

Friday 14th March 2025

Parent Bulletin

Dear families

This week has been packed with activities for students. On Monday all of Year 10 and Year 11 went to the Amey Theatre at Abingdon School where they watched a star-studded cast in a production of Shakespeare's Macbeth. The production had been specially filmed for the big screen and nearly 360 JMS students packed the theatre and enjoyed this wonderful opportunity, which could not have come at a better time for Year 11, ahead of their GCSE English Literature exam this summer.

As part of British Science Week, Year 7 enjoyed a day of Science on Wednesday, completing their projects and presenting their findings today. The huge range of creativity paired with curiosity shown by students has been inspirational.

We also recognised Young Carers Action Day on Tuesday, and we celebrated a shared passion for reading by hosting local schools for the Carnegie Tea on Wednesday. At different times all week, Year 11 students have been out and about completing their geography coursework, and Year 9 girls and the Year 7 boys have had successful sports fixtures in Basketball and Football respectively.

Next week we will host our first Parents' Evening for Year 7. This event will take place in the Sports Hall and provides an opportunity to meet your child's teachers. The JMA will also be running a second-hand uniform sale which is always popular. I look forward to welcoming families back for this important event.

Have a good weekend.



Alastair West
Headteacher

School News

UK Maths Trust Intermediate Maths Challenge

Back in January, 88 Year 9, 10 and 11 students took part in the UK Maths Trust Intermediate Maths Challenge, with 9 students achieving Gold, 17 Silver and 17 Bronze certificates. Seven students were successful in making it through to the next round, which takes place on 20th March. In addition to making it through to the next round, one of our year 11 students has also been invited to attend The UKMT summer school, a week long residential which is designed for young people with an interest in maths. They promote mathematical thinking and provide an opportunity for participants to meet other like-minded students, volunteers and maths teachers. Students invited are randomly selected from the top 1.5% of results in the Intermediate challenge. Well done to all those students who took part. Year 7 and 8 will have the opportunity to take part in the Junior Challenge later in the year.

Sarah Atkey
Head of Maths

Made in Oxford Project

We are extremely excited to have been selected to take part in the project Made in Oxford. This involves a competition between four Oxford schools to design a unit in the Westgate Centre. Ahead Partnership welcomed our selected Year 10 teams to the Westgate to be introduced to the project, they then participated in a behind the scenes tour of the shopping centre and took part in a number of workshops led by the Westgate's managers.

The students are now busy designing their units, but they also require public feedback on the use of Westgate and their thoughts on some possible ventures.

If you are able to complete the quick questionnaire from the students that would help them greatly.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfigVjQBqrkRs8GkNlLO9q8ACPldVVcegAb723b0OGReh-wg/viewform?usp=header>

We wish the students the best of luck for the Oxford finals on Thursday 20th March.

Miss Gibson
Associate Assistant Head Personal Development

Jesus Christ Superstar School Production



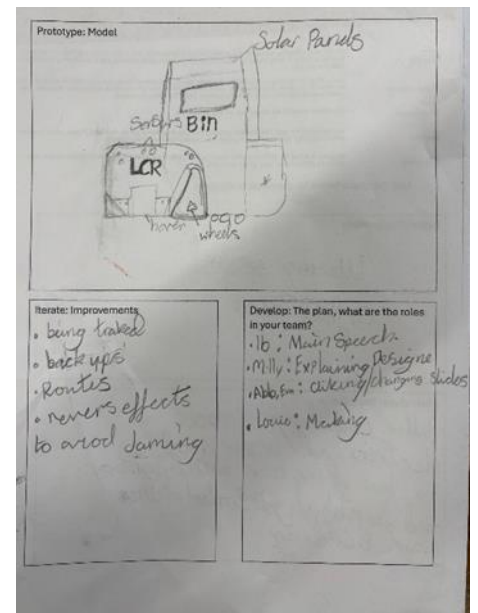
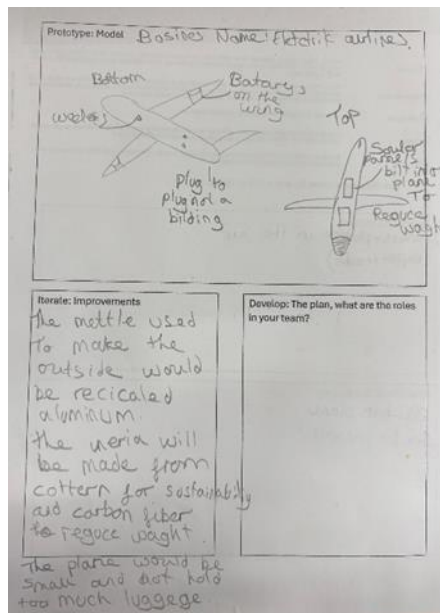
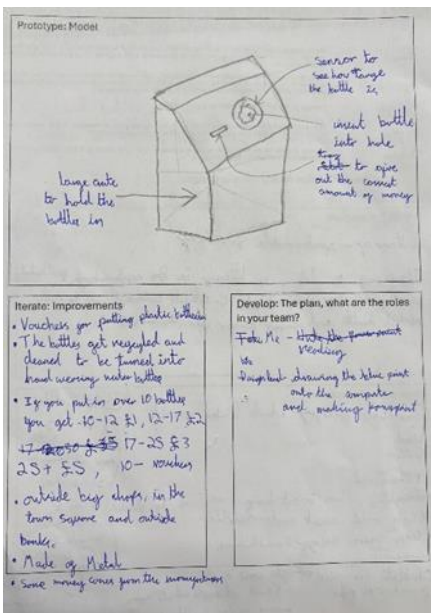
We are thrilled at how many tickets we have sold so far for the school production, don't forget to get yours before they all go, it is sure to be a sell out! [JCSS tickets](#)



British Science Week

This week John Mason School has been celebrating British Science Week by completing CREST awards, Form quizzes, competitions and assemblies.

On Wednesday year 7 were taken off timetable to complete a CREST award which is a nationally recognised scheme for student-led projects in STEM. They were given a challenge to design and create a sustainable start-up business concept linked to their community. Their teachers were amazed by their creativity and knowledge in designing their business. Each form voted for the group with the best business idea, and they will be presenting to a group of judges to find the overall best business idea in year 7. The winning group will be announced next week in the year 7 award ceremony assembly.



STEM Club

This week, STEM Club celebrated British Science Week (BSW) with their challenge. The challenge was designed by our STEM Star in year 12, who using the BSW theme of Change and Adapt set the students a filtration challenge. In groups the student needed to come up with their own filtration method. They had several different materials they could use in any order to send dirty water through, filtering the debris but still allowing the water through. Each group were successful but there was one group that managed to filter almost all the debris from their water. Well done to Leo, Dima and Oliverio!



Young Carers Action Day

This week we recognised Young Carers Action Day; we dedicated time to raising awareness of the incredible Young Carers within our school community. Staff completed a short training session to better understand the challenges these young people face, and students took part in a tutorial activity to learn more about their experiences. By increasing awareness and fostering empathy, we aim to ensure that all Young Carers feel supported and valued. If you believe your child is a young carer and we don't know about it, or you simply wish to speak to a member of staff about Young Carers please contact Ms Batcheldor cbatcheldor@johnmason.school



Term 4: Secondary School Health Nursing Newsletter March 2025

Term 3: 24 February - 4th April 2025

[Go to this Sway](#)

Important Dates:

Thursday 20th March – Year 7 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th March – Jesus Christ Superstar school production

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/>