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FROM THE HEADTEACHER

After two incredibly difficult school years which included time in lockdown with Skeleton School operating, I'm pleased that we managed to get through this year without interruption. With high absence rates due to COVID, we had more cover lessons in school than ever with no supply teachers available! Therefore, all lessons were covered by our staff who coped admirably with the additional workload. Our students helped the cover teachers by working hard and behaving well in class. It is great that we are starting to return to normality with our enrichment programme too. Highlights of from the last two terms have included:

- Highly competitive house sport which was enjoyed by all and an excellent sports day last week
- A superb Dance Showcase featuring students from all year groups and an excellent sixth form production
- Biology visits for Y10 & Y12 students to Birmingham University to explore cutting edge topics including gene splicing
- Great performances by JMHS pupils in the UK Mathematical Challenge
- Two activity holidays in Normandy, our first foreign visits since lockdown
- A wonderful summer concert last week with superb food prepared by our Food and Nutrition students
- An excellent summer term Chess Tournament with brilliant performances by our two finalists- Andrii and Yura Bidenko (who arrived from Ukraine to join our school a few months ago)
- Successful Y5 & Y6 Induction Days with great support from our Y10 Prefects
- Great contributions to Ledbury Poetry Festival

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

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

TEAM 2022-2023

Congratulations to our Student Leadership team for the 2022-2023 Academic year.

New Head Students Elli Thomas & Natasha Bloom (pictured on the front page) said "We are both very grateful to be Head Students for this coming year and to make a positive impact on JM6. Our aims are to boost super curricular opportunities for the whole school, and to strengthen links between the lower school and sixth-form."

Elli and Natasha will be supported by our wonderful leadership team:

Student Voice: Josh Crickett, India Davies & Leona Peggs

Head of Charity Fundraising: Ben Collins

Sports Captain: Abi Tinson

Performing Arts Leader: MJ Watkins



We also congratulate over 40 Y10 students who have received prefect status during the summer term.

Many of these prefects have already begun to undertake duties including helping with Y6 transition, the Y5 days, and maths and reading buddy schemes.



Jubilee Prefects



Midsummer Prefects



Beacon Prefects



Holywell Prefects

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE

The Chill & Chat group went to Ledbury Primary School for the Queen's Jubilee Ceremony in the Spring Term along with the Mayor of Ledbury and local representatives of the Queen.

There was a whole school ceremony in the school hall. Some of the LPS students had come in their Brownie, Scout and Cadet uniforms. The Mayor and the Queen's representatives all spoke a few words about the Jubilee. We then went outside where they planted a tree, each putting a shovel of soil in.

The Chill & Chat Group then presented Y6 students with some more trees for them to plant later in the afternoon.

Everyone then returned to the hall for tea and coffee. There was a magnificent Jubilee Cake which looked amazing! Then we headed back to JMHS for the afternoon.

We enjoyed the trip and representing JMHS.

Chill & Chat Group



THREE COUNTIES SHOW

On the 17th of June the Chill And Chat groups went to the Three Counties Show for the day. We met in the gazebo in the bus park and once everyone was together, we got on the bus and set off for the show.

When we arrived, we headed for the Army stand where we got to shoot a gun and listen to a video through a VR headset. We also took a few pictures with the soldiers. Once we had finished there we went to the main arena and watched the motorbikes. they were so cool doing all kind of tricks and flips. Whilst we were they we also saw the Red Devils jumping from their plane with parachutes and landing in the arena. We also had time from an ice cream in between watching the Red Devils and the motorbikes!

After that we went and saw the bird of prey show with all the birds doing different tricks; we went into the arena and the man doing the display wanted us to be a metre apart so an owl could fly through us. There were probably around 60 or 70 children who also went into the arena with us.

After we had lunch, we went to try wood whittling and we made Harry Potter wands. The technique was quite hard to grasp at first, but you got the hang of it after a while. We all ended up with different shapes and sizes of wands! After that we headed back to school.

It was a great day had by all. Thank you to Mrs Davies and Miss Limbrick for taking us

Chloe Newman



Y5 DAYS

We were delighted to get back to our wonderful transition events this year for future students of JMHS.

2 Y5 days were held on the 24th June and the 1st July. Students were collected by bus from their primary schools and arrived in JMHS for a fun packed introduction into the John Masefield experience!

