

Friday 9th May 2025

Parent Bulletin

Dear families

I have come straight from our Year 13 final assembly and it was a privilege to have one last opportunity to be with all JMF6 students, many of whom have now been part of John Mason School for 7 years. There are some great individual stories of determination, resilience and achievement over this time, and it has been a pleasure for me to get to know this group of students as sixth formers during my first 2 years as headteacher.

They have been my experts whenever I want to know what it is like being a student at John Mason School, and they have always been quick to tell me what is important to them, what they value most about our school, and what areas they feel we should focus our energies on improving.

Year 13 will continue to be in school completing their exams in the coming weeks, but this was the last chance we knew we would be able to see them all together. I know that their plans for the future are wide ranging and inspirational, and I'd like to offer my thanks and my best wishes to every one of them.

Following on from their MFL oral and Visual Arts exams, the season for exams in the Sports Hall has finally started for Year 11. I know that for many of them, it is a relief to finally get started. Just like our Year 13s, they have worked incredibly hard this year we wish them all the best of luck.

Around the rest of the school, in lessons and assemblies, there have been opportunities to mark the 80th anniversary of VE day as I know many of you will have done in your own ways. This, along with science trips and preparations for DofE expeditions and trips to the Welsh Farm make JMS a very busy school at this time of year. The energy that students are bringing to their studies and their extra-curricular activities is fantastic. It reminds me that, whether it is learning to create future opportunities, learning to quench a thirst for knowledge, or learning to become experts in which one already has a huge natural aptitude. Learning is always our goal, and it is always a pleasure to watch our young people doing it so well.

Have a great weekend.



Alastair West
Headteacher

School News

Art Bytes Competition Update

Congratulations to Lilidh who won 1st place in the school heat of the Art Bytes competition, as awarded by a public vote.

The work wins a place in the Art Bytes virtual gallery exhibition and goes forward to the regional finals.

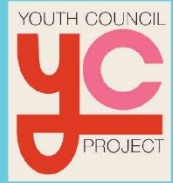
We wish Lilidh good luck in the next step.



Patterned Parrot



Suncream Drive



The YCP are collecting suncream for the Abingdon Food Bank

Please bring all donations to Reception

Thank you for helping us on a mission to keep children and families safe in the sun



We're accepting donations between the 19th-22nd May

Basketball Trials

We have been asked to share these posters with our parent/carers community by Oxford Hoops Basketball Club.



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Basketball Club

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NATIONAL LEAGUE BASKETBALL

UNDER 12
For Players Born After 1 SEP 2014

NATIONAL LEAGUE BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

FRI 9 & 16 MAY 7 to 8.30 PM
SAT 10 & 17 MAY 9 to 10.30 AM

CHENEY SCHOOL TO REGISTER SCAN QR CODE

CHENEY LANE, OXFORD, OX3 7QH
TRYOUT FEE: £5
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UNDER 14
For Players Born After 1 SEP 2011

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SAT 10 & 17 MAY 10.30 to 12.30 PM
SUN 11 & 18 MAY 12 to 2 PM

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UNDER 16
For Players Born After 1 SEP 2009

NATIONAL LEAGUE BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

SAT 10 & 17 MAY 12.30 to 2.30 PM
SUN 11 & 18 MAY 2 to 4 PM

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UNDER 18
For Players Born After 1 SEP 2008

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FRI 9 & 16 MAY 8.30 to 10 PM
SAT 10 & 17 MAY 2.30 to 4.30 PM

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Important Dates:

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](#)