



27 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support throughout another enjoyable term. It was a pleasure to see all of the students together today for our end of term celebration assembly. We've spoken with the children a lot this year about how important it is that they believe in themselves, and work hard to meet challenging targets, and how we will support them in ensuring that they don't settle for 'good enough'. It was therefore a pleasure to be able to talk to them about how our attendance has improved, again, how we are giving out more house points, again, and that our mock results have improved, again, and to thank them and the families that support them for their efforts.

It was also a pleasure to be able to announce our new Head Students to the school. For the first time, all students were able to vote for their Head Students, and I am sure they will have enjoyed watching the candidates' speeches as much as I have. Congratulations to Georgia, Daisy, Eve and Ben. Student participation continues to grow, and I'm delighted that the Student Council will be visiting Parliament shortly after the break.

Uniform and phones

Thank you to those of you who have asked questions or fed back to us about the uniform and phone changes recently announced. Following this, can I please clarify:

1. Students can still wear JMHS badged uniform other than the three specified items for as long as they like. This includes the PE rugby shirt and an updated uniform list is attached. Our uniform suppliers are:

Clubsport , Unit 4, All Saints Court, Hereford, HR4 0BA, Tel: 01432 342626 https://club-sports.shop/collections/john-masefield-high-school	Your Name On It , 42 Bye Street, Ledbury Open Tuesday and Thursday 2pm-6pm, and Saturday 9:30am – 12:30pm, Tel: 01886 881081 http://www.yournameonitshop.co.uk/jmhs.html
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2. There are some cases where students must use their phones, such as to help manage a medical condition. Where this is the case, they will continue to be able to do so, even under the new guidance.

Gala Night

Next term we are again hosting our Gala night where students past and present will showcase their wonderful performance skills. The students will be dressing in their best attire to sing, play in orchestras, dance and much more! We look forward to welcoming to you to the evening which starts at 7pm on Thursday 23 April. The attached poster has all the booking details.

Masefield Matters

Masefield Matters is funded by the National Lottery to explore the legacy of John Masefield through a range of events celebrating his work, his life, and the things that mattered to him. They are holding a community celebration on Sunday 29 March with a zine making session during the evening. For further details, see the attached posters.

Staffing changes

Many of you will be aware that Mrs Fletcher will be starting her maternity leave from the Monday 20 April and Mr Duggan will be covering as Head of Year 8 until her return. This will mean some changes for Mrs Fletcher's classes, and students' timetables will be updated on MCAS over the holiday. All of our GCSE and A-level history classes will continue to be taught by a history specialist. I know you will join me in wishing Mrs Fletcher and her family all the very best.

I am also pleased to be able to welcome Mrs Khanom, who will be joining our Pastoral Team as Operational Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. Mrs Khanom brings with her a wealth of experience supporting young people and their families, and we are looking forward to working with her in the new term.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Holmes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Holmes
Headteacher