

## Key dates and upcoming events

Tue 13<sup>th</sup> to Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Scholastic Book Fair  
 Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Careers interviews  
 Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Reward trip to Thorpe Park  
 Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – End of Term 1 (finish 15.10)  
 Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Battlefields Trip Evening at St John's  
 Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Students return – Term 2  
 Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> & Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Living Rainforest trip

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## House points league table

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Turing       | 26,836 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Attenborough | 25,604 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Seacole      | 23,446 |

## Attendance:



## Safeguarding and wellbeing:

### Mobile phone policy update

Keeping Children Safe In Education 2026 introduces guidance that all schools should be "mobile phone-free environments," restricting pupil access to phones during lessons, breaktimes, and lunchtimes.

Students are to ensure phones are turned off and in their bag throughout the school day, including arrival and exit from school. On the 1<sup>st</sup> occasion the phone will be confiscated and parent/carer must collect, 2<sup>nd</sup> occasion agreed length of time for the phone to be handed in at the start of each day and finally on the 3<sup>rd</sup> occasion a complete ban or suspension.

There is also a safeguarding aspect which supports children's wellbeing not being on their phone and for the school not to be dealing with social media issues in school. We would also encourage parents to check phones and limit screen use especially in the evening before going to bed.

## News and updates:

### Scholastic Book Fair at JOG!

There is a real buzz in the library this week with the arrival of the book fair. There are so many books to choose from, starting at just £1.99! There is also a selection of stationery for sale. Cash is preferred, however there is an order form that can be taken home for online payments and then returned to school so books can be collected. The book fair will be available on Monday next week as well. Don't let your child miss out!

### Enrichment: Pinocchio Trip Year 7 (English)

Thanks to all those who have paid. This promises to be a fun trip to one of our local theatres – The Watermill. Please can we have all monies in by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. A letter was sent home via Weduc.

### Enrichment: Battlefields Trip (English)

There is a parent evening being held at St John's on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November that parents (and students) of all those on the trip will need to attend. Details from St John's will be sent home via Weduc.

### Supporting Reading – JOG Reading Log

As you will be aware, we now have our JOG Reading Log where all KS3 students are expected to read for 20 minutes, 5 times a week. **If they are on a red reading report, this should be out loud to a parent so that fluency and comprehension can be supported.** For those who complete 9 sessions of reading, signed by a parent, they will be put into a fortnightly draw to be in with a chance of winning a prize. There is no limit to how many cards they can submit within a fortnight! However, they do need to be in it to win it! They can give their log to their English teacher or put in the box in the library. Please do whatever you can to support your child with reading; where this has happened it has been transformational for students by helping to unlock the curriculum and building confidence.

### Peer Reading Mentoring Scheme – Year 7

We are gearing up for a launch of our next cohort of Peer Reading Pairs. Mrs Morgan has now trained up even more

## Reminders:

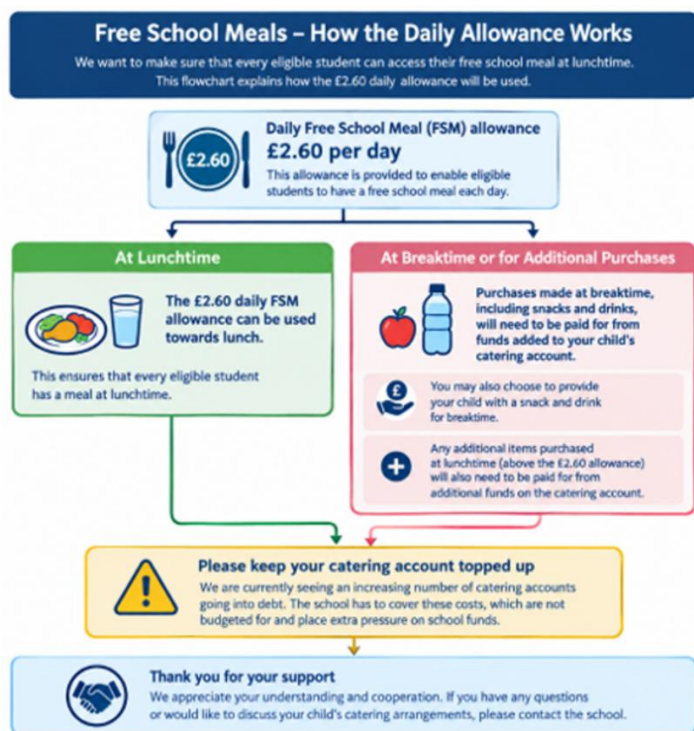
**Coats** – As the days begin to get colder and wetter, could you please remind your child to wear a coat to school. Thank you.

**Half Term** - Reminder that we break up for October half term on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (3.10pm finish). All students return on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

There is an additional Inset Day on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2027, which will mean students return to school for Term 4 on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2027.

For a reminder of the term dates for the whole academic year, please click [HERE](#).

## Free School Meals and how the allowance works –



Please ensure that your child's catering card is topped up should they exceed their daily allowance.



mentors from Years 9 and 10 who are excited to start supporting some of our Year 7 students with reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. If your Year 7 child has been selected for our Peer Reading Scheme, you will be sent a letter confirming this by the end of term. Next week we will be having a launch session where mentors and mentees will meet for the first time. Please could parents of these selected Year 7 students support their child at home by hearing their child read every day, out loud, for 20 minutes.

## Student Leadership Opportunities

We have a range of roles that help our students to take the lead and support our school community. Recently students have taken on Events Leadership supporting with Open Evening either as a Tour Guide, Speaker or Subject Ambassador – feedback from rising Year 6 parents was overwhelmingly positive and praiseworthy. Thanks to all those who were involved and helped out. Please do encourage your child to have courage and get involved in any other upcoming events!

## Student Leadership Group and Prefect Team

Tutor groups have now come to the end of electing their TG representatives, to add additional support to our existing Year 11 Prefect Team. They will all have an important role in acting as a vital link between the student and staff body, and we are hoping will help us to drive change. We are scheduling a meeting with the Headteacher for early in Term 2 to get some student voice on a range of issues. They will also be supporting their Houses with fundraising activities.

## Other Student Leadership Roles include:

- Student Librarians (please see Mrs Robertson if you are interested)
- Peer Reading Mentors (please see Mrs Morgan if you have a green reading report and are interested)
- JOG Sports Teams (please speak to the PE Team)
- School Productions – performance; technical; support on the night
- Events Ambassadors – Remembrance Day; Carol Concert

Students should also look out for any Jobs@JOG on the noticeboard near the staffroom where staff post roles and jobs that students can apply for and get CC points in return!

**AMBITION - CARE - COURAGE**