During the days the Y5's took part in a variety of activities including Science where they conducted jelly baby experiments, fun PE Lessons, Cookery lessons where they made delicious smoothies and Art where they created some beautiful artwork using their initials

Both days were fun filled and very LOUD! We hope the students enjoyed themselves as much as we did!



Y11 PROM

Y11 students arrived at Alexander Park for their biggest, glitziest night of the year, the Y11 Prom!

Almost 100 students dressed to the nines to enjoy the prom which marked the end of their secondary education. At 7.30pm, students began arriving in fleets of sports cars, motorbikes and even tractors! Students stepped out in glamorous dresses and sharp suits to celebrate their prom in style as proud parents and teachers watched on.

Andy Collard, Deputy headteacher, said: "We were thrilled to have the Year 11 prom returning to John Masefield this year. It was a wonderful occasion and a great opportunity for students to celebrate all their hard work at the school. We look forward to welcoming many of these students back to JM6 in September but wish all of our Y11's the very best in their future endeavours."



SUMMER CONCERT

The evening sun out on the patio on Thursday 14th July was a beautiful setting for our annual Summer Concert – the first live concert JMHS students have been part of since Christmas 2019! Mr Oaten's Y9 Food team provided delicious canapes for the audience to enjoy before the concert began. For current Y7 and 8 students, this was the first time they had performed for a live audience since being at JMHS, and they took it in their stride.

There was huge variety in the musical items, and lots of students brought solo items as well, demonstrating not just their talent but incredible confidence! The evening opened with the orchestra performing a medley of Elton John songs. Highlights from the school ensembles included Y7 Singers performing 'When I Grow Up' from Tim Minchin's Matilda, Men's Voices performing hits from Green Day and Kodaline, and the Charlie Parker classic 'Yardbird Suite' from the Jazz Band. Jazz Band were very lucky to welcome back ex-JMHS students Lucy and George, who missed out on their Y13 Leavers Concert due to the pandemic. There were some exceptional solo items from students of all ages – Nathaniel (Y7) performed a solo piano piece, while Y10 students Theresa, Alice, Joe, Emily and Vaughan brought a variety of items including the Beatles hit 'Come Together', 'A Million Dreams' from The Greatest Showman and an extract from the Pink Floyd masterpiece 'Shine On You Crazy Diamond'.

It was great to welcome back some of our Y11 and Y13 Leavers – Izzy, Angelina, Jamie, Tom, Sophia and Katy, to join the orchestra. Y11

Leaver Angelina performed an original song she had written, and Y13 Leaver Katy gave a beautiful performance of the Corinne Bailey Rae song 'Put Your Records On'. The Y10 band (Vaughan, Joe, Keilan and Sam) blew the metaphorical roof off with a raucous rendition of Paranoid by Black Sabbath. The evening closed with the choir performing a Scottish traditional song 'The Parting Glass' – traditionally sung at the end of an evening or gathering between friends. The orchestra then brought the house down with a rousing medley of songs from The Phantom of the Opera. Thank you to all of the students for working so hard in rehearsals this year, and a big thank you to our Y11 and 13 Leavers for joining us for one last time. Miss Davis would also like to extend a thank you to Mrs Grubb for running Jazz Band, Mr Rodgers for his support with Men's Voices, and Mrs Kyle, Mrs Goodall and Mr Mowbray for ensuring the concert ran smoothly.



NORMANDY 2022

Our Y8 have finally been able to go to Normandy this year! They stayed at the picturesque Chateau de la Baudonnière where they took part in various outdoor activities such as archery and orienteering. The Chateau also has a mini farm on site which our students particularly enjoyed. They visited Saint-Malo, a port city in Brittany where they put their French to good use ordering crepes and ice-cream. Miam! They had the opportunity to buy their own picnic in a traditional French market in Villeudieu, where some of them tried traditional wild boar “saucisson” and cantal cheese. Our students have made great progress in French, thanks to the effort they have put in during the trip. Well done to all! We are looking forward to taking next years Y8 there again next year!



LUDLOW CASTLE HISTORY VISITS

The Summer term saw History students from both Y10 and Y11 finally be able to travel 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 have previously studied in the classroom.

With glorious weather for both trips the students 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



CLIMATE CHANGE AND WHAT WE CAN DO TO PREVENT IT

Climate change is something we all hear about but not many of us really act upon it.

