

Issue 5: Friday 5th December 2025

Key dates and upcoming events

Wed 10th Dec – Year 11 Mock Results Assembly
 Wed 10th Dec – Visual Arts Showcase evening, 6.30 – 7.30pm
 Wed 17th Dec – Christmas Carol Concert, St Lawrence's Church, 6.00 – 7.00pm
 Thur 18th Dec – Christmas Fair – during Lesson 3
 Thur 18th Dec, End of Term 2, students finish at 12.45pm
 Tue 6th Jan – Start of Term 3 - All students return

News and updates:

Independent Learning at JOG

Recently we have done a review of our IL policies which has involved a working party who have looked at ensuring we get a balance between meaningful independent learning being set, establishing a positive culture that rewards effort, supporting good self-study skills and managing student/staff workload and wellbeing. The updated version can be found here: [Independent Learning Policy](#). Please ensure that you read the updated policy.

Logging in to Sparx Maths from home for students

If your child needs some instructions on how to access Sparx Maths from home, please follow the [LINK](#).

Support with Independent Learning in Maths

If your child would like some help with their independent learning in Maths, please follow the [LINK](#) for details of the support available.

GCSE Maths Past Papers for Year 11

One of the best ways to revise for Maths is to **do more Maths questions**. Students can find past papers for both Foundation and Higher here:

<https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/AQApapers.php>

Visual Arts Showcase

All families are welcome to join us for our [Visual Arts Showcase](#) on Wed 10th Dec at 6.30pm.

Christmas Carol Concert

All families are welcome to join us for our Christmas Carol Concert at St Lawrence's Church on Wed 17th December at 6pm.

Reminders:

Uniform

White socks can be worn with trousers or under tights but NOT over tights.

Leggings are not part of the uniform and are not permitted, except for PE.

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 last fortnight:

Attendance figures for the last two weeks

Whole School	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
89.29	90.60	87.13	90.20	89.11	89.48

Safeguarding and wellbeing:

In the last bulletin, we noted that colder weather increases online activity, making young people more susceptible to scams. Although this article focuses on risks for neurodivergent children and is sponsored by a specific game, it remains worth reading to understand the dangers. This [CHECKLIST](#) can help ensure your children do not fall victim to these scams.

House points league table:

1 st	Seacole	1650
2 nd	Turing	1600
3 rd	Attenborough	1557

Useful links:

[Term Dates](#)

[Curriculum](#)

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[Revision](#)

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