

# UP-DATE

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A Level Results Day Thurs 16th August 8.30-10.30am  
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## 2018-2019 School Leadership Team



Congratulations to our new Head Students for 2018-2019, Jenny Kennedy, Jasper Gilbert and Roma Farnell: "We are thrilled to have been appointed Head Students and are looking forward to the opportunities to make a difference to both lower school and Sixth Form next year. Our main aims are to increase awareness of mental health and to encourage self confidence and a desire to achieve throughout the school.



Congratulations to our new housecaptains:  
Caitlin Jenkins & Rosie Crowson-Jeffery for Beacon  
Lexi Henry & Ella Smith for Midsummer  
Nathan Moors & Gemma Clarke for Jubilee  
Ella Lipscomb & Lucy French for Holywell

### PREFECTS



This year 59 prefects were appointed from Y10. To be selected as a prefect students must demonstrate that they are consistently conscientious, considerate and co-operative. This means working really hard in lessons and with homework, helping others and being kind to others, as well as contributing positively to school activities e.g. house events, sports events and arts events. The purpose of prefects is to make school life better, for example, as a reading buddy prefect whereby they read with a student twice a week to help improve their reading and their enjoyment of reading. Students show great determination to become prefects and their main responsibility is to serve others.

Have a wonderful summer break - Term starts back 5th September

# Y5 DAY

JMHS was delighted to welcome over 200 Y5 students from our local primary schools.

The Y5's attended a variety of exciting lessons throughout the day and took part in some amazing activities such as smoothie making, crime solving, laser cutting rulers, drama class, dance, french lessons, tchoukball ball and history.

It was a fantastic introduction to the varied curriculum here at JMHS and we hope they all enjoyed their day here.



# Y11 Celebration Prom

Over 100 Y11 pupils enjoyed their leavers prom on the 29th June. Pupils arrived in style in all manner of transportation, including a Porsche, sand buggy, Land Rover and a digger! The event held at Alexander Park was a great celebration of the student's time at JMHS and we wish them all the best for the future.



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# WOMEN IN STEM CLUB

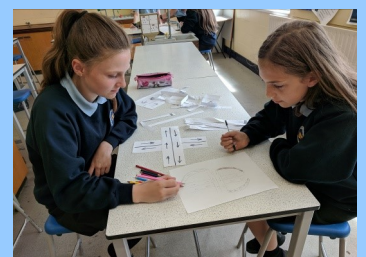
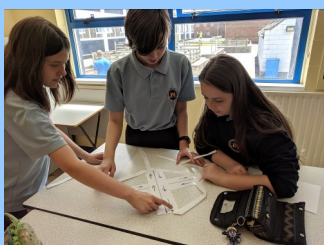
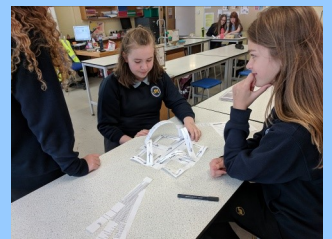
**“Gender stereotypes start young, only 14% of teenage girls want to become a scientist.”**

**“Women make up half the workforce but less than 25% of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) jobs.”**

To encourage girls at JMHS to explore the world of STEM a new club has started up on Thursday lunchtimes.

Girls are invited to take part in problem solving activities such as the problems of junctions such as the spaghetti junction.

The club plans on doing similar problem solving and design tasks over the next few weeks to encourage the girls to explore the world of STEM and find out about possible future careers.



# FROM THE HEADTEACHER



2018 is easily the sunniest and hottest summer I can remember in 21 years at JMHS and I have to say I have been extremely impressed with how our students and staff have worked so hard and coped so well in these sweltering conditions. Y10's in particular impressed with their commitment in preparing well and working extremely hard in their end of year exams. Y10 Prefects have also done a great job this term helping with primary school events, showing visitors around and supporting younger students with arts, maths, reading and sport.

