at a desk with a laptop. Below the photo, the text 'Come and discover your options and see what our curriculum has to offer Post 16' is written in white. At the bottom left, there are blue and green geometric shapes. At the bottom right, the location 'Fitzharrys School, Northcourt Rd Abingdon OX14 1NP' is listed in green.

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John Mason Association Family Quiz Night

The JMA quiz is happening tonight, turn up and pay on the door.



The poster has a dark blue background with a brick wall texture. At the top left is the JMA logo, which consists of a stylized 'J' and 'M' in blue and orange. Below the logo, the text 'JOHN MASON ASSOCIATION' is written in white. The main title 'FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT' is written in large, colorful, glowing letters. Below the title, the date 'Friday 17th November' is written in white. Underneath the date, the text 'Doors open 6.00pm - Quiz starts 6.30pm' is written in pink. Below that, 'Tickets: £1 (available on the door)' is written in white. At the bottom, there is a section for refreshments: 'Refreshments available to purchase including: Beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks. Pizza at half price.' Below this, the text 'COME ALONG' is written in white, followed by 'Meet other parents, staff and students' and 'Basic fees to support the club and cover milk, drinks and other costs'.

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Important Dates

17th November – JMA Family Quiz

23rd November – JMF6 Open Evening (at Fitzharrys School)

7th December – Year 11 Parent's Evening

8th December – Year 7 Winter Ball

14th December – Year 9 Options Evening

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Al West". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Alastair West
Headteacher
John Mason School