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Following an extensive and rigorous application process 82 of our Y10 students were appointed prefects in May

The newly appointed prefects received House Colours and their new prefect jumpers, and were joined by proud parents and carers in celebrating their fantastic achievement. The prefects have been appointed onto the following teams; Arts, Sports, Primary Liaison, Maths Buddies and Reading Buddies. To become a prefect students need to show that they are consistently conscientious, considerate, and cooperative by working really hard in lessons, with homework, by helping others and contributing positively to school life.



HEAD STUDENTS

Congratulations to our new Head Students for 2019-2020, Toby Raison and Jess Haffield.

“We take great pride in being appointed this year’s head students and are grateful for the chance to make a positive change to both the lower school and sixth form next year. Our main aspirations are to develop the sixth form as a place of learning and create a thriving community spirit for everyone to enjoy.”



We hope you have a wonderful Summer—Term Starts Wednesday 4th September

THREE COUNTIES VISIT

In June we took a small group of students to the educational day at the Three Counties Show. They had a fantastic time. They joined in two educational workshops from Western Power; one of which was science based and the other involved using the old method of whittling to make wands. In the food hall they had a chance to try out a variety of local food and soft drinks which they all enjoyed. The highlight of the day was meeting Adam Henson from Countryfile in the rare breeds tent. Both staff and students were overwhelmed to have been chosen to have their picture taken with him. A wonderful day was had by all although the weather wasn't on our side!



THE LONG ONE...

At the start of the summer holidays, Jenny Davies, teacher of English, and her friend, Jacqui Ferrett, teacher at St Josephs in Malvern, are cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats with the aim of raising money for The CLD Trust, a charity that helps young people with mental health issues and is behind the very successful project run at John Masefield called Strong Young Minds.

They are hoping to raise a pound for every mile they cycle on their epic journey of over 1,000 miles with over 46,500 feet of hill climbing on the way.

To help towards the fundraising effort our Strong Young Mind Champions organised a bake sale and soak the teacher and student event at school which raised over £120

If you would like to help raise funds please sponsor them by searching for The Long One on the wonderful.org donation site.



What is Strong Young Minds?

We are Strong Young Minds Champions. We campaign to raise awareness and reduce the stigma surrounding mental health. We are one of many groups of champions around Herefordshire.

Strong Young Minds is a project developed by the CLD Trust (Counselling, Learning & Development) that assists young people aged 10-24 who are suffering with mental health issues. It is an early intervention programme that provides 1:1 support. As champions, we help spread the word on all the good things Strong Young Minds does.

We champions are all volunteers who have received general training on mental health and well-being. We use our skills to develop activities in the school and the community such as workshops for parents and teachers. Georgie Westaway, Millie McCarthy & Zach Godfrey



FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents/Carers,

This Summer Term has been incredibly busy and successful. In sport, we have had cricket teams reach county finals, success in rounders and athletics and during the first fortnight of term our Y7 & Y10 footballers both won county finals. In addition nearly 150 students were awarded sports colours last week. A similar number were awarded arts colours at the end of what has been an amazing year for the performing arts at JMHS with a highly successful dance showcase and a summer concert during the last fortnight. Congratulations to all the students involved in the arts and sport and also to our wonderful Y10 prefects, who showed prospective students and staff around, led primary school events and helped others with reading and maths.

This term we say goodbye to several long serving, professional and dedicated staff. I would particularly like to thank Miss Baker for her wonderful English teaching and leading vital work on literacy and vocabulary across JMHS; Dr Lewis for his inspirational physics and science teaching; Mrs Goldup who through her excellent teaching and extra curricular work has built a superb music department; and Mr C Price for maths teaching that helped all students learn to think for themselves and supporting our sixth form students so well.

To celebrate our fortieth anniversary, we had a whole school photograph on the field last week. We hope that many of you will wish to buy a copy. All profits will go towards improving our arts facilities

Finally I would like to wish all students, parents, staff and governors a very happy summer holiday

Andrew Evans

UNIFORM REMINDER

Please could we 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 2019

Term Starts	Wednesday 4th September
Half Term	Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November
Term Ends	Friday 20th December

* Staff Training Afternoon—Students finish at 1.10pm Friday 11th October, Thursday 21st November & Monday 9th December.

