

## Your Child, Your School, Your Voice Heads Up!

The Heads Up is in the Easter Edition of the Insight Magazine attached. Have a wonderful Easter break.

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## Teaching & Learning

### Focus On the Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Faculty

#### Sixth Form in Berlin

Last weekend Mrs Mannion, Mr Hamilton and the year 12 German class headed off to Berlin as part of their cultural studies. We had an absolutely fantastic weekend discovering all about Berlin culture, the cold war and particularly the fall of the Berlin Wall.



#### KoIn 2017

We have now sent out a second letter for this trip; please return the forms giving passport details.

#### International Visitors

We are looking forward to welcoming our first group of international students from Russia on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April: they will be buddying up with John Mason students and gaining valuable cultural insights from one another.

#### MFL Language Gig

Mr Hamilton and Mr Marshall have been spending a few lunch times gigging in the gym to raise money for the Faculty.



## Year 11

The vast majority of year 11 students have completed all of their Controlled Assessments. This means that 60% of their course is now done. The remaining 40% is made up of a listening and reading exam. To prepare for this exam they should be doing some or all of the following:

Practising past papers from exam boards other than Edexcel;

Reviewing and learning vocab from past papers done in class or set for homework;

Extensive vocabulary learning – this will be personalised lists in their books;

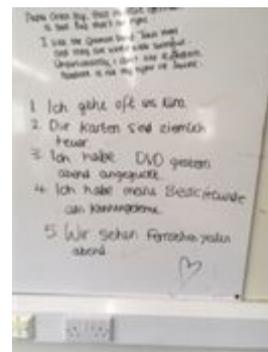
Revision: listening to video and audio content from Linguascope;

Many students enjoy using websites like Quizlet, Linguascope and Duolingo to practise their vocabulary and comprehension – this is an excellent way to add to revision you are already doing. This is our Year 11 students' last push - we wish them all well and the best of luck with their exams!

Don't forget – there are links to all of this material on the year 11 revision site: [revision.johnmasonschoool.org](http://revision.johnmasonschoool.org)

## Year 10

It was great to see so many of you this week at Parents Evening. For those of you who missed it, our main message for the majority of students was that whilst many students are greatly impressing us in class we are not convinced that most of them are consolidating this learning well enough at home. We discussed strategies for doing this with many of you, but if you are unsure what you can do to support your son /daughter please do not hesitate to get in touch.



## Year 9

Year 9 will be re-timetabled after Easter to accommodate the students' GCSE Language choices and the choices of those not continuing after Year 9. All students have chosen their preferred language and the vast majority of students have been allocated their choice.

## Year 8

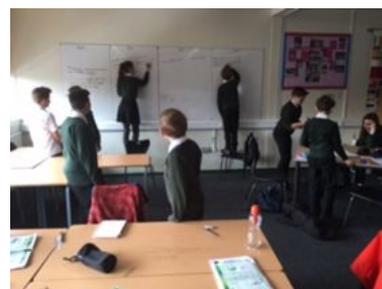
We hope that Year 8 are enjoying their classes on their single language course. MFL staff have been greatly impressed by the excellent progress and work ethic shown by the vast majority of students. Students are still advised that they should be spending 5-10 minutes per night on revising lesson content, grammar and vocabulary.

## Year 7

MFL staff are impressed with how Year 7 have started and the progress they are making – they are advised that they should continue learning 5-10 minutes of their language each night.



Lots of homework is set online – if your child is unable to do tasks set on Show My Homework, Kerboodle, Quizlet, Linguascope etc, please let us know so that we can make arrangements for them to undertake this work in school.



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## Sporting Success

### Clay Pigeon Shooting

Congratulations to Charlotte Holmes, a JMS Student, who competed in The Schools Challenge clay pigeon shooting competition recently.

For her first ever competition she did very well getting 30 hits out of 50 and in the second round she scored 46 hits out of 100. The second round was harder and she had never shot before so all in all she performed really well for herself and the school.

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## The Kevin Durham Memorial Trophy

The Kevin Durham Memorial Trophy is in memory of Kevin, who was a well known and respected local footballer.

