

Issue 2: Friday 17th October 2025

Key dates and upcoming events

- Thursday 23rd October – End of Term 1. Normal school timings.
- Monday 3rd November – Start of Term 2. Normal school timings.
- Thursday 6th November – Information evening about Reading
- Monday 10th November – Year 10 Progress Checks (in lessons) begin.
- Tuesday 11th November – Year 11 Mock examinations begin.

News and updates:

Open Evening:

A huge thank you to all the students who helped at Open Evening last week, either in departments, as tour guides, performing or speaking on stage. There were nearly 150 of them, which is almost a third of the school roll! They did themselves and JOG proud. We'll be holding a reward event for them next week.

Parent Forum:

Final reminder that Parent Forum is next Tuesday 21st October 5.30-6.30pm. Please sign up [HERE](#).

Communication Policy:

Please follow the [LINK](#) to view JOG's Home School Communication Policy.

KS4 Assessment:

10th November is the start of our KS4 assessment window. For Year 10 this will be in-class assessments; for Year 11 it will be mock exams, sat in the Sports' Hall. Mock Subject overviews have been put in GCSE Revision TEAMS for all students to access and they have had comprehensive support in how to use the REVISE study skills to support revision and independence. All students should fully prepare for these important exams.

Reading Information Evening – Thur 6th November:

You will shortly receive your child's reading report. This will tell you their reading age and what support they may need. We are holding an Information Evening on Thur 6th November on how you can support reading at home. Please add the date to your diaries.

Reminders:

Uniform:

Shoes in school are all black including the sole with no visible logo. Please check the school [Uniform Policy](#) on what is acceptable in school.

[Restaurant Menu for 2025-26](#)

Attendance:

Regular attendance is key to success. Please ensure your child arrives by 8.40am each day. If your child is absent, contact the office on 01488 682400, or by email at jogoffice@excalibur.org.uk.

Attendance figures for the last two weeks

Whole School	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
91%	95%	92%	90%	91%	90%

Safeguarding and wellbeing:

Is your child getting enough sleep?

Sleep is vital for healthy growth and brain development. Teenagers need 9–10 hours sleep daily. You can support better sleep with a regular routine, limited screentime before bed, a calm, dark room, and no caffeine after 2pm. Good habits improve focus, mood, and wellbeing. Further information is available on this [LINK](#).

House points league table:

1 st	Seacole	1275
2 nd	Attenborough	1210
3 rd	Turing	1050

Useful links:

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