

Friday 1st December 2023

Parent Bulletin

Dear families

With only 2 and half weeks left to go this term this we enter December in the knowledge that students have achieved so much since the heat of our first week back in September. As we get closer to the holidays and 2024 it seems appropriate to start looking to the future.

Throughout the Autumn I have spoken to many of you at a variety of information evenings and events. You have told me what you consider the strengths of our school as well as telling me the areas that you would like to see improve. Your feedback is precious to us and is helping us to plan for future changes.

Our plans for 2024 focus on the areas we believe to be of greatest need. Amongst our priorities is to take a more personalised approach towards helping students develop habits of effective independent learners. These habits include having a positive attitude, an increased self-belief and desire to invest in oneself alongside the knowledge of how to do so.

Recent changes to assemblies have given students the chance to demonstrate positive attitudes every day and changes to the detention system have helped students take ownership of behaviours and many are starting to make different choices. There is more to come, but things are moving in the right direction.

At the centre of everything we do is a shared vision based on shared values so that we know what we want John Mason School to achieve for our children and young people. To help us create this shared vision we would like you to tell us more about what you value about your school now and how you would like to see it develop in the future. The JMS community is big, and we want to hear everyone's voice to please [click here](#) to share your ideas through our short survey.

Christmas Jumper Day

We are holding a Christmas jumper day on Thursday 7th December in aid of Save the Children and Sobell House Hospice. Students may swap their school jumper for a Christmas jumper on this day in return for a donation towards these charities. This is not a non-uniform day and with the exception of a Christmas jumper, students should be wearing school uniform in line with the School Uniform Policy. Donations can be made on your MCAS account.

Christmas events at John Mason School

Christmas is a busy time for our school community and as well as our Christmas Jumper day we have two other fabulous events on. Tickets are available for both these events on your MCAS account.



Important Dates

7th December – Year 11 Parent's Evening

7th December – Christmas Jumper Day

8th December – Year 7 Winter Ball

14th December – Year 9 Options Evening

19th December – Christmas Concert

Yours sincerely

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