



21 November 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Many thanks for your support for Children in Need on Monday and, for our Sixth Formers, last Friday. Together we raised £865 for charity. This means we have raised over £1,600 in the first ten weeks of the school year, and I'm looking forward to more fundraising events in the coming months. I'm so proud that we are able to contribute to the wider community, beyond our school.

Year 7 PGL trip – message from Miss Drew, Head of Year 7

Our Year 7 students were absolutely outstanding throughout PGL residential. It was an honour to accompany them and see how brilliantly they represented the school. From the moment we arrived, they approached every activity with enthusiasm, curiosity and a positive attitude. Throughout the rain and wind, they embraced a wide range of challenges from team building games to problem solving tasks, always showing resilience and a willingness to step outside their comfort zones. What stood out the most was the way they encouraged and supported one another demonstrating kindness, co-operation and a sense of community. Their behaviour, energy and eagerness to get involved made the trip an unforgettable experience for students and staff. We could not be prouder of the maturity, teamwork and determination they displayed throughout the week.

Trips

It was wonderful to hear this feedback from Miss Drew, and equally wonderful to hear from children and parents about how much they enjoyed the trip, and how many new friends they made. One of the things the community has asked for in the last year was more trips. We've done our best to listen, and this was the first residential trip, where we invited a whole year group, for over ten years.

Whichever year group your child is in, we hope you're seeing a wide offer of education visits. This term alone includes trips to London, Devon, the West Midlands Safari Park, Ice Quest, the Malvern Theatre, Qinetiq and Bath, with residential trips to Switzerland, to visit Cern, and to Cologne.

I am so glad we can provide these opportunities and love hearing from the children who have been able to go on the visits. I'm very grateful to the staff who work so hard to make these trips possible – both those who join the children going away, and those who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure that they run smoothly and safely.

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Parent voice survey

I'm looking forward to welcoming those of you who signed up to the 'meet the headteacher' event shortly. It is important that everybody has a chance to share their feedback and I am therefore pleased to share with you our parent survey. This annual survey is based on Ofsted's national parent view poll, and we have added some questions about our site and facilities. This will give you a chance to feedback on all areas of the school and help inform our planning for the future.

[JMHS Parent Survey 2025-26 – Fill in form](#)

School Production: Dick Whittington, 9 and 10 December

We are delighted that for the first time we have a Key Stage 3 panto production. The students and the performing arts department having been working hard to get ready for their performances on the evening of Tuesday 9 December and Wednesday 10 December. Tickets are now available from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/masefieldarts> or on the door. The attached poster has further details.

Support the Ukraine Team

The Support the Ukraine Team are hosting a series of Culture and Signposting Cafes in December to make a traditional Ukrainian straw decoration for your home and to share stories from your own cultural background. All are welcome and the attached poster in English and Ukrainian has further details.

Your sincerely,



John Holmes
Headteacher