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As we come to the end of the academic year we wish the best of luck for all our departing Y11 and Y13's in their future endeavours.

This term has been full of sporting achievement and outstanding academic successes throughout the school and we are looking forward to the new school year with great anticipation.

Reminder....

A Level Result Day—Thursday 17th August 8.30-10.30am
G.C.S.E Result Day—Thursday 24th August 9.30-11.30am

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New Sixth Form Leaders

Congratulations to our new Head Boy and Head Girl for 2017-2018 Brandon Caffull and Emily Henry:

“We are delighted to be given the position of Head Boy and Head Girl for 2017-18. Our main aims are to improve the cohesion between the lower years (specifically Y8/Y9) and Sixth Form by allocating Sixth Form representatives for each tutor group. We would also like to create a link with Dr Bethuel Setai School in South Africa by raising money through events such as cake sales, fancy dress days and other fundraising activities”

Poetry Festival

On the 30th June 13 students performed at the opening event of the Ledbury Poetry Festival

Students have been working with our Poet In Residence Brenda Read-Brown in school to produce and perform some beautiful poetry which they were thrilled to perform at the showcase event celebrating 21 years of the Poetry Festival.

Our poets performed alongside past winners of The Foyle Young Poets award as well as established poets Fiona Sampson, Alison Brackenbury, Katherine Towers and Thomas Lynch all of whom were impressed by our students stunning poems and confident performances.

We would like to express our thanks to the Poetry Festival for their support throughout this project.



LEDBURY
POETRY
FESTIVAL



The Autumn Term Starts Wednesday 6th September
Have a fantastic summer!

NORMANDY 2017

By Rosie Loraine & Robyn Munday

At the end of May, we were lucky enough to be given the amazing opportunity to visit Normandy on the Y8 French trip.

It all began at 3am (far too early, I know!) where we trooped onto the coach full of excitement and ready for the long journey ahead. Next, it was on to the ferry, which we boarded at Portsmouth. Most of us spent our time on the outside deck embraced by the wisps of crisp sea air and danced on by the shimmering sun. After taking our first breath of French air, it was onto another coach where we were led through the luscious green countryside.

The holiday had begun.

Amazed, we started a tour of the breath-taking chateau we would call home for the next 4 nights. This included colossally expansive grounds embellished with a lake, mini farm, volleyball court, football pitch, wandering peacocks and loads more.

Of course, our trip wasn't just midnight feasts (ssshhh... don't tell the teachers) and relaxing – we were really busy.

Really busy going to St Malo. Really busy going to le Mont St Michel. Really busy going to Dinan market, all ways to dip into typical French life. When we weren't on trips, we were doing activities around the chateau, these included: homemade cider tasting (yum yum); aero ball tournament; canoeing; raft building; visiting the mini farm (and holding really cute rabbits). The instructors all spoke French all the time (even explaining the activities!) so we all came on a lot in our French.

The last night had come and after a very long, hot day it was French night! First we ate snails (which were actually quite popular!) Then it was on the talent show which was filled with some amazing singing, dancing and other remarkable skills.

Thank you to all the teachers who organised and helped on this trip: it won't be forgotten!



Acting Success

Congratulations to Emily Henry who won the 17 years and under Solo Acting Class at The Worcester Competitive Arts Festival on the 18th of March. Emily was also invited to perform her piece from The Medea at their Gala Concert.



Further news on the Intermediate Maths Challenge

You may remember from last term's Update that many students from Y10 and Y11 did very well in the Intermediate Maths Challenge and that four students qualified for the Pink or Grey Kangaroo Challenge, both prestigious national competitions. Once more our students did extremely well and we would like to thank them all for taking part and being fantastic ambassadors for the school. Lizzie Austen, Toby Raison and Ella Lipscomb all received qualification certificates. Dan Disney achieved a merit award in the Pink Kangaroo Challenge; this award is only given to the top 25% of students who are chosen to take part in this challenge! Well done to all of them!

FROM THE HEADTEACHER



It is a pleasure to write to students and parents at the end of an extremely successful and busy school year. As I write, we have just completed the Sports Colours presentations to over 80 students from Y7-Y10 for students' excellent sportsmanship and contributions to school clubs and teams. Last year we won 5 County champions titles, this year we were county champions and regional champions for badminton and we won Y7 county Athletics but have been losing finalists five times. However all team players played with great determination and sportsmanship and learning to lose well with dignity and grace is an important part of life.

