



15 June 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Well done, Year 11 and Year 13

Today we are saying good bye to our Year 11 students, having said good bye to our Year 13s just before half term. Although examinations are continuing and we have the end of year formal celebrations still to come, these have been the last times we will have all of the students together in school.

I know I speak for all of my colleagues when I say what an absolute pleasure it has been working with these young people across the years. They are responsible, positive and hardworking members of our community and it has been lovely to see how well the exams have gone for them as a result of this hard work. We are looking forward to celebrating with them on the results days, and we hope they have a great summer and a well-deserved rest.

Celebrate School Staff Day

I'd like to invite you to join us in the UK-wide celebration of all teaching and support staff, this Wednesday 17 June. This is a chance to celebrate every single person who makes school life special either working with children or behind the scenes to keep the school running smoothly.

We will make sure the children have some time to share their gratitude and if you would like to pass on a message to a colleague, then you can send a free e-card via the [Thank a Teacher website](#). It is free, only takes a moment and can mean so much to the recipient. You will be asked to give an email address to send the message to. Our email addresses are of the format firstname.surname@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk and, if you're not sure, please direct the message to admin@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk and we shall make sure it gets to them.

Art & Design Exhibition and Summer Concert – Thursday 16 July

The end of the academic year is always heralded by our annual Art & Design Exhibition and Summer Concert which will take place on the evening of Thursday 16 July. The Art & Design exhibition showcases the creative talents and technical skills of our talented and dedicated students with the gallery in the community lounge open from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. No booking is required to attend the exhibition. We are delighted that our food technology students will not be missing out as they will be preparing delightful canapes that will be served throughout the exhibition.

From 7pm to 8.45pm, the Performing Arts' Summer Concert will begin, celebrating the wonderful performance and musical talents of our students across the school. The concert will take place in the

theatre, to reserve your seat for this tickets are now available and can be booked at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/masefieldarts>. The attached poster confirms these details.

School contact email addresses

To report a student absence, parents and carers can leave a telephone message on the student absence line before 9am (01531 631012, select option 1) or email studentabsence@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk. Please avoid using admin@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk for notifying us of student absences as we prioritise monitoring the student absence email address at the start of every day.

Emails that you receive from our MIS system, Bromcom, have the sender address bromcom@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk. Please do not reply or send emails to this address; please use admin@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk for all email communications (except student absences).

Year 7 Three Counties Trip

We always enjoy taking whole year groups out on visits and sharing in wonderful experiences as a community. Our Year 7s descended on the Three Counties Show en masse last Friday, representing the school very well on an enjoyable and exciting day. Thank you to them for conducting themselves so well, and a massive thank you to Miss Davies and all of the colleagues who supported with the organisation and running of the trip.

Ledbury Poetry Festival

Ledbury's annual poetry festival begins on Friday 26 June and we are looking forward to our Crucial Creators' annual performance, and to hosting the poetry slam on Tuesday 30 June. As always, there are a range of events across the town and we are pleased to share a flier with you on behalf of the Friends of the Dymock Poets.

Yours sincerely,



John Holmes
Headteacher

Read and Respond: The Dymock Poets

Monday 29 June | Burgage Hall | 7.30 pm
(doors open 7)

A luminous evening of poetry, music and remembrance—where past and present meet. In the orchards and lanes of Dymock, on the eve of the First World War, a remarkable constellation of poets gathered: Edward Thomas, Robert Frost, Rupert Brooke, John Drinkwater, Eleanor Farjeon, Lascelles Abercrombie and Wilfrid Gibson.



Hosted by Sara-Jane Arbury and Steve Rooney, this vibrant “Write to Reply” evening brings the words of the Dymock Poets vividly to life—alongside new responses from contemporary local poets, musicians and visual artists in a rich dialogue across a century.

£10 Book Online ledburypoetry.org.uk/

An anthology of poems from the evening will be available to buy on the night



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