Our sporting teams have again performed well. We were county runners up in Y8 & Y11 football tournaments and won the county cricket plate for the under 15 and under 12 age groups. Although we have won fewer county cups this year than last, teams have impressed with their great commitment, camaraderie and sportsmanship. It is also worth mentioning that we have won one county cup final in under 14's football by 8-0, a spectacular victory. All of this sporting success will be celebrated at the Sports Colours Celebration with a record number of students receiving colours.

Last week's dance showcase was a great event and as I write we still have the summer concert and the junior production to come and I am very much looking forward to presenting Arts Colours to 100 students who have made massive contributions to the arts this academic year.

JMHS students also excelled at The Ledbury Poetry Festival launch performing beautiful, powerful and uplifting poems about freedom that they had written themselves. Their poems were definitely the highlight of this event.

Lastly I would like to say thank you to those staff who leave us this summer, including two very long serving and popular members of staff Mrs Underwood Webb and Mrs Holmes. All have made strong contributions and I would like to wish all staff and students moving on all the very best for the future  
Andrew Evans

## UNIFORM REMINDER

Please could we also remind parents to ensure all school uniform and school equipment is named adequately. We have a large amount of property handed into the House Office over the school year and items that are un-named are almost impossible to return.

## TERM DATES

### Autumn Term 2018

Term Starts	Wednesday 5th September
Half Term	Monday 29th October—Friday 2nd November
Term Ends	Friday 21st December

### Spring Term 2018

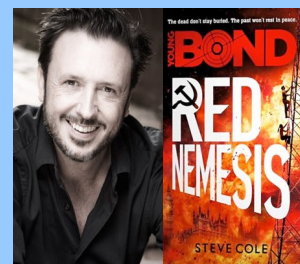
Term Starts	Tuesday 8th January
Half Term	Monday 18th February—Friday 22nd February
Term Ends	Tuesday 12th April

For more information on important school dates etc. please visit [www.jmhs.hereford.sch.uk](http://www.jmhs.hereford.sch.uk)

# AUTHOR EVENT

16 Fresh Start students attended a Herefordshire Libraries event at the Master's House on the 10th July. The author Steve Cole held an interactive talk where he discussed reading and the research involved behind his story Red Nemesis the final Young Bond thriller. Steve is a bestselling author who has sold over 3 million books. We are grateful to the Tesco Bags of Help funding scheme that enabled our students to attend this event.

 Bags of Help



**FJMHS**  
FRIENDS OF JOHN MASEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

**SUPPORTING YOU &  
YOUR SCHOOL**

This year FJMHS has seen generous donations of time, money, hard work and fun, cakes, coffee and supermarket shopping. With all this Friends has been able to support school in lots of ways:

- Friends Uniform Recycling Service is going well
- Refreshments at the school production and concerts have been thoroughly enjoyed and significantly supported the event costs
- New table tennis, badminton and hockey equipment has been appreciated in the PE department
- Dynakar kit is great for velocity studies in Science
- The new kit and caboodle in the Food Technology Rooms is brilliant!

There are lots of ways to help Friends of JMHS support school. There may be fewer events than we were all used to at primary school, but there is no limit to **Lottery tickets** at £1 with a weekly prize draw, or the equivalent **donation** of just £2 a month. Also, keep shopping with your **Co-op** membership card in the Ledbury store - FJMHS is a Co-op local cause there until November. And sign up anytime to our **newsletter** to get more involved. Go to [www.fjmhs.org.uk](http://www.fjmhs.org.uk) for details of all these, and more.

If you think FJMHS is a good idea then please make a date in your diary for September 19<sup>th</sup>. The Friends AGM is set for 7pm, in school, and needs your support and votes. Furthermore, Friends needs more people making things happen next year - do come along and get involved as well as vote on September 19<sup>th</sup> - more hands really do make light work.

Thank you and have a super holiday, FJMHS Committee.

# NORMANDY 2018

This year's trip to Normandy was a wonderful learning experience for the Y8 students. The trip was great fun!

The journey made most feel at home, as they had been on many boats before. We had no time to worry about nerves; there were shops, cinemas, a café and an astonishing view.