Spring Term 2020

Term Starts	Tuesday 7th January
Half Term	Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February
Term Ends	Friday 3rd April

* Staff Training Afternoons—Students finish at 1.10pm Tues 4th February & Wednesday 11th March

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

INGENUITY STATION

Students across the year groups got to enjoy some time with colleagues from NMiTE in their Ingenuity Studio. NMiTE are at the forefront of a project to bring the first ever University to Herefordshire! They are aiming to train the next generation of engineers using project work and assignments rather than lectures and essays. Students spent the day working on projects that included programming and coding, designing innovative solutions to real-time design and technology problems and even thinking about how to use high-tech equipment like 3D printers.



Our visitors hosted assemblies to talk about their work and a question and answer session with staff as well.

GREENAWAY SHADOWING DAYS

In May some of our new Y10 Prefects ran two Greenaway Shadowing Sessions in the Library for visiting Y4 students from LPS. Class 4EW & 4JB came along to read, share and evaluate the eight books nominated this year for this prestigious book award.

The Kate Greenaway Medal was first awarded in 1955 for distinguished illustration in a book for children. This year's shortlist includes beautiful story books as well as a non-fiction book.

The Y4 students worked with the Y10's to create presentations on why their book should be the winner. We had 3D books, drawings, poems, bunting, masks and even bracelets created during the mornings. We then presented to the whole group at the end and voted on our winning book.

It was great fun and a truly rewarding experience for everyone.

Thank you to the Y10's for running the event and to the wonderful teachers and students from LPS who came along to take part



LUDLOW CASTLE Y10 TRIP

On Wednesday 3rd July 63 Y10's travelled up to Shropshire to visit the medieval castle at Ludlow. The castle is the focus of their 'History Around Us' GCSE unit and the day proved invaluable in helping students experience at first hand the site they had studied in the classroom earlier in the year.

In glorious weather, with support from seven members of staff, they had the chance to explore what has been described as 'the most complete English example of a medieval fortified palace'. Those with a head for heights enjoyed the view from the top of the Great Keep, putting their learning about the geographical advantages of the location into perspective.

The tour of the site was followed by a walk down through the medieval grid of the old town centre, out through the Broad Gate arch and across the River Teme via Dinham Bridge. This gave us an opportunity to stroll along the Bread Walk with its idyllic riverside views and another fresh perspective on the castle from the viewpoint of the Welsh, whom the castle was first built to defend against.

The day was a great success and the students were a credit to JMHS. Thank you to all the staff members who gave up their time to support the trip.

YEAR 5 DAY

235 Y5 students from over 15 local primary schools visited JMHS on the 28th June for our annual Y5 day.

Throughout the day students took part in many amazing and exciting lessons, introducing them to our wonderful curriculum at JMHS.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to see the range of subjects we study at JMHS and to experience high school for a day. Students made smoothies in food technology, took part in drama classes, experimented in science and even played in Frisbee tournaments!



ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

In response to the climate change crisis students at the school have recently formed various environmental groups to help make our school a more ecological and environmentally friendly place.

One of these groups is our Gardening Group who have been meeting every Friday to weed and tidy the existing plant beds outside our science block. They have planted various vegetables in these beds that they will continue to care for over the coming months. The produce grown will be shared between the school dining room and Ledbury Food Bank

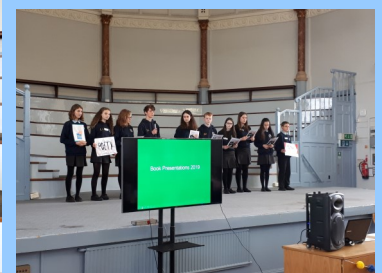


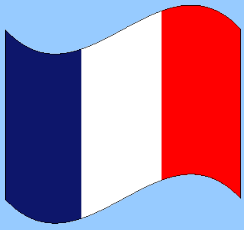
CARNEGIE SHADOWING 2019

On the 14th June eleven Y8 and Y9 students accompanied by Miss Baker and Mrs Locke attended Herefordshire Libraries annual Carnegie Shadowing Event at the Shire Hall in Hereford.

Students from other Herefordshire schools as well as JMHS have spent the last term reading the eight books nominated for this prestigious award in children's literature, discussing the books and then voting for the book we think deserves to be awarded the medal. During the event students took part in a quiz on all of the books and debated which book should be the winner in mixed groups from all the schools. Each school also did a short presentation on their nominated book. This year JMHS had Elizabeth Acevedo's *The Poet X* which was the eventual winner of the Carnegie Medal.