Now I know what you are all thinking, it doesn't affect us, but you couldn't be further from the truth. We all have a say in the matter even if it's the government making the decisions. We can change the future of our planet and this is our last chance to make it right. Humans are one of the main causes of climate change so it's up to us to fix it.

Climate change doesn't only affect us it also affects all the animals who live alongside us. Many species are becoming endangered because of humans. Here are some ideas of how WE can make a difference:

- Turning off the tap when brushing our teeth
- Recycling more often
- Picking up our rubbish
- Turning down heating in warmer weather
- Switch off electrical items when not in use
- Buy more from local suppliers to reduce our carbon footprint
- Recycle old clothes by donating them to charity

There is so much we can do to help make our world a better place to live for our and future generations. No action is too small, everyone can make a difference and if we all do we will be a lot closer to helping our planet.

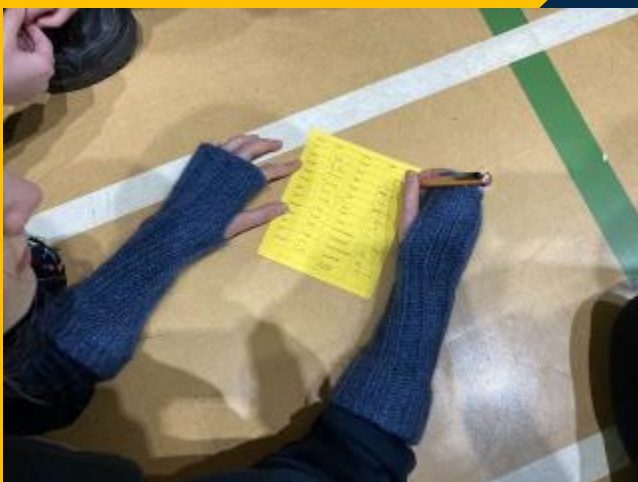
By Emily Pontin



GERMAN LANGUAGE LEADERS

On the 1st of April our Y9 German Language Leaders created a quiz on German cognates (words that look/sound the same in English and German) for Y7 students.

The Y7s were very excited to be taking part and really enjoyed the quiz! Lots of House Points were awarded!



CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY

Health and Social Care students in Y9 made Easter cards to deliver to the residents of the new Deer Park Care Home. Students of Health and Social Care in all year groups are working on making links with care homes in the area to help provide a better understanding of the local provision and needs of their residents.



Y7 students Lottie and Beau also visited the care home in June. The two students helped take some gorgeous Shetland ponies in to meet the residents. The two girls took great care of the ponies during the visit and thoroughly enjoyed the experience as did the residents!



SCIENCE MASTERCLASS VISITS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

As part of the commitment of the Science Faculty to promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) careers, Dr Jennings has taken two groups of students to attend masterclasses at the University of Birmingham this half term. First to go was a group of our Y12 and Y13 A-Level Biology students. Following an impromptu tour of the campus, including finding out the real story behind the last ever death from smallpox in the world, students finally found their way to the correct venue! Students were split up into teams of four and asked to pick the role of different professionals in a healthcare setting. The teams had to then work together making key decisions to try and control the spread of a disease outbreak. It was a fascinating insight into the importance of reviewing evidence and working as part of a team and making the best use of a range of skills and insights. A real sense of tension and jeopardy was created and each group acquitted themselves well. We were all surprised by how quickly the outbreak took hold and how even the smallest of decisions had big cost implications. The second masterclass a fortnight later was held in the high-tech teaching laboratories of the School of Biosciences. This time it was the turn of Y10 students to listen to Dr Jennings' stories! Apparently, he has worked in all the labs, knew every single person he met and may even have contributed to a few Nobel Prizes along the way. For this masterclass, the students were introduced to an amazing structure found in bacteria called a plasmid.

These are tiny rings of DNA that divide every time the bacteria divides, with a copy going into each new bacteria. They carry information to help the bacteria survive in hostile environments and even resist attack from antibiotics like penicillin. Students were supported to use a technique called gel electrophoresis to separate out the plasmid DNA and visualise it for further analysis. They then looked at the sequence of the DNA in the plasmid and had to work out the key structures that enable the bacteria to decode the DNA and produce long chains of amino acids. These can then become proteins that define cell structure and function. It was an invaluable opportunity to experience life in a real biological sciences lab and model the kind of analytical techniques scientists use in research. Thank you to all the students for their energy and enthusiasm, and especially Mrs Shelley for accompanying the trip and ensuring Dr Jennings didn't go off on too much of a tangent!



