



# JM6 NEWSPAPER



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## HEAD STUDENTS 2021—22

John Masefield's fantastic four Head Students have made a great impact in the JM6 and wider school community.

Budding medic Izzy French has set up the Competitive Applicants Club which gives JM6 and Y11 students the perfect opportunity to get a head start when applying to Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, or Veterinary Science with fortnightly meetings to give guidance on work experience, reading, and applications. Izzy has also worked alongside Kate Hathaway to organise the charity event 'Jeans for Genes!' to bring the whole school together and raise funds to tackle genetic illnesses.



Head Student Alex Allcock wants to make sure that JM6 students enjoy their time in the Sixth Form and says 'I enjoy the responsibility, and being able to organise events and opportunities with the Student Leadership Team and members of staff to make the school and Sixth Form experience better'. Alex is currently helping organise a teambuilding trip for all JM6 students.

Eleanor Morley has been extremely busy as a Head Student organising A level Subject-Link students who can help give Y10 & 11 students an insight into what studying different A level subjects is really like. Eleanor has also organised a large team to help Y7 students settle and help develop their confidence meeting them before school and at lunchtimes.

Last but not least, Rebecca Carney has developed the range of enrichment activities available to JM6 students with a new walking club and a book club. Rebecca wants the clubs to help students relax, make new friends, and develop a shared love of reading and the great outdoors.



## OUTSTANDING ALEVEL RESULTS

Despite the difficulties and challenges of the past eighteen months the Y13 students at John Masefield Sixth Form (JM6) received another year of outstanding A Level results. Notable results include: Ella Lipscomb A\*A\*A\*, Daniel James A\*A\*A\*, Jess Schofield A\*A\*A\*, Joseph Fisher A\*A\*A\*, Gemma Clarke A\*A\*A\*, Chad Warren A\*A\*A\*, Lucy French A\*AA, Lexie Henry A\*A\*A, and Ella Smith A\*AB.



Once again, the vast majority of students at JM6 will go on to their first-choice university to read a range of courses including: Geography at Exeter, Physics at Warwick, Sports Management at Loughborough, Liberal Arts and Sciences at Birmingham, English & Classical Literature and Civilization at Birmingham, Natural Sciences at Durham, and acting at the East 15 School in London. Students have also been successful in gaining excellent apprenticeships in Surveying, Cyber security, and a degree apprenticeship with Ford.

## INTRODUCING...

A warm welcome to the newest member of the JM6 team. Mrs. Lauzier is a creative, hard-working, and kind member of staff, who has recently joined the JM6 admin. She has great passions in art,



specifically illustrative paintings and drawings, as well as a love for hiking and reading – she recommends checking out Sebastian Faulks, her favourite author. Alongside this, she also has an interest in archery. Mrs Lauzier can be found in the JM6 office with a bright smile to support students with any pastoral care, as well as carrying out administrative and communicative duties; ensuring an efficient running of the day.

## ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Led by Laurel Baker, a talented group of actors have now begun rehearsals for the annual JM6 production. This year they will take to the stage with a rendition of a classic: 'Alice in Wonderland'. The JM6 students develop and rehearse the show independently including stage and lighting. It's a great feat of teamwork to bring it all together and the group is aiming to stage the production in late February 2022. Described as 'surreal, nostalgic, and

