

Friday 29th November 2024

Parent Bulletin

Dear families,

The cold snap has continued this week. Our new seating arrangements in the Main Hall have been working well and are giving students a cosy place to sit and eat either their packed lunch, or food from the canteen.

Last night we hosted the annual JMF6 Open Evening. It was great to see so many of our current Year 12 and 13 students on hand to share their own experience of Sixth Form learning and exciting to see so many of our Year 11s spending time evaluating their options.

Post-16 education is such an important decision for young people to make and I am reassured by the standard of the questions that students have been asking to make sure they follow a pathway which will not just ensure they are studying the subjects they are passionate about but also have a future goal which they are working towards.

Next week it will be the turn of year 9 to go through a similar process as they attend their Options Evening and start to work towards their decisions about which GCSE courses they would like to follow.

We will also be entering December and a busy period for events in school. Whatever the occasion, I want to thank you for your attendance at our events. It provides us with an opportunity to get to know you and for you to share any feedback you have about your experiences with JMS. Your feedback is extremely important to us as it helps us to build on what is working well and plan for future improvement. Thank you.

Have a good weekend.



Alastair West
Headteacher

School News

STEM club

Last week STEM club welcomed back Miss Jurczynski our Maths intern to learn about turbines. Miss Jurczynski's previous work included engineering and asked if she could come back and teach the club about renewable energy sources.



The students were set a challenge to develop a wind turbine and build a prototype. At the end, they presented their wind turbines, highlighting key aspects they included.



---STEM-Christmas-Baubles-Competition---

Would you like to take part in our STEM Christmas bauble competition for a chance to win a prize?

All you have to do is create a Christmas bauble with a STEM (science, technology, engineering or maths) theme.

Details:

Deadline for entering your baubles: Friday 13th December 2024

How do you enter: Hand the made bauble into Mrs Williams (S5) and include the following information:

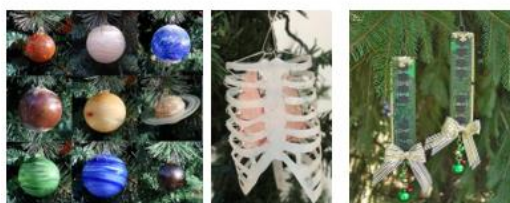
Name (first and second)

Form group

Name of baubles

Resources: You must use recycled items, such as paper, cardboard, plastic, string, memory boards (ask permission) etc. If you need resources come see Mrs Williams at breaktime in S5.

Winners announced by the end of term!



Important Dates:

Thursday 5th December – Year 9 Options Evening

Saturday 7th December – Mayor's Charity Concert

Tuesday 10th December – Winter Concert

Thursday 12th December – Year 11 Parents' Evening

*The Mayor invites you to a
Fundraiser
Christmas*

- CONCERT -

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER
DOORS OPEN 2:45PM
JOHN MASON SCHOOL

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Abingdon & Didcot

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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/>