

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## Parent Bulletin

Dear families

We have reached the end of Term 3 with plenty to celebrate. Year 7 attended the Big Reveal event in the Main Hall where we announced the winners of the House Point Competition for Term 3 as well as celebrating many exceptional achievements.

Throughout term 3 John Mason Students could be seen winning or taking part in 12 tournaments or matches in football, basketball and netball, the Oxfordshire County Cross Country Competition, attending trips to the Maths department at the University of Oxford, the design competition 'Made in Oxford at the Westgate, InspirEd at OX14, and Vertex labs. In school 43 students achieved a combination of Bronze Silver and Gold certificates as part of the Intermediate Maths Challenge, and 7 of them were selected to take part in the next round.

We also celebrated a huge number of House Points earned by students, both inside the classroom and out. Students have displayed positive attitudes to the wide range of opportunities they are given and have consistently demonstrated the habits of determination and respect throughout their school days. We reached 100,000 House Points at the end of January, but the total now stands at an incredible 120,291. As we move into term 4 it is the turn of Stert House to hold the House Cup for earning the highest number of house points in term 3 and the cup was presented to Stert House representatives during our Big Reveal on Friday afternoon.



We are more than halfway through the school year now with lots to look forward to in the second half. I hope you all manage a peaceful break over half term, and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Best wishes.



Alastair West  
Headteacher

## School News

### STEM Club



We would like to introduce you to our STEM club star! Lillie is in year 12 and completing Biology, Chemistry, Maths, Further Maths and an EPQ in Psychology at JMF6. She has volunteered to support STEM club each week. She has gotten to know the students in the club and help with activities and answering STEM questions.

If you are interested in joining STEM club, please speak with Mrs Williams C15.

### PE Curriculum Update

Students have been participating in a rotation of fitness lessons this term. This has seen students gain an understanding of different fitness components and how you can train to make improvements in these.

We are looking forward to students then applying these in their new activities in term 4. These activities will be rugby and badminton for all key stage 3 classes and includes table tennis and outdoor team games alongside rugby and badminton for Key Stage 4.

Students will need football boots, and it is recommended they wear a gumshield for rugby.

The term has concluded with House competitions in Fitness, netball and football and the PE department have been delighted with the levels of engagement and determination shown by students.

We will be moving to our summer sports activities after Easter holidays ahead of sports day at the end of the academic year.

Mat Davies

Director of Physical Education

### Careers Education

In line with our school values of opportunity, respect and determination we value the role of careers education in preparing our students for their future.

As part of our Careers Education curriculum, we are excited to be offering our Year 8 students a human library session on Tuesday 18th March 2025 to help to inspire them and show them a variety of careers and routes into different roles.

In order to offer this to our students we desperately need the help of volunteers to be the 'books' at our event. This means that you will speak with a group of students answering their questions as they try to guess your role and understand the reality of the job. If you could bring a prop to get the conversation started that is always fun. Refreshments will be available on the day. We will be inviting all year 8 students to take part over the course of two hours but appreciate whatever time you have available on the day

Thank you for supporting our school and students.

If you are able to offer some support for this event, please may I ask you complete the form on the link:

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## **Important Dates:**

14<sup>th</sup> February – school ends at 3.10pm for half term

17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February – school closed for half term

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/>