In Arts we have won the Elgar trophy for the third year out of four and the JMHS Chamber Choir and JMHS School Choir won first and second places at The Choir of the Year Competition. Our Dancers performed with great verve and distinction at the recent Dance Show, Drama has continued to excel and we have awarded over 60 Arts Colours

Having our own poet in residence, Brenda Read-Brown has been a considerable boost to help our students develop their creative writing skills which was demonstrated through students' excellent contributions to the Ledbury Poetry Festival when they read their own poems in The Burgage Hall

Next week we have our Sports Day, a dozen school trips and interesting school based activities on our three enrichment days- hardly a quiet end to the school year!

At the end of this term we say goodbye and thank you to three members of staff. Mr Waterhouse, a wonderful maths teacher has deservedly been appointed head of Maths at Fairfield High School. Mrs Toon, who has worked at JMHS for 28 years teaching almost every subject including in latter years leading the highly successful Fresh Start Reading Programme, has always been caring, professional and dedicated in all of her work. The enigmatic and creative Mr Bateman who has taught at JMHS for 29 years and inspired so many students to develop their artistic skills is also retiring, but we hope is certainly not hanging up his paint brushes. I would like to wish these three teachers all the best for the future and all of you a very happy summer holiday.

Andrew Evans

The Junior Academy

Y10 students Ella Barber and Lizzie Austen have been members of The Junior Academy of The New York Academy of Sciences this past year. They have joined teams with other young people around the globe to take part in global problem solving challenges. They collaborate with each other online and have contact with a mentor who helps to guide them. The girls have found it interesting to try to work with people around the globe and have discovered the challenges with time differences to organise collaboration, they have learnt a lot about the practical use of science as well as developing skills such as time management and networking.

Ella was able to report that "my team was one out of 4 (including the winner) to get to the final for the public health challenge!", her team looked to set up an economical and sustainable ebola survivor observation system using our knowledge of technology, chemistry and biology.

If any students aged 13-18 would like to know more about this opportunity and how to apply then please contact Mr Price at chris.price@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk or find him in the Maths Department

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2017

Term Starts Wednesday 6th September
Half Term Monday 23rd —Friday 27th October
Term Ends Tuesday 19th December

Spring Term 2018

Term Starts Thursday 4th January
Half Term Monday 19th—Friday 23rd February
Term Ends Thursday 29th March

Staff Training Afternoons—Students leave at 1.10pm

Wednesday 11th October
Thursday 23rd November
Tuesday 6th February
Thursday 15th March

For more information on important school dates etc. please visit www.jmhs.hereford.sch.uk

A sad farewell...

This summer we say good-bye to Mr Bateman who has decided the time is right to retire. Mr Bateman is one of the schools longest serving members of staff having worked at JMHS for 29 years, joining us in 1988. He has taught untold numbers of students and the second generations of many local families. Throughout his career Mr Bateman has never lost his passion for the visual arts. He has helped instil this in so many of his students encouraging and supporting them to pursue it into college, university and their careers. Mr Bateman has brought his creativity to the creation of the stage sets for the school productions for almost three decades as well as being a willing volunteer on many of the schools foreign visits. A truly 'one of a kind' teacher and colleague he will be sorely missed but has most definitely earned his retirement. We wish him the very best with his plans for the future.



M.Stevenson

PREFECTS 2017-2018



BERLIN 2017

A level German and History students had the opportunity at the start of their Easter holidays to travel to Berlin to explore this exciting city. Berlin is not only a vibrant and fascinating capital, but it is also the best place to appreciate and understand Europe and Germany's traumatic history. We visited the renovated Reichstag, Checkpoint Charlie, the Jewish Museum and the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp on the outskirts of the city. We also found time to do some shopping, walk alongside the last bit of the Berlin Wall with its famous graffiti artwork and soak up the atmosphere in this lively, multicultural city! In the evenings we enjoyed two birthdays in a friendly Italian restaurant, traditional German fare in a local Kneipe which of course included sausages



Mrs W, Miss M & Mrs NW

Y7 Meet the Author Event

In June a number of our Y7 students headed down to The Masters House in Ledbury to attend a talk by bestselling children's author Tom Palmer.

Tom is a passionate advocate of reading and spoke to the students about his popular books and what inspires him to write. The students took part in a quiz during the visit and then a penalty 'shoot out'. It was a great opportunity for these students to meet an author and discuss reading, especially as Tom was a self confessed reluctant reader himself when he was at school!!