JMHS ♥ READING

This World Book Day, we were very lucky to have Ben Davis, the author of *What's that in Dog Years* and *The Private Blog of Joe Cowley* among other books come to talk to Y7 and Y8.

Both the year groups had an assembly with Ben where he shared lots of tips and tricks for writing a story! At the end students who had bought one of Ben's books could get it signed by him! Some students also took part in a creative writing workshop with Ben in the library afterwards. It was an inspiring day!

Over the weeks surrounding World Book Day all of Y7 also visited Ledbury Books & Maps to choose their free book with their vouchers.

Elsie Fletcher



Author Ben Davis with Y7 students Alfie & Elsie

BOOK BOG ROLL COMPETITION!

This year for World Book Day, Mrs Locke the Librarian organized a Book Bog Roll competition. Competitors were asked to create a book character from a toilet roll tube.

There were some AMAZING entries for the competition including Fred Weasley, Little Red Riding Hood, the Big Bad Wolf, Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III from *How to Train a Dragon* and much much more...

It was a hard choice but eventually the judges decided on the lucky winners

1st prize: Isaac Seabright with Hiccup Horrendous

Joint 2nd prize: Elsie Fletcher with Edward Cullen, Jacob Black and Bella Swan from *The Twilight Saga* & Shyla Terry with Little Red Riding Hood, Granny and the Big Bad Wolf

Shyla Terry

STORY TIME VISIT

On the 25th May, the Y7 Book Club along with a few Reading Prefects held a storytime session where we read to Mrs Slocombe's Y2 class from Ledbury Primary School. It was really fun reading to them and we also even listened to some of the Y2 students reading too!

We had squash and biscuits as we were reading and some of our favourite books to read were: *There's a Crack In My Bum!*, *Superworm* and *Aliens Love Underpants*.

We all really enjoyed it!

Angela Meredith & Kelly Hoang



JMHS ♥ POETRY

LEDBURY
POETRY

Huge thanks to the Ledbury Poetry Festival for providing our students with a selection of amazing opportunities to experience poetry during the Summer term:

POET IN RESIDENCE : KARL NOVA

This year our poet in residence has been the wonderful Hip Hop Artist/Poet/Author Karl Nova. Karl first visited us in May and performed pieces from his two books *Rhythm and Poetry* and *The Curious Case of Karl Nova* for Years 7-10. The students loved his performances especially the improv sessions at the end where he asked for a selection of random words before performing a rap piece incorporating all of them! To give you an idea of how challenging the students tried to make it Y9's list included:

Marshmallow
Shoe
Cheeseburger
Encyclopaedia
Clock
Lego
Orange
Optimistic
Caterpillar

Karl then returned on 2 further dates during June and July to work closely with a select group of students on their own poetry. On the 4th July 6 of these students visited the festival's Poetry House to perform these pieces to a small select audience alongside Karl who also performed some more of his poetry.

It was amazing to see these students grow in confidence during their time with Karl and to watch them perform in public at such a prestigious festival. They really enjoyed Karl's infectious energy and his obvious love of language and poetry. You can find out more about Karl at karlnovaworld.wordpress.com



HEAVY IS THE HEAD THAT WEARS THE CROWN



Over the last 6 weeks a group of Y7 and Y8 students have been working closely with local artist and poet Toni Cook to create some amazing poems and tongue twisters. We also spent two weeks working with audio visual artist Andy Garbi to make a film of themselves reading these poems.

This project was part of a project titled 'Heavy is the head that Wears the Crown' funded by the Arts Councils Jubilee fund. On the 12th July the students performed alongside Hereford's Cracked Slipper Company and Close House Project at the Poetry House to a packed audience. The students performed their poems beautifully and really enjoyed the experience as the other groups shared their take on the theme.

The students work is currently being exhibited in the Poetry House and along with the film of their poetry there are also calligraphy extracts and copies of their tongue twisters on display.

POLAR BEAR aka STEVE CAMDEN

On the 5th July Steven Camden visited JMHS to perform for our Y9 students.

He held an interactive session where the students undertook character building, mined their own experiences and created their own stories which demonstrated the way

Steven creates his own work can remove some of the pressures that might hold back our creative writing.

It was great fun and it was very interesting to hear some of the students ideas! Steven then held a further writing group for a select number of students in the Library where we further developed these ideas into some great poetry in another fun and interactive session.



