

Friday 4th July 2025

Y6-7 Parent Bulletin

Dear families,

This is a special edition of our Parent Bulletin for students joining JMS Year 7 in September. Every Friday we share school news and we wanted to take this opportunity to share more information about the wonderful day we spent with your Children last week.

Students started with an opportunity to some key members of staff in assembly including Ms Byrom, Assistant Headteacher for Connectedness who has spent the summer visiting Year 6 in their primary schools, and Ms Carvel, who will be Head of Year 7 in September. Students then went with their tutor groups to their first of 4 lessons across the curriculum.

Visiting lessons, it was fantastic to see how quickly students got stuck into learning. Whether it was reviewing books in English, developing team skills in Drama and PE, or getting creative in Visual Arts we aimed for every student to get a mixture of subjects and a taste of what Secondary School is like.

The respect and community spirit students showed as they sat to eat together at lunchtime showed us how responsible our new Year 7 students can be and we're glad they got some time to play together as well and make new friends.

I know that Year 6 has lots left in store for you over the next couple of weeks and hope you all get to enjoy the final assemblies and performances that mark the end of Primary School education. We can't wait to see you back in September, and if you are ready for a reminder of what you can look forward to, please visit our website where we are proud to be displaying our new school video here: [John Mason School Video - John Mason School](#)

Have a good summer.

Best wishes.



Alastair West
Headteacher



Medication for students:

Please can parents and guardians please be aware that all medication to be kept in school it must be in the original packaging and box (e.g. blister pack and box) with a signed consent form from the parent. Consent forms are available at reception and can be completed when the medication is delivered.

Medication can only be administered if the consent form is completed.

Important Dates:

Wednesday 3rd September – Start of term for Year 7, 11 & 12

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](#)



OX14 Learning Partnership Weekly Update

Your school is part of the OX14 Learning Partnership, a group of schools in the Abingdon area working to raise educational aspirations and increase collaboration by providing a range of opportunities for students and teachers to work together. This is the final update of the year, for information about key dates next year please check the [website](#) for further details.

To find out more about our recent events and activities, please take a look at our latest newsletter linked [here](#).

Please also follow us on twitter @OX14_LP for regular updates, or email [Jessica Burns](mailto:jessica.burns@abingdon.org.uk) (jessica.burns@abingdon.org.uk) Partnership Coordinator for more information.

July 1 @ 7:00 pm

Futures and Networking Event (Y12)

Radley College

Sixth form (Y12) students are invited to this event led [...]

Community Items:

All About One Planet Abingdon 🌱🌍✨

We're Abingdon's climate and sustainability group. We support local people to act on the climate, ecological and social issues affecting us and help to make Abingdon as sustainable as possible.

We run loads of free youth events where kids and young people can learn how to take action against climate change in a hopeful and empowering way, and above all have fun and make new friends!

Check out the full list of events on our website! oneplanetabingdon.org/events/



Please could we also draw your attention to the **Atom Society Lecture series**. These lectures are held locally and include talks from a range of Scientists and experts in their field. Membership is free for under 18s. Find out more [here](#).

Amey Theatre

Students in the OX14 LP can get a 10% discount on Live Screenings shown at the [Amey theatre](#). Please use the code OX14LP when booking.