



31st January 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Staffing update

I am delighted to be able to announce two new appointments to our senior leadership team. Mrs Newnes has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher and SENDCO, and Mr Wyatt has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher. Both will take up their posts from the start of the summer term. I would also like to share with you the news that Miss Adams has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher at The Dean Academy and will be leaving us at the end of May. The community at her new school are very lucky to have her joining them.

Seeing our colleagues take these next steps gives me great confidence in the quality of our provision here at JMHS, as does the continued positive feedback from those visiting the school for the first time, and the number of applications we have received for vacancies. We will keep you updated on further changes to staffing as people move into now-vacant posts. For now, though, I would like to warmly congratulate Miss Adams, Mrs Newnes and Mr Wyatt on this tremendously exciting news.

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 11th February

To help mark Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 11th February 2025, West Mercia Police are hosting a free 1-hour Online Safety session for all parents and carers across Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Telford and Wrekin, and Shropshire. The session will include a range of topics such as dangerous apps, the rise of AI, and sextortion. West Mercia police are confident that everyone will come away from the training feeling more confident in the world of technology and the internet, and how young people can be protected. The attached poster has more details and instructions on how to secure a place.

Triple P parenting courses

Triple P is a positive parenting program supported by Herefordshire Council. Their evidence-based parenting programs aim to take the guesswork out of parenting. A range of information and support can be found on their website, <https://www.triplep.net/glo-en/home/>. Additionally, details of some of their summer parenting courses are set out in the attached information, including courses aimed at families with anxious children and a general one aimed at parents of teenagers.

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The Ledbury Big Breakfast is back

Ledbury's popular winter event - the Ledbury Big Breakfast - takes place from Friday 31st January to Sunday 2nd February 2025, organised by the local community group, Ledbury Food Group.

Local shops, cafes, hotels and other food outlets in and around Ledbury are challenged to come up with special breakfast offerings featuring locally produced food to brighten a winter's day. This year you can savour a range of options from hot breakfast sandwiches, pancakes with fillings and toppings, eggs – royale, benedict or florentine, french toast with syrup, banana or bacon, shakshuka, local breads and cheese to the traditional English breakfast in all sizes and variations.

Full details of the venues taking part, opening hours and their Big Breakfast menu can be found here: <https://www.ledburyfoodgroup.org/2025/01/full-details-of-2025-ledbury-big-breakfast-available/>

Design & Technology: Graffiti workshop

Local artist, Tom Phillips, discovered the world of urban art as a youngster and has a passion for it ever since. We were delighted that he could share this passion with our Year 10 DT students last week when he delivered a 1½ hour graffiti workshop. He focused on surface decoration and the different ways this can be used within DT. The workshops were a superb opportunity for students to explore new techniques and to broaden their knowledge of design and creation.

School production: Book your tickets for Oliver!

As it gets closer to the opening night of Oliver! it is very exciting to see and hear the show taking shape during rehearsals. The children are getting nervously excited about performing to a live audience and I would like to encourage you to come and see what should be a fantastic performance.

Tickets can be booked here: [Tickets for Oliver!](#). Performances will be taking place at 7pm on Thursday 13th February, Friday 14th February and Saturday 15th February, plus a matinee at 2pm on Saturday 15th February.

Year 10 Netball team - County Champions

More sporting success this week as our Year 10 Netball team were crowned County Champions for the second year in a row. The team coped well with the pressure of being title holders and limited practice as a team in January. Captain Kelly H was well organised and led on setting the team's position for each game. All girls played exceptionally well and they were unbeaten across the tournament.

Congratulations to the team: Kelly H, Eva P, Jaz B, Poppy B, Emilia L, Karmelita H, Ivy S, Gracie C-N, Dannii M, Elsie F, Marissa P

Yours sincerely,



John Holmes
Headteacher