Our students thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience from reading the nominated books, to taking part in the event at the Shire Hall. The Library at JMHS would like to thank the Sylvia Short Educational Charity for awarding us with a grant to enable us to attend this event.





PARIS 2019

This was a sizzling trip but luckily only the temperatures! Despite the heat, we managed to do all of the usual sights and a couple of new experiences.

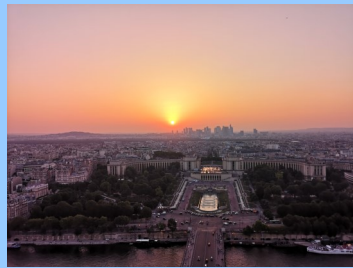
After a long night on the coach and ferry crossing we blew away the cobwebs with a walk to the Ile St. Louis for ice cream, walking past the sad remains of Notre-Dame.

Day two began with a trip to buy lunch , followed by a boat cruise along the Seine, a picnic lunch in the Place des Vosges in the charming Le Marais district, a visit to the Picasso museum (for some) and then after dinner, an evening tour of Paris.

Day three began with a trip to Montmartre, an area full of artists and quaint little streets and parks. Here we had another picnic before picking up the coach to visit the Opéra and then finished the afternoon with some shopping on the Champs-Élysées. The most magic moment of many was on this last evening when we saw the sun set from the Eiffel Tower and unusually almost had the tower to ourselves which meant no queues! To finish the day we negotiated the underground back to the hotel all 57 arriving back safely.

On the journey home we called at Vimy Ridge, the Canadian and British First World War memorial and museum which brilliantly recounts personal stories and we were able to walk in the trenches and see the scars of war on the landscape.

Once again it was a busy but fabulous trip and once again our students were a delight to spend time with.



NEWS FROM THE SIXTH FORM

Y12 TRIP TO THE HIVE

Our Y12 Historians enjoyed an interesting and very useful trip to the Hive in Worcester on Monday 8th July. In the company of Miss Mason and Mr Kerr, they caught the train from Ledbury to make the short journey through the Malvern Hills. The day was organised in order to introduce our students to the wonderful facilities at the Hive, a spectacular building which is a joint venture between Worcestershire County Council and the University of Worcester.

Our students were expertly advised on research methods and the workings of a major library. They were able to access sources from a huge range of text books and journals which will give them a significant boost in the completion of their A Level independent studies.

A big thank you to Miss Mason and Mr Kerr for their support in allowing this trip to happen.



SIXTH FORM FORMAL

Over 100 Sixth Form students celebrated their time at JMHS with a great event at Alexander Park at the beginning of July. We wish all those leaving Y13 the best for their future as they go on to University, employment and apprenticeships.



BERLIN

During the Easter holidays, 27 A level German and History students spent five days in Berlin, experiencing its culture and history. Not only did we get to enjoy the city sights and lots of German food, but the trip also brought both our subjects to life. On our first full day there, we visited Sachsenhausen KZ (a German concentration camp) and the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, which helped us to understand the true horrors of the Holocaust in a way that a textbook cannot. Throughout the trip, we visited many other prominent Berlin landmarks such as the impressive Reichstag, the Brandenburg gate and the very tall TV tower built by East Germany with its revolving restaurant at the top. We learnt a great deal about this multicultural city and its fascinating history on our sunny bike tour or walking tour of Berlin and improved our German language whilst doing so.



Vicki, Niamh and Izzy

MUSIC & SINGING EXAMS SUCCESS

This term we have had some fantastic results in singing exams. Students have worked extremely hard on their pieces and other requirements such as scales or sight reading. Exams on other instruments are happening right now, and we wish students the best of luck for these.

- Ella Barber - Grade 8 Musical Theatre - 79% Merit
- Willow Burton - Grade 6 Musical Theatre - 86% Distinction
- Chiara Noller - Grade 5 Musical Theatre - 83% Merit
- Isobel Thompson - Grade 5 Musical Theatre - 83% Merit
- Luisa Marshall - Grade 4 Musical Theatre - 77% Merit
- Hannah Ward - Grade 4 Pop Vocals - 86% Distinction
- Evie Rowlands - Grade 3 Musical Theatre - 95% Distinction
- Emily Ryan - Grade 3 Musical Theatre - 86% Distinction
- Laura Davies - Grade 3 Musical Theatre - 89% Distinction
- Fred Gunning - Grade 3 Pop Recital - 93% Distinction
- Thea Bowlcott - Grade 2 Pop Recital - 78% Merit
- Kielan Taylor - Grade 4 Guitar - Merit

