

# UP-DATE

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## Head Students 2021-2022

Congratulations to this year's Head Students Eleanor Morley, Alex Allcock, Izzy French & Rebecca Carney

This year saw the most applicants in recent memory with eleven Head Student potentials. After a rigorous process involving both a letter of application and a 30 minute interview with the Head & Deputy Head of JM6 it was decided that, with such a strong and talented field, we should take the unprecedented decision to appoint four Head Students. We are convinced that all four will make a huge contribution to JM6 and the school in general. Unsuccessful applicants will all still contribute to the Student Leadership group running several projects of their own over the next school year.



67 Y10 students were appointed as JMHS Prefects in April this year. All met the challenging prefect criteria which includes an excellent attendance, punctuality and behaviour record, maintaining the school uniform standards and all grades 'Good' or above on their report. Their applications were of a high standard demonstrating clearly how they were conscientious, considerate and co-operative members of our school community and the strong contributions they have already made to help other members of the school. Many congratulations to all of these students on this excellent achievement. In the Autumn Term 2021 we will start the process of appointing prefects from the new Y10's.



The Autumn Starts 6th September for Y7, Y12 & Y13

7th September for all other Year Groups



# SPORTS DAY



On the 19th July we were delighted to be able to hold our annual Sports Day. Year Groups competed in bubbles throughout the day for their houses down on our sports field in the beautiful sunshine.

Students took part in a variety of events including running races, javelin, hoop throwing and standing jumps.

Huge thanks go to the PE department for organising the day and all the members of staff who helped supervise and organize the students throughout the events.



## JMHS Pupils show their values!

Y7 students Logan Phillips, Ben Wilson and Lily Greening recently went to speak to Dr Neil Hawkes at Ledbury Primary about their experience of the school's value based education.

They all presented with confidence and played an important role in LPS achieving the Values Enhanced Quality Mark.

Well done to Logan, Ben and Lily.

John Masefield Presents...

## The Show Must Go On!

The John Masefield Performing Arts faculty are excited to get students back on stage and are busy preparing and rehearsing for their next production taking place in the Autumn term, 'The Show Must Go On'. The show has been devised by the team themselves and features an array of musical numbers from everyone's favourite shows. Audiences will get a real insight into the realities of what goes on behind the scenes when preparing for a school production, in this meta style show. The audience will follow the students' journey from auditions, to casting, to dress rehearsal madness until we finally see the show coming together. Students are relishing the opportunity to invent and portray memorable characters such as the head teacher, the caretakers as well as the divas of the school. No matter what problems the students and teachers encounter... The Show Must Go On!

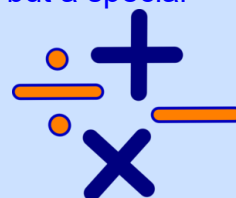
## ARMY VISIT

On Wednesday 16th June we had a visit from the Army Engagement Team who came to work with some of our Y11 and sixth form students. The aim of the day was to improve team building and leadership skills amongst our students through taking part in interactive games, puzzles and problem-solving activities. Altogether it was a fantastic opportunity for a group of our older students to cover some real-world skills and learn to work with others.



## MATHS CHALLENGE

The Junior Maths Challenge took place at the start of the Summer term, with approximately 120 of our Y7 and Y8 students taking part in this nationwide event. Everyone who took part in the challenge did very well but a special mention goes to the two students who achieved the best score in their year, Jakub Gierula (Y8, silver award) and Matthew Eckley (Y7, bronze award).



