

Friday 4th October 2024

Parent Bulletin

Dear Families

This week the school has been a hive of activity with students and staff preparing for our annual Open Evening. I would like to express my thanks to everyone involved for putting together such a successful event. It was inspiring to see current students hosting future students. The Year 7s of 2025 and the Year 7s of 2026 were made to feel welcome and were given an evening they will not forget!



Students from Year 7 to Year 13 acted as ambassadors to our school in a range of roles. Some spoke to in the packed Main Hall, others worked as guides walking groups around the school site and many students spent their evening in one faculty area both demonstrating the skills they have been developing in their lessons and describing the opportunities they enjoy getting involved in at JMS.

I hope that a long weekend will give students ambassadors who helped on Thursday night time to rest and recover. We are all looking forward to their return on Monday. I also look forward to welcoming those of you with children in Year 8 to our Parents Information Evening on Thursday 10th October.

Have a good weekend.



Alastair West
Headteacher

School News

Homework

Students in years 7-11 are set homework through Bromcom. Using MCAS or the Student Portal, the specific details of each homework can be viewed.

Timetables for each year group which show the days on which each subject will be due can be found on the school website <https://www.johnmason.oxon.sch.uk/homework/>

You can also find, a timetable of 'Homework Support Sessions' where students can go to get subject specific help with their homework. Year 12 and 13 students have independent work set via Google Classrooms.

If your child misses the deadline for their homework, their teacher will log a missed homework event on Bromcom so that you are aware. Students in year 10 and 11 will need to attend a catch-up session at lunchtime to ensure the homework is completed as they cannot afford to fall behind with their exam courses.

On the website, under 'Supporting Students with Homework' you can find a template which you can use to help plan your child's time outside school, balancing any extra-curricular opportunities with the homework deadlines.

Ms L Dasgupta
Assistant Headteacher

Important Dates:

Friday 4th October – INSET – school closed to students
Thursday 10th October – Year 8 Parent Information 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/>