VIOLIN LESSONS - JMHS

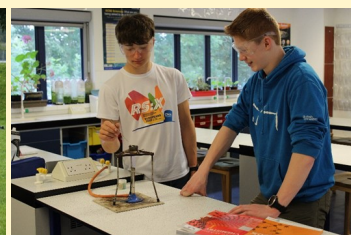
SPACES AVAILABLE for violin lessons at JMHS, taught by our resident violin teacher David Grubb. David has extensive teaching experience having taught at both Primary and High School level, as well as leading workshops at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. David is an active session musician, and has had the privilege of touring internationally, including Europe, North America, Asia, and New Zealand. Although trained classically he is adept in a multitude of genres, mostly notably Folk, Country, and Bluegrass, which he is more than happy to incorporate into his lessons.

Having instrumental lessons at JMHS opens up opportunities to take part in the school's award winning ensembles such as String Group, who have won first place in their category at the Hereford Performing Arts Festival for the past two years running. A free consultation lesson is available, whether you've already started learning, or are completely new to the instrument. If you're interested in learning violin at JMHS, please contact davidgrubbmusic@gmail.com.

TRANSITION DAYS

On the 1st and 2nd 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. The day had a real buzz with students immersing themselves in their subjects. The Chemists got stuck into a practical, extracting pure copper from malachite and then determining expected yield, while Drama students contrasted the work of Steven Berkoff and Antonin Artaud and then created short pieces in each of these performers' styles. Psychology students analysed human behaviour from Biological and Cognitive perspectives while Further Maths students got to grips with complex numbers. In PE, discussions got heated over equal pay for sportswomen and men and in Accounting students were sorting their assets from their liabilities within double-entry

book-keeping. Our Biologists honed their practical skills by examining the wonderful properties of water and deepening their understanding of Osmosis in different contexts. Our German linguists had fun sorting figures from German popular culture 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.



U12 ROUNDERS

The girls played in their first rounders tournament for JMHS on Monday 1st July. They displayed some excellent qualities not just in the games but the way they conducted themselves, showing great team work and respect to all staff and students. As the sun shone and the girls progressed through the tournament their skills improved and they ended up winning three out of five games! Well Done!

Y7 County Rounders Team included Hannah Pritchard (Captain) Lea Kelly, Amy Adams, Lily Collop, Scarlett Evans, Niki Koseva, Martha Loraine, Fliss Cox, Lucy Copeland and Abi Knight

BRISTOL CITY SIGNING!

Y7 Student Hannah Pritchard has been signed as the U14 goalkeeper for Bristol City ladies. She will be playing in the WRSL Midlands division playing against teams such as Aston Villa, Birmingham City, Stoke City, Wolverhampton, Oxford United and Leicester City. She will train three times a week in Bristol and play matches on a Saturday. Hannah hopes to one day be the Goal Keeper for the England Women's Team and we are sure her determination and dedication will get her there!



Well done Hannah.

Athletics...

JMHS attended the District Athletics competition in June, where 44 students from Y7 to 10 competed fiercely for JMHS.

Fifteen students qualified for the County Competition after winning or taking second place at this event.

On the 8th June, seven John Masefield students from Y9 and 10 competed in challenging athletics conditions. All students performed well and showed determination throughout their events.

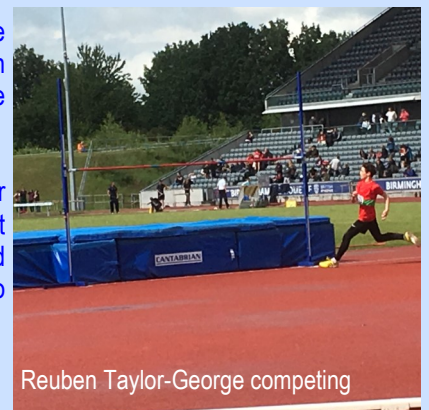
- Shannon Taylor – Discus
- Georgia Wilson – 200m and 800m
- Jessie Spiller – 100m
- Adam Dudley – Long Jump
- Katie Dudley – Javelin
- Theo Taylor-George – 800m
- Rueben Taylor-George – High Jump

Rueben Taylor-George won the High Jump after clearing a great height of 1.65m, he was very close to jumping 1.70m (his PB and National qualification height). Rueben thrived under the pressure of the crowd and finely tuned his technique in very wet and cold conditions. Rueben has been selected to represent Hereford & Worcestershire Schools' Athletics Association at the "New Balance" English Schools' Track & Field Championship on 12 & 13th July at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham. Rueben will be competing in the High Jump, he is

currently ranked 29th in the UK in his age group, we wish him every success in the competition.