## FUN IN THE SUN FOR OUR NEW JM6 RECRUITS

A fantastic group of Y11 students returning to JM6 joined our existing talented group of Y12 students on the 6th and 7th of June to support their transition into life as a Sixth Form student. We are very excited about the quality of students continuing their education with us and all the students threw themselves into the challenges over the two days. These transition days are scheduled to start preparing students for the rigours of A Level study and involved masterclasses in all subjects across the two days. Students were also able to hear from our superb group of JM6 Leaders who spoke about their wide range of initiatives and how the Y11's could get involved from September. Our Student Leaders also outlined the support available to our new JM6 students including subject buddies and general support in developing good study habits and a balanced life as an effective student. Our Y11's and present Y12's have not had the opportunity to participate in many fun activities this year with Covid restrictions in place and so the days also involved some high energy teambuilding activities including tug of war and an obstacle course. The sun was out and the competition was fierce! Students were also able to sample a range of some of the activities we offer as part of our enrichment programme including competitive sport, recreational sport, senior choir, drama, book club and learning sign language. We are very keen to offer even more support to our new JM6 recruits in this unprecedented year and look forward to working with them from September.



For more information about JM6 please contact:  
Mr Hawksworth—Head of Sixth Form or visit  
[www.jmhs.hereford.sch.uk/sixth-form](http://www.jmhs.hereford.sch.uk/sixth-form)

## Learning to sign...

20 JM6 students have completed a fun and engaging signing course as part of their Wednesday enrichment. During the 6 week course students learnt the alphabet and can now carry out simple conversations about themselves, their family and the weather! Each session was active and students really enjoyed practicing their new language with each other and singing songs using sign language. On completing the course all students received an Introduction to BSL certificate.



## FROM THE HEADTEACHER



At the end of the most unusual and challenging school year in my 37 years as a teacher, I would like to thank and congratulate students, parents/carers and staff for your support, hard work and achievements.

I am delighted that throughout the COVID crisis, students have been conscientious, have helped ensure safety measures are consistently in place, and have supported each other and staff during such difficult circumstances.

We are grateful to parents and carers for supporting and encouraging their children to participate in online lessons during the Spring Term and to pursue their studies since returning to school with energy and enthusiasm.

I would like to congratulate teachers for ensuring every lesson was taught during lockdown, for maintaining high standards of teaching and continuing with practical work which inspired and enthused students this academic year.

The role of our support staff, who worked in school throughout lockdown has been crucial this year. In addition to completing all their vital functions to keep the school running smoothly, support staff ensured the school site was safe throughout the year, organised Covid testing for all students and staff, and ensured improvements to the school site and ICT systems.

I would particularly like to thank two members of our support staff team who leave JMHS at the end of August. Charlotte Allcock, who leaves us after 9 years dedicated service, has been a most thorough, accurate and professional Data and Exams Officer.

Wendy Bradbeer, our School Business Manager, joined us in January 1998. Wendy has led our excellent support staff team with skill and enthusiasm and has worked tirelessly with caterers, cleaners, bus companies and contractors to ensure the school is a safe, enjoyable, and productive environment for all of us.

Lastly, I would like to wish students, staff, and parents and carers an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday.

Andy 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 2021

Term Starts	Monday 6th September
Half Term	Monday 25th October—Friday 29th October
Term Ends	Friday 17th December

### Spring Term 2022

Term Starts	Wednesday 5th January
Half Term	Monday 21st February—Friday 25th February
Term Ends	Friday 8th April

Staff Training Afternoons—Students finish at 12.15pm Friday 8th October, Thursday 11th November, Monday 6th December, Wednesday 2nd February, Thursday 10th March.

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



## Y10 County Cricket Champions

The U15 cricket team are County Champions following a pulsating victory against Hereford Cathedral School. JMHS won the toss and elected to bat and this looked like a great decision as we amassed 105 runs for the first wicket. Dom (41) and Lucas (62) getting the team off to a great start. Others chipped in with some useful quick runs and we closed our innings on 157.