2016-2017 Presentation Evening

On July 13th JMHS held its Annual Presentation Evening. The evening is a fantastic opportunity for students, parents, guardians and teachers to celebrate the wonderful successes of students in all aspects of school life throughout the past year.

We were delighted to be joined by guest speaker Janusz Kozinski, a higher education leader, researcher and entrepreneur and were also entertained throughout the evening with performances from our talented performing arts students.

Congratulations to all our award winners.

Excellence Awards

Y7

Freda Maddison
Evie Grinnell
Harry Unthank
Abigail Tinson
Theo Taylor-George

Y9

Katie Cook
Ella Smith
Daniel James
Gemma Clarke
David Baltazar

Y11

Sammy Thompson
Anais Meale
Jemima Fisher
Will Saysom
Osian McCarthy

Creative & Performing Arts—Music

Y13 Dance Award—Jason Johns
Y11 Dance Award—Libby Warren
Y9 Dance Award—Sophie Tyler-Bemand
Y7 Dance Award—Luisa Marshall
The Rambert Cup for Dance—Destiny Dawe

Creative & Performing Arts—Drama

Y13 LADS Award —Paulina Mikulicz
Y11 The Conigree Cup —Roma Farnell
Y9 Drama Award—Caitlin Jenkins
Y7 Drama Award—Alex Bayliss

Creative & Performing Arts—Music

Y13 The Caroline Kaye Award—Lauren Hill
Y11 Music Award—Amy Hill
Y9 Music Award—Lucy French
Y7 Music Award—Amelia Farnell

English

Y13 English Literature—Christina Manns
Y11 English Literature—Oli & Ed Aston
Y11 English—Oliver Parker
Y9 English—Kai Davis
Y7 Madders Trophy for Poetry—Natasha Bloom
Y7 English—Sam Glasper

Humanities

Y13 The Merlin Trophy for Geography—
Bethan Ackerman
Y11 Geography—Eve Crowley
Y13 History—Nicole Barrow
Y11 Peter Garnett Trophy for History—
Jasper Gilbert
Y9 Humanities—Michael French
Y7 Humanities—Anzhelika Vasileva

Psychology

Y13 Psychology—Lucy Admans

Maths & Accountancy

Y13 Accountancy—Tom Hewitt-Bullard
Y13 Qinetiq Award for Maths—Charlie Monkley
Y11 BT Award for Maths—Dan Disney
Y9 Maths—Jo Fisher
Y7 Maths—James Austen

Modern Foreign Languages

Y13 French—Emily Warrington
Y11 French—Rosie Thomas
Y9 French—Millie Preedy
Y7 French—Ellie Bates
Y13 German—Teeana Clueit
Y11 German—Menno Recordon
Y9 German—Ella Lipscomb
Y7 German—Megan Day
Outstanding Contribution —Lauren Hill

Physical Education

Y13 PE Boys Trophy—Elliot Hawkes
Y13 Gethin-Onions Shield—Chloe Randall & Darcy Wood
Y11 Barraclough Trophy—Elliot Williams
Y11 Ladies Circle Shield—Amy Loader
Y9 Bill Masefield Trophy—Jonathan Hobson, Sam Nicholls & Chad Warren, Max Williams,
Y9 Chris Kidd Shield—Jess Neath
Y7 Grittner Trophy—Jude Locker
Y7 Kate Smith Trophy—Otilie Owen

Science

Y11 Science (Double) - Ellen Blenkinsop
Y9 Science—Jess Schofield
Y7 Science—Milo McDonald
Y13 Biology—Jakub Lukaszonok
Y11 Biology—Jessie Leigh
Y13 Chapman Award for Chemistry—PJ Recordon
Y11 Chemistry—Sylvie Slinger
Y13 Chris Pritchard Trophy for Physics—Ryan Ing
Y11—Vicky Tager

Technology & Creative Enterprise

Y13 Art—Alice McClusky
Y11 Art—Holly Tout
Y9 Art—Joshua Pope
Y7 Kjell Walker Trophy for Art—Hannah Chapman
Y11 Lady Somers Trophy for D&T—Lauren Mealins
Y9 Just Juice Trophy for D&T—Oliver Thompson
Y7 Farm Assist Trophy for DT—Joanna Stoklosa
Ann Creese Award for Progress in Food Technology—Charlotte Bridges

ICT & Business

Y13 Business—Caitlin Ronan
Y11 Spicers Award for Business—John Watkins
Y9 Business—Hannah Tarver
Y13 ICT—Nick Pursall
Y11 Qinetiq Award—Davina Ralph
Y9 ICT—Madeleine Johnson
Y7 ICT—Rowan Thomas

