



# Head Teacher's Newsletter

## SUMMER TERM

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## Mrs Frost-Briggs' message of the month!



As we come to the end of another year at JF, we take a moment to reflect on the year of hard work and effort. The students have been achieving some remarkable things in their subjects and beyond the classroom and we look forward now to seeing how Year 11 have done in their examinations.

It has been wonderful to see the students enjoy various opportunities on Inspiration Days such as The Brilliant Club and the Fire Service and hear about how they enjoyed the various school trips this year such as PGL, London Transport Museum, Geneva, the residential trip to Germany, the 'Acclimatise' Centre, Open Faith Centre and the University of Nottingham and Sheffield.

The mock trials, oracy competition, Festival of Education choir performances, Maths competitions, STEM events have all been well attended and have showcased our students at their absolute best. The comments from our visiting speakers "the students at your school are the most articulate, polite and respectful we have worked with!".

I wish you all a very relaxing and enjoyable summer and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

## University of Sheffield trip

On Thursday 4th July, some of our Y10 students attended the University of Sheffield for a Graduation Ceremony from The Brilliant Club, affiliated to the Scholars Programme.

This is the culmination of 8 sessions delivered in school from a PhD student from the University of Derby. The theme for their final assignment was the human effects of Global Warming. Each student submitted a 2,000 word response to this topic.

The students were hosted at Firth Club Campus and received a skills session before a tour of some of the University buildings ahead of their formal Graduation Ceremony in the afternoon.

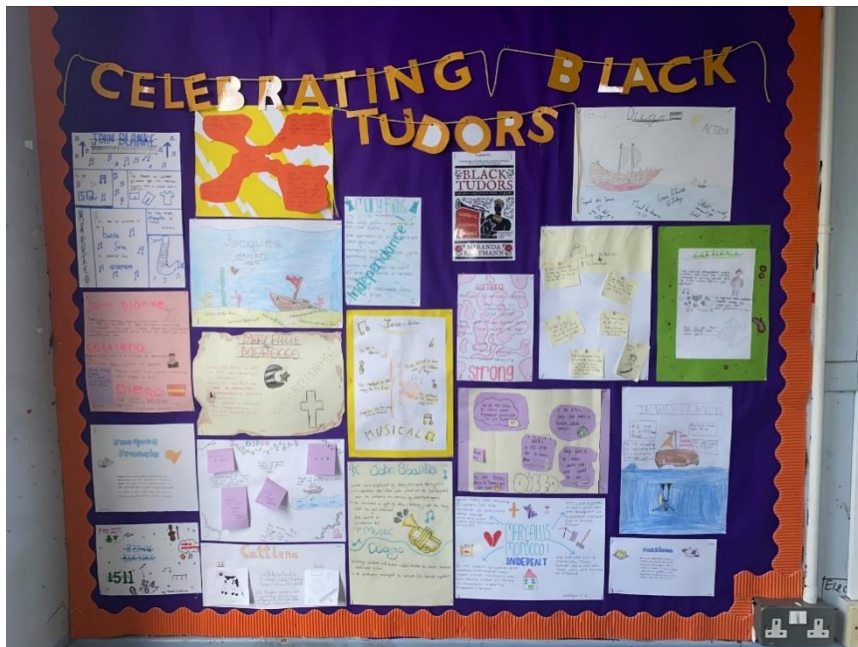
Congratulations to all the students who completed the course, and we hope they are inspired to pursue a future in Higher Education!



## Boppard-am-Rhein, Germany trip!

Year 8 headed out on a cultural trip in July filled with lots of exciting activities! Whilst in Germany, they visited Cochem Castle, the traditional town of Rüdesheim and the city of Koblenz. They enjoyed a toboggan ride down the Rhine Valley and saw the sights from a river cruise, and then ended the trip with a thrill-seeking day at 'Phantasialand' theme park. It was an unforgettable experience, and the Year 8s conducted themselves brilliantly and represented the school well. Gut gemacht Year 8!





Miss Mason's Year 7 groups have recently completed some great work on Black Tudors. This work has been based off the book *The Untold Story* by Miranda Kaufmann. Miss Mason is so proud of their efforts and how they have showcased their findings. Fabulous as always!



Look what delicacies have been cooked up by Mrs Alton and Miss Davis' Food and Nutrition groups this term for the Mock NEA Practical Exams! I was also lucky enough to be asked to be a judge for the Bake-Off which I thoroughly enjoyed! Remarkable efforts!

The Big Ask

For JF parents and carers

Thank you very much to those parents and carers who took part in this questionnaire sent out to you this term to glean your thoughts and feelings on the school. The results were extremely positive, really useful and have helped us to craft our Strategic Plan for next year. It was clear from the survey that the vast majority of parents/carers feel that...



Their child is happy at JF



Their child is safe at JF



Behaviour is dealt with well



The school has high expectations



Their child does well at JF



Their child studies a wide range of subjects

Priorities

Parents highlighted some areas where they would like to see improvements. These include bettering the speed of communication from the school to parents when a query has been raised, welcoming parents into school more regularly and particularly when a child has SEND, ensuring school trips are allocated fairly, removing line-ups from the start of school and the reducing the impact of supply teaching on behaviour and productivity of students. I have presented these points to Governors and have worked them into our School Improvement Plan for September. Thank you for helping us work together to ensure your child has the best quality of education here at John Flamsteed Community School.



# Rivalling the winners at the Maths Challenge!

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July a group of our top 8 Year 7 Maths students travelled to Kimberley School to attend the EMET Maths Competition. There were two teams of 4 and they had been practising at lunchtimes under the guidance of Miss Worthy.

Both teams worked brilliantly together and showed a great determination and commitment to solve challenging problems. It was a very closely fought competition throughout. One of our teams came a very impressive 8<sup>th</sup> out of 16 teams. But our other team really stood out with Isabelle, Albert, Alex and Evie coming **SECOND** only losing out of first place by 3 points! This is the best result JFCS have had. The teachers said it was an absolute pleasure to accompany such a lovely group of students and to see them enjoying their Maths. Well done to all.



## New members to the JF family...

During June, we hosted our three Induction Days where Year 6 took part in a range of lessons which included creating their own pac-man in DT, how to use Bunsen burners in Science and watching a musical showcase where our older students played instruments such as the trombone and drums. Year 6 really embodied The JF Way by showing a huge amount of ambition in lessons, committed themselves to getting to know new people in their tutor groups and walked around school site with a sense of pride. The new cohort of students looked like they really are going to be 'nothing short of remarkable' and we can't wait to welcome them back in September to become part of the JF family!

## London Trip!

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June our Year 8s went on a trip to London as part of our Personal Development provision. The aim of the visit was to expose our students to careers in transport and logistics. When there, students were lucky enough to gain access to the London Transport Museum where they learnt about transport through the years and different careers sectors within transport. Students had a talk delivered by members of the Worshipful Carmen group which got the students thinking about how transport impacts their day-to-day life. Well done, Year 8, on being excellent representatives of JF whilst in London!

### What's on in DT?

Year 9 students have been making their lamp projects!

Whilst Year 10 have been experimenting with some impressive furniture designs!



## Well done to... UKMT Maths challengers!

Holly E, Ben W, Toby D, Gemma C for working brilliantly together at May's Maths challenge and coming in the top third of teams, showing some amazing maths skills - a true credit to the school!

## Well done to...

Leon N who won the Year 10 Maths Reward and the winning prize!



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