On arrival, we were introduced to the extremely welcoming staff who, of course, only spoke to us in French. Even though it seemed a bit daunting at first, we could still understand them because of the occasional hand gesture. The grand chateau was set in the typical French countryside and had everything you could wish for: seven elegant peacocks, two cute ponies and baby lambs roaming freely. And not to forget, the picturesque lake where we got to enjoy some of the activities.

There was a wide selection of food at the Chateau. For breakfast there was bread, croissants, brioche, cereal, hot chocolate, milk and water. Lunchtimes varied from tasty baguettes to chicken curry. As did dinner, with beef stew to a BBQ! On our last night, we were given the opportunity to try snails. There were very mixed reviews. Some thought they were delicious, others, not so much. Overall, the food provided was amazing and gave us a good experience to learn about the culture.

On Thursday, we went to Bayeux. We had a police escort to get to see the Bayeux tapestry. It was very detailed and very interesting. After that, we went to the cathedral and took lots of beautiful photos. Later on, we went to Arranches and went to a 360 degrees cinema. We went to the Gold beach where Tom ate a raw mussel!

On Friday, we stayed at the chateau for activities. We were put into groups (S, T, U and V) and went round the chateau, completing activities and filling in our learning journals. The activities provided were archery, aero-ball, canoeing, raft building, orienteering and the mini farm. They gave us a great opportunity to learn French – and to cuddle the bunnies!!!

On Saturday, we went to Granville market. We went to buy souvenirs for our families and friends. All the stall owners were really nice to us and helped us with our French. Then, we went to a supermarket to buy sandwich fillings for lunch. However, most people opted for sweets and chocolate! In the evening, there was a talent show then a disco afterwards. There were four acts: Hannah Chapman, Sophie Watkins, Amelia Farnell and the boys (Ali-A). Congratulations to Hannah on winning with her fantastic poem.

Overall, the trip to Normandy gave us a great opportunity to learn French, make friends and to have new experiences. Thank you to the wonderful staff, especially Miss Trezeux for organising this trip for us.

Amelia Farnell, Holly Cook & Sophie Watkins



# Y7 & 8 MATHS WORKSHOP

On the 27th June the Maths Department held a workshop designed to challenge a selection of some of our more able students from Y7 and 8 at JMHS.

Students were tasked throughout the morning with a range of mathematical activities to work through in groups, these included watching mathematics magic tricks performed by Miss Loveridge and then trying to deduce how she did them.

For example, Miss Loveridge can add the first 10 numbers of any fibonacci sequence super quickly in her head. Students generated their own fibonacci sequences and she worked out the sum

Example: 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55

Miss knew that the sum of these numbers is 143 (she did this on the spot in seconds so they knew she couldn't have just added them up altogether in her head - there was a trick to doing it quickly!) They discussed the problem in groups and discussed the 'magic' behind each "trick." All the "tricks" Miss Loveridge performed had a mathematical reason behind them.

This was a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their maths skills and have lots of fun while they were doing so!



## UNITY SUMMER DANCE SHOWCASE

All the dance students and clubs came together to put on another great Dance Showcase this term. The audience members were treated to some fantastic performances with a great variety of styles and music.

The A level Dance students worked incredibly hard to perform their own group choreography pieces in which they created some lovely abstract pieces and demonstrated some excellent movement development and skill with the way that they constructed their work. Their performance levels have reached new heights this year and they should be very proud of their achievements.

The GCSE Dance classes performed very well together having worked on some more poignant dance pieces inspired by the set works they are studying for their GCSE Dance course. I was very impressed with their professionalism on the night as they demonstrated excellent respect for one another throughout the show.

The Dance clubs were also very impressive with their energy and enthusiasm and the Senior Dance Club in particular played a significant part in contributing to the choreography of their large group dance. The Junior Dance Club livened up the show with their fun performance to Arianna Grande's 'No tears left to cry' and there were some amazing solos and duets that leaves me in no doubt of the abundant talent that we have at John Masefield



A.Goodall.

