

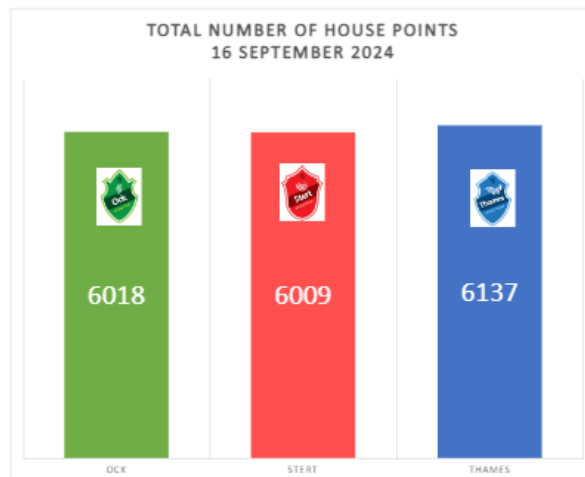
Friday 20th September 2024

Parent Bulletin

Dear Families,

The new year feels like it is in full swing now with the results for the first inter-house competition in allowing students in every tutor group in every year to demonstrate their engineering prowess, creativity and their ability to work effectively in teams.

As well as team challenges student have excelled themselves in collecting House Points as individuals. Today we added the Inter-House competition scores to the individual house points collected and Thames have developed a very slender lead over Ock and Stert. With over 18000 positive House Points we are well ahead of last year and every student has reason to be proud of the contribution they are making to a positive start to the year for our community.



Congratulations go to the Year 11 boys football team who beat Bicester 2-1 on Wednesday evening. A great start to the sports season and it is fantastic to see our Year 11s leading by example.

I often use the Parent Bulletin to share changes we are making for students, but we have had a number of important staffing changes in recent months. At the very end of August, the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) met for the first time with a number of new faces. You can see below the main responsibilities for each member of SLT. Please use the school website to find contact details if you have any questions which we can help you with.

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Alastair West
Headteacher

School News

Inter-House Spaghetti Bridge Challenge



Over the first two weeks we have given all students the opportunity to take part in the first inter-house competition.

Each tutor group was given a packet of spaghetti, some blu-tac and a roll of Sellotape.

The brief was simple; design & make a spaghetti bridge that can hold the most weight over a 30cms gap - easy you would think? This was not the case. With spaghetti being just over 20cms long they had to work as a team to bring their ideas together. The building began, taking care not to break all the spaghetti or to waste the Sellotape and blu-tac. A few bridges ended up stuck to tables in their tutor rooms and the next challenge became how to transport it to the main hall for the Celebration Assembly

Ms Gibson
Associate Assistant Headteacher

Important Dates:

Thursday 26th September – Year 11 Parent Information Evening (PIE)

Thursday 3rd October – school closes at 1.10pm for Open Evening

Friday 4th October – INSET – school closed to students

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/>

Open Evening Student Ambassadors

Preparations are in full swing for our Open Evening on Thursday 3rd October from 5-8pm and student participation on this night is crucial to show off our school. We have emailed students in years 7-13 asking them to sign up if they would like to help as a Student Ambassador guiding prospective students, parents and carers around the school or if they have been asked to help in a subject room.

Please talk to your children about helping their school community on what is the busiest event in the school calendar. The next day is an INSET day so they can all have a well deserved lay in!

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