- On the 26th June the Minor athletics meet took place at Nunnery Wood. JMHS had eight athletes selected to represent the county;
- Olivia Duncan – Hurdles
- Tia Gunner – 100m
- Jemima Spiller – 200m
- Olivia Sewell – 200m
- Jen Arnold – Discus
- Caleb Taylor-Black – Javelin
- Alfie Fisher – Long Jump
- George Garner – High Jump

It was a fantastic opportunity to experience a full competitive athletics meet at such venue. All students competed to a high standard, notable performances from Jemima Spiller 4th in 200m, Alfie Fisher 8th in Long jump and George Garner achieving a personal best in the high jump. Congratulations to all who competed!



Reuben Taylor-George competing

CRICKET UPDATE...

Our U14's lost in the cup quarter finals in a pulsating game in the sports hall due to the poor weather. Lucas Recordon (Y8) bowled amazingly and secured figures of 6-26, quite remarkable. Sadly this was not enough and we lost a narrow game.

This put the team in the Plate final that was played on Monday 24 June. Losing the toss we were asked to bat first. Two run outs did not help us get off to a good start but Seb and Jude recovered well and helped us to a handy total of 92 from twenty overs. Jude in particular impressed with strong hitting and swift running between the wickets.

We fielded well and bowled well in patches, but in the end John Kyrle had just enough in the tank to get over the line and win a close game. They had got off to a flyer, but following an inspirational team talk at the drinks interval JMHS really dug deep and conceded only 6 runs in 6 overs. Lucas Recordon (Y8) was the pick of the bowlers 4-2-6-2. Well done to all those that took part in the game.

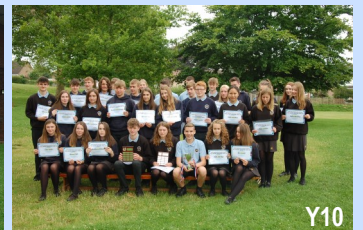
The U15's - lost a very close game to Hereford Cathedral school in the semi final of the cup. We posted 125 from 20 overs and this looked to be a good score on a handy track for the bowlers. However, JMHS were never really able to put Cathedral under any sustained pressure and they batted with maturity and poise. Well done to all those who took part in a very skilful game of cricket.

Finally our U13's - have played strong cricket all season and I have been impressed with the number of boys who are keen to play. Lucas captains the team well and as well as being skilful himself, shows good ideas to remove batsmen. They are unbeaten thus far and play in the cup semi final next week

SPORTS COLOURS 2019

Over 180 students received Sports Colours in July, these included our County Football Champion Teams in Y7 and Y8, and our County Basketball Champions in Y9.

Colours are awarded to students who show positive attitudes and commitment to their chosen sports at JMHS and were presented by a former student of JMHS Dr James Brighton.



County Cup Success



Y7 Squad: Arthur Zenihov, Reece Potter, Kris Kalva, Joe Barnes, Fin Skidmore, Charlie Patterson, Max Chard, Elliot Potter, Logan Dawe, Noah Jones, Spencer Atkins, Callum Cale, Gregor Anderson Mead and Jack McBride



Y10 Squad: Zak Bonfield, Brad Potter, George Hackman, James Kenny (C), Harry Martin, Josh Phillips, Jasper Wilce, Charlie Cresswell, Ollie Davies, Ryan Halford, Jack Powell, Bruno Recordon, Ronan Chowns Higgs, Jack Dandy and Scott Lancett.

After two exciting finals at Hereford's Edgar Street Final we were delighted that our Y7 and Y10 teams were crowned County Champions in football this year.

After a tense and evenly matched game against a skilled and resilient St. Mary's our Y7's won on penalties. The team played the game competitively and fairly but with the utmost respect for their opponents and officials. It was wonderful to see.

Our Y10 football team put in an incredible performance to defeat a very strong Whitecross team 2-1 and defend their County Champion status. The game was thrilling, nerve racking and very physical and the boys showed all of the qualities that we try and grow in our teams. They were: respectful, resilient, supportive, encouraging to each other and determined.

Well done to both teams and best of luck for next season!