We started the second innings strongly, taking a quick wicket, but then the Cathedral School dug deep and got a strong foothold in the game and started picking off the runs. With the score on 123/1 and 7 overs remaining, there looked like there would only be one winner. However, it was then the turn of JMHS to dig deep. A few tight overs, followed by some key wickets (Jack with 2, Lucas with 3) saw the Cathedral School needing 11 off the last over and then 4 off the last ball. The crowd fell silent, time seemed to stop. Billy came bounding in and released a fierce leg cutter. The batsman swiped. The edge was taken. Thud! Ball into Harry's chest. Slap! Gloved hand securely clasps the ball. Victory! The game was played in the perfect spirit by both teams; competitive but respectful.



### Match report: JMHS v Shrewsbury School

Still buzzing from their success in the County finals JMHS went on to face an impressively strong side from Shrewsbury School in the regional 1/4 final stage of the National T20 cup in June. JMHS won the toss and elected to field first. Shrewsbury School started well, with their openers playing some very elegant and powerful shots. The deadlock was broken when Lucas (c) bowled a delicious outswinger from the Pavilion End, which took the edge of the bat, and the chance was athletically taken by Harry behind the stumps. Shrewsbury continued to score freely. Fynn took a lovely high catch to dismiss their other opener off Billy's second over, but Jack took catch of the day as the ball looped over his head, he skilfully worked himself into a position to catch the ball from a seemingly impossible angle. Joe took a very good catch in the deep off Bertie, meaning that the visitors ended on 206/4 off 20.

This was always going to be a bit of an uphill struggle. We lost wickets early; never good in a run chase, and never recovered. Jack (18) and Lucas (71\*) provided a glimmer of hope for a time, but our opponents were too strong for us and they cruised to a 95-run victory.

Well done to the team for once again, being a pleasure to coach, playing the game in the right spirit and representing themselves and the school superbly well. My thanks also to Ledbury CC for hosting the game.

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## Reuben's for the High Jump!



Congratulations to Y11 Reuben Taylor-George who was selected by the English Schools Athletic Association to represent Herefordshire and Worcestershire in this year's nationals schools championships. The championships took place in Manchester on Saturday

10<sup>th</sup> July and Reuben came 13<sup>th</sup> after jumping a height of 1.80m. This was a great experience for Reuben who was one of one of 9 Intermediate age group athletes from H&WSAA competing against the top high jumpers in England in his age group.

Congratulations Reuben!

## Y10 Jen Arnold selected for the England Pony Club Team

We are absolutely thrilled to learn that Y10 student Jen Arnold was recently selected for the England Pony Club Team which caps off years of tremendous effort on her part. Jen is an excellent student who is doing extremely well and managing to balance keeping up with school work whilst spending many hours cleaning, grooming and working with her pony, Fleur. She is a role model to students and clearly shows what amazing things can be achieved with determination and resilience.

Jen has been riding since the age of 7 but really took to the Pony Club's Mounted Games competitions from the age of 9, where her passion is matched by her tremendous courage and skill. Jen is no stranger to competing competitively and has been involved in events throughout the country. Despite her experience and determination, it was still nevertheless an incredible achievement to be picked by the judges to represent her country.

Jen's reward for her hard work is to represent England against the other home nations in front of The Queen at the Royal Windsor Horse Show in July.

We are all incredibly proud of Jen and we will all be cheering for her this summer when doubtless she will continue to fly the flag for JMHS and Herefordshire with great distinction.



## England Women's Success for Emily

Ex JMHS student, Emily Arlott has been selected in the England Women's Cricket team! Emily played various sports during her time at JMHS, including Cricket, she came through the Worcestershire age groups and has represented Worcestershire Rapids, Central Sparks, England Women's Academy and now England!

Emily was awarded a full-time professional contract in December 2020 and was called up for the England v India test in early June 2021. Mark Hawksworth, Head of JM6 says 'Emily was always a tremendous all round sportswomen representing the county at football as well as cricket whilst also being an able hockey and tennis player. Emily always showed tremendous grit and application for her sport and is remembered fondly by her Sixth Form teachers

Well done Emily - we will you all the luck with your England career.