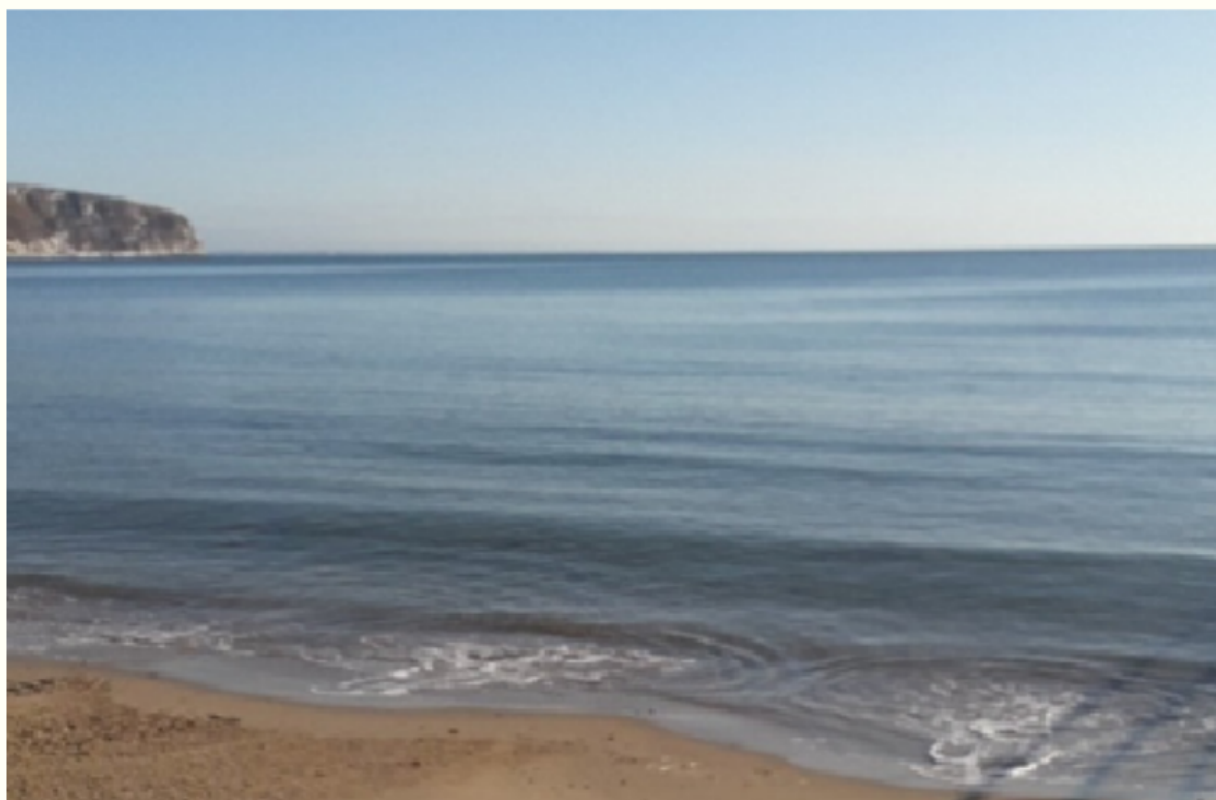
immersive' by Laurel, it promises to be a magical and unmissable night. Watch this space for more details...



# DORSET DELIGHTS

On the morning of Wednesday the 22nd of September, the Y13 geography class left for a field trip to Dorset, where they tested out many different field work techniques on Swanage Beach, Studland Bay, and Poole. The journey from Poole to Studland Bay was particularly adventurous because the students had to cross the bay in the minibus on a chained ferry - a first-time experience for most! Fortunately, the weather was perfect for the crossing and subsequent activities that were planned on the sand dunes. The students were accompanied by an expert (Barry), whose knowledge was invaluable for helping the students using specialist equipment and understanding the field work techniques in preparation for their coursework.

After a hard day's work, the students returned to their bungalow, which had picturesque sea views, and were welcomed by plenty of food to reenergise before the lessons in the evening. A huge thank you to Mr Williams and Miss Wild for this worthwhile trip!





# SUMMER FUN AT AZTEC

On the penultimate day of the 2021 school year, students in Y12 visited Aztec Adventure Watersports to take part in a range of exciting activities; with exceptional temperatures of more than 30° - this was the perfect trip at the end of a hard-academic year! The morning consisted of paddle boarding and kayaking, which was a fun excuse to jump in to the waters of the beautiful lake for a quick swim to cool off before taking part in races and exciting team building challenges, such as balancing two people on a paddleboard or trying to kayak on an upside-down kayak. After a lunch break and an ice cream from the café, the students completed a large inflatable assault course with a variety of exciting and challenging features, such as: tests of balance, massive slides, monkey bars, and a high platform to jump from. Overall, it was an enjoyable day for all who took part and a wonderful celebration of the end of the school year.





## BAKE FOR THE BEES



Bake for the bees was a project to raise money for a planter outside of the JM6 block as part of my biodiversity initiative. We plan to plant bee attracting flowers to promote biodiversity and mental wellbeing throughout JM6.



We raised £100.23 to fund our project through a bake sale and baking competition which was won by Alex and Hywel. Thank you so much to everyone who donated cakes and money to bake for the bees, I'm excited to continue working on this project and my initiative over the next year.