SHAKESPEARE IN ACTION

Y7 students were very fortunate to participate in Shakespeare in Action workshops run by the West End in Schools group on the 1st of April.

Students worked on a press, towards and connect pattern of actions which represented the conflicts and connections between the characters of the play Romeo & Juliet. Y7 have been studying this play this half term in their English lessons and exploring the play through the drama workshops helped develop the students'

understanding of the plot and characters.

The workshops were great fun, especially when students got to practice some Shakespearian insults at each other!



West End
in Schools

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Congratulations to JM6 students who put on a lively performance of Alice in Wonderland on the 7th of April. The cast led by Y13 student Laurel Baker had developed and rehearsed the show independently including the staging and lighting. It was a great feat of teamwork to bring it all together and put on such an entertaining show.



JM6 NEWS

UKRAINE APPEAL

Alongside our lower school non-uniform fundraising for the Ukraine crisis, our JM6 students organised a collection of essential supplies for refugees. Items such as nappies, toiletries, pet supplies as well as food items were donated by students and staff. The huge pile of donations was then sorted and packaged by the JM6 volunteers and delivered to the Ledbury collection point ready to be sent on to Ukraine to help those in need.

JM6 students also held a bake sale on the 18th of March raising a further £196 to add to our impressive total for the Ukraine Crisis fund.

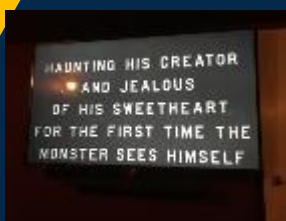


LITERATURE & ART TRIP

On the 11th March, Sixth-form Literature and Art students from JM6 travelled to the beautiful city of Bath to explore how context plays an essential part in how Art and Literature are produced, displayed and understood.

One of our key A-level Literature prose texts, *Frankenstein*, was largely written in Bath, and recently a new museum has opened to celebrate and consider this. Our visit gave Literature students the chance to consider how Shelley's historical, social and literary context shaped the creation and reception of her 'monstrous' novel. Through creative and imaginative curation of the gallery space, it also allowed students to understand the enduring power of the Gothic genre to be delightfully disturbing... especially in the basement, where uncanny exhibits were arranged to create a deliberately frightening effect, and included jump-scare sound effects and costumed actors lurking menacingly in the shadows!

Art students visited the Victoria Art Gallery to explore that particular public exhibition space and the ways that art can respond to a place and time. Later on, the Art and Literature groups joined up for a rainy tour of central Bath. We considered the magnificent Neoclassical architecture of the Royal Crescent, The Circus, the Assembly Rooms, and how the architectural messages about the ownership and display of culture were combined with equally potent messages about wealth and status.



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JM6 NEWS

TRANSITION DAY

A fantastic group of Y11 Students, returning to JM6 in September, spent Tuesday and Wednesday experiencing a variety of subject masterclasses 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 students threw themselves into the challenges of the two days.

The days were aimed at enthusing and preparing students for the rigors of A Level study. The students enjoyed being immersed into their chosen subjects, in maths, they looked at quadratic functions, chemistry explored the iron content of dried thyme and art explored the 'beauty in the broken' creating pencil works from their own found compositions. The biologists completed a multitude of practical tests looking at the properties of water, the French lesson discovered modern French music and how trends change, while in German, students experienced a cultural burst,

discussing stereotypes and clichés of the culture. The taste of psychology really was a taste! Using lemons, students conducted an experiment exploring the correlation between personality and saliva production. Students were also able to sample a range of some of the activities we offer as part of our enrichment programme including, recreational sport, STEM Club, performing arts and learning sign language. During tutor time, heads of year spoke about the wide range of initiatives, including Learning Support Assistants and how the Y11s could get involved from September. They also outlined the support available to our new sixth formers and support for developing good study habits and a balanced life as an effective student.

The Y11s thoroughly submersed themselves into all aspects of the transition days, and we look forward to welcoming them as our new Y12s in September.



FIRST AID @ JM6

"I found the course an extremely valuable and very worthwhile experience" - Ben

JM6 students, over the course of this year, have been able to experience a wide range of elective activities as part of the enrichment programme. Activities have included competitive sport matches, the Sixth Form production, Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) activities, debating, learning to sign course, recreational sport and peer to peer supporters. These activities provide a welcome break and relaxation from the something of A Level study but also provide an opportunity to develop new skills. Most recently I am delighted to say that 15 of our students have passed their initial first aid course.