This year's winner of the trophy was Harry Sampford, a JMS student. Harry plays for Oxford United's under-15s. Harry is a striker with lots of ability, speed and an eye for goal; he is into double figures already this season.



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## Dates for your Diary

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Easter Holidays - Saturday 8th April - Sunday 23rd April 2017

May day Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May 2017

Summer GCSE Exams - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 - click [here](#) to view the skeleton timetable

Transition Tea - Wednesday 26th April 4.00-6.30pm - we look forward to welcoming our Year 7 September starters at the Transition Tea.

Year 8 Girls' HPV injections - Monday 8th May 2017

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## Community News

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### Raise funds for John Mason School

Raise funds for John Mason School while you shop online! Please go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and search for **John Mason Association** then register as a user/supporter. Every time you shop online if you go first to the Easyfundraising site and follow their links the companies involved will donate to our school. **It doesn't cost you a penny extra** - shop with one of their registered 3,065 donating shops and sites and a donation will come to us. For the more forgetful among us they even now provide a handy reminder pop up which you can register for when you sign up.

Many thanks!  
The JMA Team

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Oxfordshire County Music Service  
Oxfordshire Youth Music Theatre  
presents

# Hot Mikado

Based on 'The Mikado' by W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan.

**Oxford Playhouse 26-29 April 2017**  
Wed. Thurs. Sat. eve. 7.30 p.m. Fri. 8 p.m.  
Sat. mat. 2.30 p.m.  
Tickets: £21, £19, £17 and £11.50  
www.oxfordplayhouse.com

Music adapted & arranged by **ROB BOWMAN**  
Books and lyrics adapted by **DAVID H. BELL**

Originally produced at Ford's Theatre, Washington, D.C. Frankie Hewitt, Producing Director  
These amateur performances are given by arrangement with Josef Weinberger Ltd.

Supported using public funding by  
ARTS COUNCIL OMFEP Oxfordshire Music Centre OXFORDSHIRE

Some of our very talented students are appearing in this show at the Playhouse.

## Jessie's ART Shed

### EASTER WORKSHOPS

For all children aged 5 - 14 running in Standlake



**Monday 10th April - Bouncing Bunny Cartoons**  
9:30am - 12:30pm or 1:15pm - 4:15pm  
Learn how to paint with acrylics by painting a brilliant bunny canvas and then design and paint Easter eggs.

**Thursday 13th April - Terrific Table Decorations**  
9:30am - 12:30pm or 1:15pm - 4:15pm  
Create an amazing Easter themed table decoration complete with flowers, chocolates and hand painted eggs.

**Tuesday 18th April - Active Art Fun - 10am - 3pm**  
Get outside with nature and look at how to weave, paint and print with all our surroundings.

For more information or to book a place please contact  
Jessie Whealy on:  
Mobile - 07530 669696  
Email - jessiewhealy@gmail.com

## Amazing Easter Activities @ Trax

Inspiring, Educating, Supporting

Running from April 10<sup>th</sup> 2017 until April 20<sup>th</sup> 2017  
All activities include breakfast and lunch - 10:00am - 3:00pm breakfast from 9:30am

**Survival Skills**  
Get your hands dirty and learn the basics to survive outdoors:

- Campfire cooking
- Bush tucker trials
- Cray Fishing
- Den building and more!
- £100 for 3 days 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>

**Off-Road Motorbikes**  
Learn to ride off road and safely maintain and service a motorbike

- All safety gear provided
- ACU trained instructors
- For beginners to intermediate riders
- Ages 8 - 18
- £140 for week 1 (10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>)
- £110 for week 2 (18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>)



**Activity Days**  
Exciting activity days including:

- Archery
- Quad biking
- Team games
- Cooking
- £35 per day
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Weds 12<sup>th</sup> only

[www.traxorg.com](http://www.traxorg.com)

We are located opposite the Pear Tree Park and Ride, OX2 8JR  
For availability and booking please email [admin@traxonline.co.uk](mailto:admin@traxonline.co.uk) or call Emily on 01865 318940  
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