## JEANS FOR GENES!

On Friday the 17th of September, JMHS took part in the Jeans for Genes Charity event, organised by JM6 students Izzy French and Kate Hathaway. Students and staff were invited to wear their own jeans to school to support Jeans for Genes— a charity focused on helping children and families who face the struggle of living with genetic illnesses in their everyday lives. With the £297.71 raised by JMHS and JM6, we can proudly say we have contributed to helping provide the extra support needed for these individuals!



**WEAR  
JEANS  
CHANGE  
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# WORK EXPERIENCE

This summer I was offered the incredible opportunity to attend two days' work experience at Hereford Hospital and a local GP practice, where I shadowed a local GP in both general and cardiology clinics. As someone applying to medicine this year, the experience provided me with great insight to the day-to-day functioning of rural healthcare, as well as a deeper appreciation for the medical world of work.

In one general clinic I observed and assisted with the consultation of a young man with Tetralogy of Fallot (a rare congenital heart disease). I got to listen to his heart and take the time to talk to him, allowing me to learn more about living with a chronic illness.

I witnessed unfaltering, but carefully considered, dedication of time and resources during a cardiology phone consultation with a patient presenting angina as a result of his aortic stenosis. My time observing consultations, getting involved with cases, and discussing life in medicine with numerous doctors was invaluable. My desire to pursue a career in medicine has been solidified and the work-experience I have undertaken has provided a fantastic opportunity that has helped hugely in university applications, as well as providing an insight into what the future could hold...

*By, Izzy French*



# ARMY SCHOLARSHIP

Alongside preparing for university, some of our Year 13 students have been working hard to secure other pathways to future careers, including scholarships!

After completing a two-day physical and mental aptitude assessment, multiple interviews, and devising many written essays, Georgia Wilson achieved an army scholarship. Not only does this reward her with a place at Sandhurst's Army Base, but



ensures she receives funding providing she continues with her studies here at JM6! Georgia explained she undertook a bleep-test at 6:20am, followed by multiple logistical planning and commanding tasks, before even beginning her interviews and essays! It is very clear this was no easy feat and she has done incredibly well to secure such a great opportunity. Well done Georgia!



## TRANSITION DAY

On the 8th of July, JM6 welcomed Y11 students who plan to study at JMHS after their GCSEs, in order to get a taster for what being a Sixth Former here would be like. In the morning, the Y11s were spoken to by teachers, Head Students, and Y13 student leaders about their main initiatives, what they hoped to achieve to make JM6 the best it can be, and the details of the day ahead. Following this, they had taster lessons in their chosen subjects and were set summer work to prepare for Y12, providing them an insight into what sorts of topics they would learn. Afterwards, they all participated in an exciting afternoon of enriching outdoor team-building exercises and activities with the Y13 students; this helped to create a welcoming atmosphere while letting the Y12s and Y13s get to know one another.

Many Y12 students commented on how relaxed and enjoyable the sessions were with favourites being Drama, Psychology, and PE.



## BOOKCLUB

A wonderful new addition to the Sixth Form activities is Book Club, run by Y13 students Rebecca Carney, Eleanor Morley, Lauley Exton and Morgan Selby. A place where you can sit comfortably and discuss your favourite books with your friends, Eleanor says she hopes 'to cultivate a healthy love of reading within our Sixth Form' and believes that 'discussing books and reading in frequent sessions will gradually raise the positivity'. Rebecca Carney, the head student who came up with the great idea, says her ultimate goal was to 'develop the enrichment opportunities in Sixth Form' and to 'help inspire reading while helping with your academic journey'.



Book Club is run during period 5 in the study room on a Wednesday, and is a fantastic way for JMHS bookworms (and those who aspire to be one), or are simply keen to learn more, to enrich their love of reading and taste in books.





# RETURN OF SPORTS

The new year has brought a welcome return to sports fixtures for JM6 students who can compete against other sixth forms and colleges in football, netball, mixed hockey, and basketball - a wider range and more fixtures than other local school sixth forms.



The football and netball teams train on Monday evenings, and play regular fixtures on Wednesday afternoons.



Early autumn fixtures include Lucton School, Hanley Castle, and The Chase. It has been great seeing so many Y12 and Y13 students getting involved and enjoying being able to compete and participate in the exercise.