The students all engaged in and completed the course brilliantly. They have gained a qualification and very useful life skills from the experience.



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SPORTS NEWS...

SPORTS DAY 2022

Sports day took place on Friday 15 July and luckily, we had perfect weather for it! Students took part in tug of war events in the week leading up to the Friday and did so with great energy and a very competitive spirit. It was great to see students competing in the events laid on for them whilst doing so respectfully and being keen to celebrate successes. It was a thoroughly enjoyable event to watch and organise and I hope the students enjoyed it as much as they seemed to.

J.Kontarines



GENEROUS DONATION TO JMHS SPORTS DEPARTMENT

We are extremely grateful to the Adam Stansfield Foundation for their extraordinarily generous donation of £850. JMHS bought some excellent pop-up goals with the money as well as a huge bag of football that the students have benefitted from using in their lessons and after school clubs. This has improved the quality of our football offer at JMHS.

Adam Stansfield was a professional footballer who played for Hereford United amongst other clubs, who tragically died from bowel cancer in 2010. The foundation was set up in September 2010 and aims to promote community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of young people.

More information about Adam, his playing career and the work of the foundation can be found here: www.adamstansfieldfoundation.com



SPORTS

FOOTBALL



The football season has started well for JMHS in the school leagues. Attendance at football club on Monday for Y8 during the Spring Term was very consistent and the numbers at Y7 and Y9 training were also impressive. About 25 students regularly trained from Y7 and a solid 15 from Y9.

Y7 came from behind for a well-earned draw against St Mary's and Y8 lost a closely fought and well-spirited match against the same opposition. Y11 had a sensational game also against St Mary's which they drew 3-3 coming from two goals down to secure a well-earned draw. Fixtures against Aylestone also took place: Y7 dominated their match but somehow lost 0-1 in the dying minutes of the game, Y8 had a splendid match that finished 1-1 and Y10 won their match comfortably 4-0.



Y7 CRICKET PLATE WINNERS!



The Y7 cricket team won the County Plate final at Ledbury CC in July, beating an enthusiastic team from Whitecross. Having lost the toss and asked to bat first, runs came steadily and Zak and Archie F (21) put on an excellent first wicket stand. Zak (10) fell to a superb catch in the deep and he tried to force the run rate. Harry E came to the crease and immediately looked to dominate, and he scored a quick fire 19 runs which pushed our total to 104 from the allotted 16 overs.

Lewis C took the first Whitecross wicket following a great start made by all bowlers. JMHS carried on bowling a challenging line and length and the Whitecross batters found it hard to score. Zak B took two wickets in two balls and that was moment that I knew the team were heading for victory. JMHS winning the game by 34 runs with all bowlers contributing to the win.

I would like to thank Ledbury CC for hosting the game at their beautiful ground at Orlham Lane.

Y9 GIRLS HOCKEY

There was a fantastic team effort from all the girls in the Hockey team in the spring term. They have played John Kyrle High School twice with both games ending 0-0! The hockey was end to end action and very exciting to watch. The Y9s are going to be focussing on their shooting skills in future practice as they are in search of a goal!! Well done girls!

GIRLS INDOOR CRICKET

Our Y8 girls played in an indoor cricket tournament in the Spring term and showed some real promise. Some fine displays with the bat from Hosanna and Ella and some excellent work with the bat and ball by Phoebe, saw JMHS win only one of our 4 matches, but compete valiantly in the others. We are looking forward to JMHS girls playing more cricket in the future.

RUGBY 7s



Three-year groups enjoyed 7s tournaments in the Spring term. Y11 played some sensational rugby in their competition and scored some amazing tries in the process. 'That' offload from AJ Hammond will be spoken about for years to come! Y7 also played very well and put on some great performances against some very strong teams. The first couple of games on that afternoon were very sapping for our players and as our fitness deteriorated a little, other teams capitalised. Y9 also played some superb free-flowing rugby with passion and pace scoring several excellent tries in their matches.

I would like to unreservedly thank the coaches at Ledbury RFC for working tirelessly with our teams and supporting them on the days of the tournaments and through organising extra training sessions. Thank you to Mr Powers, Mr Pugh, and Mr Spiller with special thanks to Mr Seager who has coached the Y7 team every Monday since September. It is wonderful to have such a supportive rugby club working so closely with the school.