



9 October 2020

Dear Parent /Carer

We are writing to update you with some key information relating to Year 11.

From our visits to lessons so far this year we have seen Year 11 students concentrating extremely well, and taking real care with their work. This is very encouraging, especially given the challenges with which we are all living. Our role is to support and to help maximise the progress of students in Year 11. We will be working alongside your son or daughter's tutor/mentor, subject teachers, and support staff in order to create the best possible chance of success.

Planned key dates

14 October	Sixth Form Open Evening – Virtual
23 October	Year 11 Progress Check
2 – 6 November	English, Maths, and Science mock exams
25 January – 5 February	Main Year 11 Mock exams
8 March	Year 11 Report
11 March	Year 11 Parents' Evening - Virtual

Year 11 mock exams

There will be initial mock exams for GCSE English, Maths, and Science from 2 to 6 November 2020. Students following Cambridge National iMedia, and Enterprise and Marketing will also be sitting some practice papers. The main mock exam period for all subjects will be between 25 January and 5 February 2021. Students will receive a timetable before each mock exam period.

Homework

Homework continues to be extremely important this year. There is such a large range of subjects in Year 11 and therefore it is not possible to provide a homework timetable for named subjects. The table below provides guidance as to which night the homework should be undertaken by the student. Option letters e.g. Option B, are shown on your child's printed timetable.

Monday	Option A
Tuesday	Option B
Wednesday	Science; Option C
Thursday	Maths
Friday	English; Option D

Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
French	Dance	Art	Computing
Geography	French	Business	DT
German	Geography	Drama	French
History	History	DT	Food
iMedia	Travel and Tourism	Food	iMedia
-	-	GCSE PE	Music
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epraise homework system

On the final page of this letter is a remind of instructions relating to our online system, epraise, where parents and carers can use the system to see key information about their children, including homework, attendance data, merit and behaviour points awarded. If you experience any problems accessing epraise, please contact our IT Manager, Mr Henderson; donald.henderson@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk

Parents' Evening

This year we are planning to use a web-based system which enables parents and carers to book appointments with teachers, in advance of the evening, via any web-enabled device. Parents and carers can then 'attend' appointments at home via a smartphone, tablet, or computer with a camera. Parents' Evening provides an excellent opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their subject teachers. Further details will be sent to you in due course.

John Masefield Sixth Form

In lieu of our usual face to face 6th Form Open Evening, this year Y11 students will be able to find information about our very successful Sixth Form (JM6) through a series of presentations which will be on the school website from the week of October 12th. Here students and parents can learn about the wide range of academic and vocational subjects we offer at JM6 and also hear from some of our present students. Additionally, on Wednesday 14 October between 4.30pm and 6.30pm our A Level teachers will be available for a Teams Q&A session via the Teams chat function where you can see questions that have been asked about that subject, see the teacher's responses and also ask any questions you might have about a subject. Y11 students have already been visited in tutor time and provided with information on how to join these chat sessions. Details are also on the website. We intend to follow up this virtual event with a JM6 Taster Day on Friday 20 November when Y11 students will have a chance to experience life as a sixth former for the day and sample up to five lessons in the various sixth form subjects.

We will be writing again during the autumn term with further information. In the meantime, if we can be of any further help, or if you have any questions please contact us at school;

Yours sincerely



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Assistant Headteacher



Chloe Limbrick
Head of Year 11

GETTING STARTED

You can use *epraise* on a laptop, tablet or smart phone **but your initial registration** must be completed via the *epraise* website.

1. Go to **epraise.co.uk** and click **Login**
2. Search for, and choose John Masefield High School from the list – type the first few letters of the school name.
3. **Please make sure that you use the Parents tab**
4. In the **Email** box **enter the email address that you previously provided to the school**. **You cannot access epraise using any other email address**. If your email address isn't recognised please contact the school with your current email address so that we can update our system records. **At this stage please do not enter any details in the Password box**.
5. Click the **Login/Register** button
6. Check your email (including your junk mailbox). You should have an email from *epraise* with a secure link to follow
7. Click on the link and create your own password

FORGOTTEN PASSWORD

It's easy to reset your password. Follow the above steps from 1-5 and you'll be sent a link to reset your password.

CHANGE PASSWORD & NOTIFICATIONS

You can edit your notification settings and reset your password under **Me > Settings**

EPRAISE APP

Once you have initially logged in using the epraise website you can then download and use the *epraise* app from *App Store* or *Play Store*. Please note, the app provides less detail than the web version.

FEATURES

HOMEWORK

Under the **My children** tab you will see your children's names listed. To look at a child's homework details click on their name and then click on **Classnotes** (in the upper right of the screen). By clicking on **Show all** you can see homework that has been set, when it's due, and download any attachment. Another option is to click on **Planner** under the **My children** tab; you can see homework set by due date, set date or both.

ATTENDANCE

To view attendance data click on the **My children** tab and select your child. Click on **Attendance** to see your child's attendance data since the start of the school year. You can also see attendance data by morning and afternoon session for the current term. If you have any queries about the attendance information for your child please contact Student Services at school.

ACHIEVEMENTS POINTS

To view achievement points for your child, click on the **My children** tab and select your child. Click on **Points** to see your child's achievement points since the start of the school year.

BEHAVIOUR POINTS

To view achievement points for your child, click on the **My children** tab and select your child. Click on **Demerits** to see your child's behaviour points since the start of the school year.