# POETRY FESTIVAL

Over 30 students performed at this years opening event for the festival. Students have been working with our Poet in Residence Brenda Read-Brown over the last term to create powerful group poems with the theme of "freedom". They performed enthusiastically and confidently in front of a large audience and alongside established and renowned poets such as Joelle Taylor and Zaffar Kunial.

They received many compliments from the audience and poets on their performances. Well done to everyone involved.



# A Visit to the Hive!

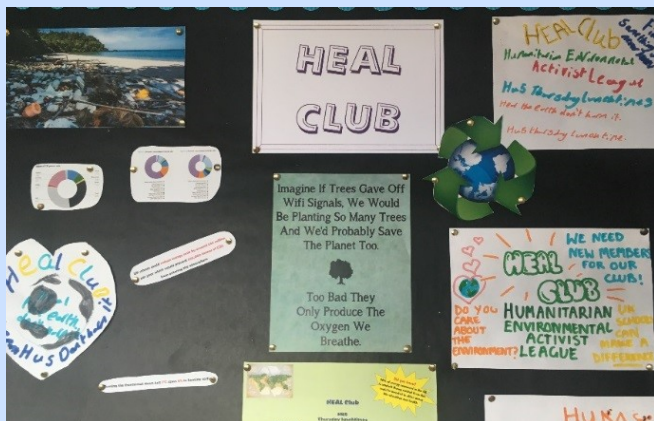
On the 22nd of June, the Y12 History class and a few Geographers headed off to Worcester by train for a trip to The Hive Library in Worcester. We were met by Natasha, who gave us a brief tour of the library before we were given a talk on referencing and researching techniques for our NEA projects. During which, we were given library cards and signed up to Worcestershire libraries so that we could access online catalogues and journals. We were also able to spend time searching the library for university books in order to help us improve our research on our chosen topics. All in all, we had an enjoyable time and came away with useful tips for our research projects (and ice lollies!).

Phoebe Schofield



## HEAL CLUB

HEAL club (Humanitarian Environmentalist Activist League) is a club run by sixth formers for students in all years on Thursday lunchtimes. We have worked on an initiative to improve recycling in school, and have fundraised over £100 for new recycling bins. We are passionate about the environment and current issues affecting our generation.



## Y11 Transition Day

On the 2nd and 3rd July Y11 students who are returning to study in our Sixth Form had a further taste of the subjects they are contemplating studying. The day is another chance for students to consolidate their thinking about which subjects to continue and to further experience the challenges that each subject provides. From studying atomic orbitals and electronic configuration in Chemistry to the work of graphic designer Merve Ozaslan in Photography the students immersed themselves in their subjects. Psychology students discussed conformity and obedience in social settings while Further Maths students got to grips with complex numbers. In Accounting students were sorting their assets from their liabilities within double-entry book-keeping whilst Biologists honed their practical skills by applying and deepening their understanding of osmosis in different contexts. Our German linguists had fun sorting figures from German popular culture figures from historically famous faces while in History students were discussing 'Winston Churchill –Hero or villain?'. Overall students had a varied and challenging introduction to life as a Sixth Form student and were enthused about the prospect of studying for their A levels from September.



## ASK THE TEACHER!

Ever wanted to know more about your teachers? Here Jen and Kirsten from Y7 get the lowdown on Mr Collard and Miss Newnes;

### What is your favourite book and why?

**Mr C:** I love many books but my favourite is *To kill a Mocking Bird* because it is a story of showing courage during a really tough time. Whilst it is a very sad story it is also very powerful and inspiring.

**Miss N:** I find it very hard to choose a favourite book, as I love a range of books for different reasons. However, as a child, my favourite book was *The Faraway Tree* by Enid Blyton. It is about a group of children who share amazing adventures at the top of a magical tree. At the top of the tree there are magical lands - the Land of Spells, the Land of Toys and the Land of Goodies. I love this book as I read it as a child and have very fond memories of it.

