

Friday 24th November 2023

Parent Bulletin

Dear families

It was wonderful to spend Friday evening with families from the community at the JMA Family Quiz evening. I would like to thank the JMA for making this event happen and for all of the work that they do in supporting the school and raising money for a range of important projects and with a particular focus on supporting the Welsh Farm.

The star guest of the evening was Spike the hedgehog who made a special appearance as well as meeting some of our Year 7 students.



The JMA have asked me to let you know of an easy way to support the Welsh Farm in the run up to Christmas. If you access your online retailers via EasyFundraising, then those retailers donate to JMA at no extra cost to you. There are over 8,100 online retailers to choose from. Please sign up here to support our cause and help us raise much needed funds for Welsh Farm maintenance.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/jmaabingdon>

Year 10 Vale Netball Competition

On Tuesday we saw the Year 10 Vale Netball competition take place on the new re-furbished floodlit courts. This involved 6 schools attending with 75 girls playing a high level of netball for nearly 2 hours. The event also allowed schools to cross-moderate their GCSE PE students and for the players to experience a tournament event.

There was an excellent level of play across the evening with some closely fought games played to the final whistle. This was a great opportunity for our 6th Form to be involved and we had a team of 8 umpires who umpired all the matches and received some amazing praise from the other schools.

Thank you & well done to all of those involved in the tournament.

Senior Mathematical Challenge – Gold Certificate Qualifiers

Last term, all of our A Level Maths students took on the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge. There were a high number of Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates in this national competition, which aims to challenge students with brain-bending mathematical problems. Last week, three exceptional students took part in the follow-on round against the top 10% of the top 10% of national entrants, and we anxiously await their results.

All year groups have a chance to take part in this Challenge at various levels across the year and if you want to know more, look at the UKMT website, or come to the KS3 Maths Circles club in M3 on Tuesday lunchtimes!

Secondary School Health Team Newsletter

Please find the latest SHN newsletter which is now in SWAY format.

Your SHN for John Mason school is Sarah Shaw and their contact details are Email – Sarah.shaw@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk Mobile – 07500 227807

You will also find further information regarding the services of your SHN on the school website.



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



Important Dates

7th December – Year 11 Parent's Evening

8th December – Year 7 Winter Ball

14th December – Year 9 Options Evening

19th December – Christmas Concert – more details to follow

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
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