



John Masefield Sixth Form Autumn 2025 Newsletter

Welcome to the Autumn 2025 newsletter. The Sixth Form have been involved in many exciting events this term.

Firstly, we organised the whole-school Macmillan Coffee Morning on 26th September to raise money in support of this amazing cancer charity. Students and staff across the school baked, donated, and took part in the cake competition. Thanks to everyone's fantastic effort, we raised an impressive £820 — well done to all involved!



In October, Sixth Form students enjoyed their first social trip of the year to Ice Quest in Malvern. Everyone had a fantastic afternoon taking part in a range of activities, including escape rooms, ice skating, and laser tag.





JM6 Pathways

Where did our 2025 cohort end up?

Universities:

- University of Cardiff – Mechanical Engineering
- University of Chester – Business Management
- University of Bristol – Civil Engineering
- Cardiff Metropolitan – Civil Engineering
- University of Bath – Aerospace Engineering
- University of Newcastle – Mathematics
- University of Loughborough – Management
- Oxford Brooks – Architecture
- UWE – Digital Forensics
- University of Reading – Agriculture
- University of Birmingham – Geography



Apprenticeships:

- Malvern – degree apprenticeship at QinetiQ
- Ledbury – hospitality, accountancy, construction
- London – IT

And many more...

National School and College Leavers Festival - NEC

Years 12 and 13 attended the NSCLF in November. Students met with over 100 future pathways providers, including university, employment and apprenticeship providers. These covered a range of sectors, including the army, finance and the NHS.



Alumni Visits

We have hosted several of our Alumni this term:

Alice Unthank – visited A-level Chemistry classes to discuss her career in STEM

Hayley Wixey – visited A-level Business to discuss her degree apprenticeship at CISCO

Tom French – visited to speak to students about his degree apprenticeships and QinetiQ





October

Our Year 13 Geography students spent three days down in sunny Dorset collecting data for the Non-Examined Assessment (NEA) for their A Level which included visiting:

- Swanage Bay
- Studland Heath
- Poundbury





November

Year 13 had their mock exams in November.
Well done to them for all their hard work.

The Sixth Form Charity Team sold poppy products around the school to raise money for the Royal British Legion. Two Head Students represented the school at the Remembrance Sunday parade in Ledbury. They laid a wreath at the war memorial on behalf of the school.





VOCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

A TALK WITH THE BEEFY BOYS



HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

From those humble beginnings, The Beefy Boys have gone on to become an internationally recognised business, with multiple award-winning restaurants and fans across the world. The founders described how their mix of creativity, teamwork, and perseverance helped them turn a simple idea into a thriving enterprise.

THE BEEFY BOYS INSPIRE BUDDING ENTREPRENEURS AT OUR BUSINESS TALK

Students from our Business Studies classes were treated to an unforgettable afternoon when The Beefy Boys — the world-famous burger brand from Hereford — visited to share their incredible business journey.

The talk began with the founders explaining how their now global success started with “nothing but a passion for good food and hard work.” They spoke honestly about their early challenges: starting out as four friends cooking burgers at local food festivals, experimenting with flavours, and saving every penny to grow their brand.



THE SESSION WAS NOT ONLY INSPIRING BUT ALSO TRULY “FOOD FOR THOUGHT”, LEAVING STUDENTS MOTIVATED TO DREAM BIG AND TAKE THEIR OWN ENTREPRENEURIAL IDEAS TO THE NEXT LEVEL.



Children in Need

On Friday 14th November, the Sixth form came to school in their pyjamas to raise money for Children in Need. They raised £90.50 for this worthy cause.





CERN

A group of Year 12 and 13 Physics students went to CERN. The European Organization for Nuclear Research, known as CERN, is an intergovernmental organization that operates the largest particle physics laboratory in the world. Established in 1954, it is based in Meyrin, a western suburb of Geneva, on the France – Switzerland border. The students also had the opportunity to visit an observatory, the History of Science museum, the United Nations building and saw the Alice experiment at CERN. They explored Belair where they were able to sample the local cuisine and speak some of the native language, French.





Psychology trip

Psychology students visited West Midlands Safari Park to conduct an observation on meerkats, investigating which group behaviours were the most common in prey species in captivity. They also put their knowledge into practice, designing a systematic desensitisation session to treat common phobias, including arachnophobia and murophobia - a fear of rats!



Christmas activities

At the beginning of December the Sixth Form was transformed into a Christmas wonderland with trees, baubles and tinsel, to get everyone into the Christmas spirit.





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A group of lively singers visited Hill Ash House, a care home in Dymock to perform Christmas carols. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all, as a thank you they were present with home-made gift bags from the residents.



The students were asked to sell raffle tickets around the school and put together gift hampers to be won for the Christmas Fair, which was organised by the Enterprise club.

Lastly, the new Sixth Form prospectus was launched, it can be found on the school website. It has useful information on how to apply to sixth form and information on all the subjects students can study at JM6 <https://www.jmhs.hereford.sch.uk/sixth-form/prospectus/>.