### What was your favourite subject at school?

**Mr C:** I lived for PE at school, particularly football. I enjoyed English and History too. I wish I had tried a lot harder at school and listened more rather than talking too much!

**Miss N:** My favourite subjects at school were English and Drama. I loved the creativity of both subjects and I enjoyed how both subjects could take you to different worlds, experience different environments as well as interact with people I would not necessarily have the chance to meet.

### What are your hobbies outside of school

**Mr C:** I have retired from football now so I enjoy golf and am a qualified cricket coach and help out at a local team. I enjoy spending time with my family and love going away on holidays to places like France because I think it's really important to understand cultures from other countries.

**Miss N:** I love to read and I still occasionally write articles for celebrity magazines. I also enjoy travelling and spent last year in Japan, China and the USA. I have learnt ever such a lot travelling and I have experienced a range of cultures.

## Amnesty Group

June was Pride month, which celebrates the LGBTQ+ community. This is because people in this community have been oppressed and even killed just because they aren't "normal". The community uses this month to be free and celebrate who they are, because usually, they don't have that chance.

However, Amnesty is hoping to change that!

Our school Amnesty group is presenting a board in the Bridge Corridor to raise awareness of the different gender identities and sexual orientations. There are many so not all of them will be represented but we'll try and show as many as we can.

Dove Brown

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# U15's Win Cricket Plate Final

## Brilliant Bruno Blasts Boys to victory

The U15 cricket team have won the County Plate! On a hot and sunny day at Burghill, Tillington and Weobley CC, JMHS lost the toss and were asked to bat first. Runs were hard to come by initially, but then Bruno got into full flow and began to score more freely. Some crisp drives, clever running and some bludgeoning leg side shots saw him hit 56 carrying his bat from our 20 overs. He was ably assisted by Alfie and Teo, 10 and 9 runs each as the team reached a good total of 123/6.

Energetic fielding and some scintillating catches saw us bowl Lucton out for 62. Teo's catch was probably pick of the bunch (a fine one-handed effort), but Alfie and Joe showed safe hands and took well-judged catches. Lars was the pick of the bowlers with the incredible figures of

3.1 - 1 - 3 - 3. Bruno chipped in with another 2 wickets and all other bowlers took one each.

The visitors to the ground commented positively on our athleticism in the field, hard hitting when batting and our all-round general conduct. Well done boys!



# Y9 COUNTY CHAMPIONS

JMHS were extremely proud to have 3 year groups in this year's HSFA Cup Finals at Edgar Street in Hereford. Our Y8, 9 and 11 boys teams have all had a great year competing for the school but it was our Y9 boys who went on to win their final, winning back the trophy they won in Y7. After victory in every group game and the semi-final, the boys arrived at the final with confidence. All season they have played an attacking and composed brand of football. In the final this proved too much for Wigmore and after a close opening ten minutes an excellent finish from Ollie Davies was the start of a period of dominance. Further goals were scored by Josh Phillips (2), Ryan Halford (4), Charlie Cresswell and an own goal. A resounding 9-0 win was just reward for an excellent season and we look forward to defending the trophy next year!

## SQUAD

Zac Bonfield, Brad Potter, Harry Martin, Sam Booth, James Kenny, George Hackman, Josh Phillips, Charlie Cresswell, Ryan Halford, Ollie Davies, Jasper Wilce, Joe Nicholson, Patrick Jessop, Bruno Recordon & Tom Smith



## U12 Cricket Plate Winners!

JMHS U12 cricket team were crowned plate champions this term after a fantastic season.

JMHS came joint first in the league alongside St Mary's and Kingstone this season and played a round robin tournament to decide the winner of the City and South League. After two matches, JMHS finished second in the group with a total score 147 runs for 4 wickets where Kingstone won the group scoring 147 runs for 3 wickets.

JMHS played Bishops in the plate final. Bishops opened the

batting scoring 68 runs for 5 wickets after 16 overs. JMHS scored 69 runs after 13 overs winning the U12 Herefordshire County Cricket plate final. Well done to all the boys!