Special Awards

The Chris Tweedale Headteachers Award—
Destiny Dawe, Roma Farnell & Amy Loader
Head Girl's Award—Lucy Admans
Head Boy's Award—Ryan Ing
Amcor Flexibles Shield—Billy Seeberg
Governors Trophy—Leon Eager
Chris Healy Award—Vicky Merker & Poppy Wharrad
Helen Kitching Memorial Award—Ruby Phillips
Brook Award—Dan Disney
Peter Garnett Trophy—Ben Cottam
The Mayor's Trophy—Libby Warren & Sarah Hawkins
HMS Ledbury—Brandon Caffull
Diamond Jubilee Award—Emma Warren
The Caitlin Ronan Award—Becky Shaw



Dance Showcase

The Summer Dance Showcase was a great success this term with fantastic performances and a packed out audience. With a range of styles and wealth of talent delighting the audience, John Masefield's Performing Arts faculty continue to be proud of their amazing students.

A level Dance students were excellent role models for the younger students. They demonstrated their creative skills in showcasing their group choreography pieces and BTEC Dance students also performed very well for their end of unit assessments. The Junior Dance club were particularly impressive with their energy and enthusiasm. Their piece, choreographed by

Destiny Dawe, was thoroughly engaging and entertaining. The Y9 dancers performed excellently in their large ensemble pieces and also showed great professionalism during minor technical hitches. A couple of Y8 students (Amy Davies and Ellie Gale) stepped up to join the Senior Dance Club and held their own with the older

students. The talent we have coming up through the school suggests that Dance at John Masefield has an exciting future. Overall it was a brilliant evening and all the students involved should be very proud of what they have achieved.

A.Goodall



NEWS FROM THE SIXTH FORM

Goodbye & Good luck to Y13

On 26 June Y13 had a formal leavers' celebration assembly and brunch with a presentation from the Headteacher, Mr Evans and Head of Sixth Form, Mr Hawksworth to mark the official start of study leave.

As part of the new A-level reform, Y13 were the first year group to sit the new exams which in some cases often exceeded two hours. They finished their last exams on the 29 June and are now looking forward to their summer of travel, work and relaxation before they head off to university or work. On 5 July we will celebrate with the Y13 and Y12 students at the annual Leavers' Prom at Alexander Park. This has been a lovely occasion in previous years to formally mark Y13 leaving.

We wish our Y13's all the best of luck with their future plans.

News in Brief...

- This summer Y12 sat a mixture of formal exams in Science, Maths and Drama plus prediction exams for all other subjects to give them preparation for next year.
- Y12 have had a number of university and apprenticeship workshops from outside speakers to start them thinking about their post-18 options and what they need to do over the summer. This has been followed up in weekly tutorials and copies of the UCAS presentation can be found on the website: www.jmhs.hereford.sch.uk
- On 3 & 4 July Y11 students enjoyed transition lessons in the Sixth Form to help them bridge the gap between GCSEs and A-levels and to give them a head start in September. Students enjoyed a teambuilding event in the afternoon to help let off steam.

A-level results day is Thursday 17 August (08.30 - 9.30 - Y13 & 09.30 -10.30 - Y12) with advice and support available from Sixth Form staff. Please email Mr Hawksworth, Head of Sixth Form in the event of any query m.hawksworth@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk or telephone 01531 638452

GCSE results and Sixth Form enrolment will be held on Thursday 24 August (09.30 - 10.30am) in the Sixth Form Centre with advice and support available.

Sports Colours 2017



Y7



Y8



Y9



Y10

Regional Badminton Champions

In the Easter holidays Libby and Chad Warren competed for Herefordshire at the U18 badminton Inter County Tournament (ICT). Thirty-five counties sent teams of 5 boys and 5 girls to compete in 10 matches over 4 days. Making only their third ever appearance at the event, our county's youngsters found themselves up against internationals from all over the country. On the penultimate day, aided by victories from Libby and Chad, Herefordshire managed their first ever win, and then followed it up with another success on the final day.

Earlier in the week Chad competed in the U15 National finals and managed to secure a Bronze medal in the Doubles event, losing out in a high quality semi-final against an England pair.



