



The M^uA^u D^o House Newsletter

Autumn Term

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Welcome to Expressive Arts

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new termly newsletter to celebrate the successes of students and the opportunities available in the Expressive Arts Department.

In September we welcomed Miss Leask-Walters to John Flamsteed as our new Drama specialist and we have also welcomed the knowledge and expertise of Mrs Garner to the Art and Design department and Mrs Helland-Carr to the Music Department.



Clubs available in the Spring Term

Monday Lunchtime

Art room available for year 10 and 11 GCSE Art and Design students

Afterschool - 3.20- 4.45

Steel Drums - £5 per session (external teacher) – Drama room

Tuesday lunchtime

Art room available for year 10 and 11 GCSE Art and Design students

School band (grade 3+) – Music room

Wednesday lunchtime

You Create art competition, years 8 and 9 – Art room
Community choir, all years – Music room

Thursday lunchtime

You Create art competition, years 8 and 9 – Art room
Junior band (grade 1-2) – Music room

Friday lunchtime

Craft Club – year 7 –
sock creatures – Art room



Samba Workshop

Reported by Emilia S 9S

I participated in the samba workshop at the start of the year which was an amazing enrichment opportunity. Nikki from 'Art Beat' really helped us all develop a love for the Brazilian music style, culture and the history of the carnivals held on the streets of Rio. Samba was a great music style to learn, with it's unique approach to controlling a group of performers. She taught us lots about Samba like the sounds heard and the instruments played e.g. surdos, caixas and agogo bells. Nikki told us of different patterns and breaks played by the band, given by the sambista (head of the band). She then lead us in a group performance with everyone participating with their instruments and patterns. Overall, I think the experience was a great way to aid our learning and I particularly enjoyed working with an outside agency.

GCSE Deadlines.

Art and Design

NEA Portfolio deadline – 11 option A – Monday 6th January and 11 option B Tuesday 7th January.

GCSE exam starts Monday 6th January. Exam week 28th April

Music

Performance – 14th February

Composition – 21st March

Drama

Component 2 externally marked practical exam – 20th March

Written exam – 9th May

Christmas Time at the MAD House

Christmas Concert!

I have seen this production twice and I must say both times were incredible. The hosts, Dougie M and Georgia F from Yr 9, kept everyone laughing with their comedic style narration. I loved how they assured that people were entertained and introduced the next number flawlessly. I was pleased with the amount of participation from the different years. This shows that many of the pupils at JFCS are ambitious and committed and strive to do their best.

Firstly, The Steel Band kicked the show off with a Christmassy mashup of 'Merry Christmas Everyone' and 'Jingle Bells'. The transition from one part to the other was seamlessly smooth and the audience was wowed at how jingly and merry it sounded. Another Steel Band hit was 'Silent Night'. Many of the players had looks of deep concentration on their faces, as they hit note after perfect note.

Next, there was The School Band. There was a range of instruments playing, such as violins, clarinets and drums. My personal favourite song they performed was 'Mary's Boy Child' which was a delight to listen to.

Finally, there was The School Choir, with 'Silent Night Pt2', 'Mistletoe' and 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer', which the audience was invited to join in with; at the Yr 7 dress rehearsal, many of the boys were coaxed into singing along to the well-known tune.

Overall, I think this concert was a big success and although in the rehearsal there were a few slips with the transitions on stage, the final product was a fantastic hit. Also, thank you to our wonderful stagehands, Henry P and Gemma C for doing the lights and music. Well done everyone and thank you for a nice experience.



Community Choir



School Band



Steel Band



Reported by Annabel P 7A

A Gonk or two!

Well done to the year 7 students who have enjoyed making a Christmas Gonk over the last few weeks.



Well done to...

All members of the junior band, school band, steel band and the community choir for starting our Christmas festivities in such a spectacular way.



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