



John Masefield Sixth Form Spring 2026 Newsletter

A message from our Head Students



All three of us have had a brilliant time over the last 2 years, and it has been a privilege to be head students. We have created some amazing memories. We have had many laughs in the common room, and a particular highlight was the end of Year 12 trip to Flip Out that we organised. Although it will be sad to say goodbye to all the friends we have made, we are looking forward to our next steps, and are glad that John Masefield Sixth Form has been a part of our journey – Jack, Bella and Nuo Han

Year 13 mocks

Congratulations to all Year 13 students on completing your mocks. You should be proud of the effort and commitment you've shown.

We hope this experience has given them valuable insight into their progress and helped them to recognise both their strengths and the areas where they can grow. They should make the most of the weeks ahead by speaking with their teachers, asking questions, and seeking any support they need. We are confident that with continued effort and determination, they will go on to do great things.

Shrek the musical

During the week of 12th-14th February, the drama department performed an amazing version of Shrek the Musical which had many of the Year 12 and 13 students involved. A huge congratulations to those who performed and played in the orchestra and helped behind the scenes to make this a fantastic production.





JM6 events

German exchange

An exchange student enjoyed a 2 week stay with one of the Year12 German students. She was able to experience school life, explore Ledbury and the surrounding area and join in activities with her host family.

Auschwitz

On 17th March two Year 12 History students had the opportunity to visit Auschwitz. An emotional trip giving insight to the events that happened there.

Robotics club

The two school Robotics teams Enigma Phoenix and CTRL+ALT+DEFEAT!, competed in a regional FIRST Tech Challenge competition called DECODE, joining teams from across the region for a full day of engineering, coding and competitive robotics. Our teams with students from Year 8 to Year 13 performed strongly in the initial qualification rounds, competing against ten other teams and successfully advancing to the next stage of the competition. The knock-out rounds brought even tougher opposition, with some highly experienced teams demonstrating sophisticated robot designs and strategies. After several closely contested matches, our teams finished around 6th overall, an excellent result in such a competitive field.



Psychology and Business trip

Our Year 13 Psychology and Business students attended an exam buster course in Birmingham, aiming to improve exam technique and get top tips from subject experts.



Sports matches

On 21st January the Year 12 and 13 students played a very closely fought netball match against Lucton and won 16-15. An enjoyable and close game. Well done.





Pathways

Year 12 work experience

In March, our Year 12 students took part in work experience. They gained valuable insights into a wide variety of industries, including the NHS, engineering and manufacturing, accountancy, and many more. Students explored potential career paths, develop workplace skills, and experience real-world professional environments.



Alex Iles at his placement at Galebreaker Ltd

Guest speakers

NHS

We welcomed a guest speaker from the NHS, who spoke to students about the wide range of career opportunities within the organisation. The talk highlighted not only clinical roles but also non-clinical careers in areas such as HR, computing, and accountancy.

Aberystwyth Uni

An outreach officer from Aberystwyth University spoke to students about university life and the opportunities it offers. The session helped students consider whether higher education might be the right pathway for them.

Universities and Apprenticeships

Most of our Year 13 students have now received all of their University offers and are choosing their first choice destination. The next steps are now applying for accommodation and student finance ready for them to start in September / October.

Apprenticeships vacancies are also starting to be made available in the local area and many of our students are already in the application and interview stages of these.

Year 12 will be starting to work on this over the summer term. Exciting things to come!



Charity fundraisers

Charity events- Ledder Run Wednesday 22nd April

A fabulous group of 40 Students ran 10K and walked a shorter route around Ledbury, through Frith and Coneygree Woods and back to school. The students enjoyed the scenic route through the beautiful bluebell woods on a lovely Spring day. This was to raise funds for the Midland Air Ambulance. The total of £800 was raised for this fantastic cause.





Upcoming events



New Student leadership team

Head students

Ben Wilson

Daisy Ruddick

Eve Vipond

Georgia Lewington

Head of student council: Vinnie Griffiths

Charity Lead: Sam Baldwin

Sport Lead: Izzy Kendrick

Social Lead: Hosanna Taylor Black

Deputy Social Lead: Simon Bishop

Transition Support: Poppy Wilkins

Subject Ambassadors

Computer Science: Aiden Spry
Maurese

English: Esme Bowlcott

French: Orlagh Galligan Malone

Congratulations to all of them.

We warmly invite you
to

John Masfield sixth form

Formal

which will be held:

3rd July

7:00pm - 11:00pm

Lyde Court Hereford, HR1
3AE

Theme of Midnight Garden, black tie and formal attire. Join us for a night of dancing, food and celebration! Deposit on parent pay!