Photos & Words courtesy of Sean Warren

Cricket

The Y8 cricket team lost a pulsating county final to The Cathedral School on 4th July. The game was historic as it was the last one at Ledbury CC after 180 years of



cricket at the ground. Cathedral won the toss and batted first and got off to a solid start being 88 without loss. However, some tight bowling and excellent fielding saw them limited to 143/7 off their 25 overs. JMHS started slowly only accumulating nine runs off seven over for the loss of one wicket. Then up stepped Bruno Recordon to the crease and he batted with great skill and maturity to score a scintillating 69 runs and leading us the brink of victory. The Cathedral bowlers proved too strong for our lower order batsmen and we were unable to score the required three runs off the last ball of the game. My thanks go to the players for playing the game in such a good spirit, parents who came to support and of course the staff at Ledbury CC for being so hospitable and providing such a wonderful facility for our students to play cricket over the years.

The Y7's played in their county final against Cathedral on the 5th July. On a hot and humid day, the Cathedral batsmen got off to a flyer with some well grooved shots and clever placement. JMHS students bowled well



in patches, but never really built enough pressure to trouble to home side, who amassed 145 runs in their 25 overs. Jamie Pedder claimed two wickets with his delightful left arm inswinging deliveries and Jude Locker bowled fiercely and economically to only concede 13 runs from his five over. This was always going to be a tall order, especially when we lost wickets as regularly as we did. Seb Fell (44) and Zac Bruton (16) put on a useful stand but it was not enough and we fell 50 runs short. Well done to all the boys who played and thanks for the parents who came to watch and support the team.

J.Kontarines

National Athletics Competition 2017



A record number of students for John Masefield High School competed at Malvern College District Qualification in June. Seven students competed in the Junior and Inter Competition on 10th June and eight students competed in the Minors Competition on the 27th June. This again is the highest number of students we have had to represent the Malvern District in Athletics. All students were fiercely competitive in their events and two successful days were had by all.

as a huge 13.2m in the Triple Jump and being placed in 2nd place.

This is a fantastic achievement for Kaisan, JMHS and the Malvern District as Kaisan has now qualified to compete in the English Schools National Event, for Hereford and Worcester on 7th July where he will face athletes from all over England in the Triple Jump. Kaisan is staying in the Hereford and Worcester team hotel for two nights along with his fellow athletes, as well as soaking up the atmosphere and preparing thoroughly for his competition.

This is an incredible achievement and a first for JMHS. We wish you the best of luck Kaisan and hope you return with silverware, as well as memories which will last a lifetime.

Kaisan Tulloch 1st in Triple Jump and Long Jump, Jim Bell 3rd in Shotput, Alex Munn 5th Discus, Joseph Fisher 5th in the final of 300m, Leo Farmer 4th in Javelin and Jess Neath (injured during race but finished 8th).

Abi Tinson 4th in 100m heat, Adam Dudley 4th in 100m and made final (8th 12.9secs), Josie Thomas Hurdles (8th), Immy Parsons 800m (10th), Alex Clark 800m (14th), Katie Dudley Javelin (4th), Kirsty Meers Javelin (14th), Katy Stevens Shotput (11th).

Leo Farmer also competed in the Javelin and threw an impressive 31.26m as a Y10 competing against Y11 students! Kaisan Tulloch went through to compete at the Regional Competition at Alexander Stadium, Birmingham on the 17th June. Amongst competitors from all over the Midlands, he faced an incredible challenge. Kaisan rose to the challenge, jumping a new personal best in Long Jump (6.25m) as well

Following this inspirational success, JMHS is now looking to install a Long Jump and Triple Jump pit at the school and are looking for Sponsorship in order to make this happen. Please contact Chloe Limbrick (chloe.limbrick@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk) if you are interested in becoming a sponsor of JMHS Sport and PE.



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In Brief:

- The Y8 team played in the first round of the national stage of the Schools Cup. They played against a very talented and experienced Bromsgrove school. We found the going tough on a wet and drab afternoon. The boys played some good cricket with courage – a catch by Bruno at first slip off Sam B was the highlight.
- In football both the Y7 and Y8 teams reached the county finals played at Edgar Street and both happened to be against Whitecross. Having played some scintillating football, attacking with verve and vigour and defending stoutly, sadly the Y7's lost on sudden death penalties and the Y8's lost 2-3. Thanks to all the players and the parents and carers who came to support.
- In badminton, Chad, Luke, Sam, JJ and Max, have always represented us well. This year they took their achievements a step further by reaching the national stages of the competition. They played wonderfully and finished in eighth place out of nine on the day, but this is actually 8 out of 2000 schools that entered. Well done and thanks to the boys who took part and to parents and carers for travelling and supporting.

