

Friday 17^h January 2025

Parent Bulletin

Dear families,

Today marks the end of the first full week of 2025 for our students and the year is off to a fantastic start. Year 11s are incredibly focused in lessons, and attendance at after school revision lessons has jumped up. Whether it is New Years resolutions kicking in, or simply the knowledge that they are the class of 2025 and at this stage, everything is up for grabs, they are putting in the effort which we know leads to a summer of success.

Year 13 are one step further down the road and have been completing mock exams this week. Their strong work ethic and skills of independent learning are all coming together and whilst A-Level results are still a way off, it is wonderful to hear so many of our Year 13 receiving offers from their first choice Universities. They are an inspiration to us all with bright futures ahead of them.

Thursday evening was Parents' Evening for Year 8 and I would like to thank you for coming into school to speak with teachers. Attendance was one of the highest we have ever seen, and it was lovely to hear you relay the positive report you had heard about your children who have every right to be very proud of their efforts in lessons and beyond.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all your support in our drive to keep JMS a mobile phone free school. We have seen a change in focus in lessons over the last two weeks and we are also seeing an improvement in the way students are socialising with each other. Noticing groups of young people looking up, chatting and smiling together, and simply enjoying each other's company, is a great way to start every school day.

Have a great weekend.



Alastair West
Headteacher

School News

Online Workshop for Parents and Carers

- Online Workshop for Parents on Responding to Behaviour.
- Thursday 13th February, 9.30-10.30am.



Tickets for this workshop can be purchased via Eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1144081792439?aff=oddtcreator>

Tickets only cost £5.93 (£4.99 plus Eventbrite fee).



Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Parents

Students from across the Abingdon Learning Trust have been involved in collating information which has contributed to the draft plan for Abingdon's neighbourhood plan. The draft plan is now open for public consultation and further information can be found on the Abingdon Town Council website:

<https://www.abingdon.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan>

The deadline for submitting your feedback is 10th February 2025.

With all good wishes

Dr Grace Clifton

Trustee – Abingdon Learning Trust and member of Abingdon Neighbourhood Plan Extended Steering Group

Important Dates:

Thursday 6th February – Year 9 Parents' Evening

Other important dates can be found on our website calendar:

<https://www.johnmason.oxon.sch.uk/events/calendar/>

Term dates for the new academic year are on our website:

<https://www.johnmason.oxon.sch.uk/events/term-dates/>