

7 February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's been a busy few weeks here at John Colet with students engaging in a plethora of opportunities and activities. I thought I'd give you a quick snapshot of how enriching life at John Colet can be:

No 10: Last Friday we were cordially and exclusively invited to Downing Street in London as part of their educational outreach programme. Mr Ballantyne, Mrs Sinacore, Mrs Pearcey and Mr Clarke ably escorted a group of Year 8 students into No 10 for a day of insight into the private and the public life of our prime minister.

SCHOOL COUNCIL: Mrs Lark ran the first full school council of the year and we were all extremely impressed with issues raised by the students and the way they articulated their thoughts and ideas. Mrs Lark has implemented a new system which focuses on leadership and empowerment of students and this has created some excellent opportunities for character and leadership development.

SIXTH FORM STUDENT AMBASSADORS: I meet regularly with the sixth form student ambassadors and they have been keen to reimagine the rewards system in our sixth form with a vision of providing tangible and meaningful incentives to enhance the culture of #growingleaders. They have also considered improvements in facilities from new doors to parking spaces.

RHS AWARD: We are very pleased, after several years of working through the award scheme, that our school has been awarded the RHS School Gardening Awards Level 5. This is the highest school award given by the RHS and students have had to demonstrate their gardening knowledge, awareness of the benefits of gardening and gardening in every season. The work will continue on developing the growing areas around the school with more pollinator patches planned and developing more habitats for wildlife around the site.

CHARITY: We had a lovely letter from Hector's House who were our identified local charity for the funds raised from the December non-uniform day: 'Thank you so much for your support for Hector's House. Your very kind donation helps us deliver essential education, raise awareness, and provide support for suicide prevention and mental health. We are deeply thankful for your kindness and generosity in making a difference for people in our communities The amount you have raised of £341.79 could help to fund sessions of therapy for people in crisis, that really couldn't happen without your help.'.

Next week we continue our enrichment programme with one of our key annual events. On Wednesday we will be looking forward to welcoming nearly 30 exhibitors to our annual careers fair. This year we have a wide range of employers, universities and colleges attending and all students will be allocated a timeslot throughout the day to attend and find out more about the post 16 and post 18 options available.

All in all a busy and vibrant start to the year!

Take care - Ian Brierly



REMINDERS & NOTICES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Careers Fair-13 FebruaryYear 11 Consultation Evening (4.00-7.00)-13 FebruaryHalf-term begins-17 FebruaryGCSE Food Practicals-24 FebruaryGCSE Additional mocks-10 MarchYear 9 Consultation Evening-13 MarchYear 7 Consultation Evening-27 March

CURRENT VACANCIES

- Learning Support Assistants
- Business Studies Teacher
- Cover Supervisor
- Student Support Officer

Please check our website for further details here.

WHARF ROAD TRAFFIC SURVEY

The local traffic support group would be really grateful if you could fill in the survey below regarding traffic/parking concerns in Wharf Road. Your views would be very much welcomed!

TRAFFIC SURVEY

SAFEGUARDING LEADS & INFORMATION



Mr Crawford Deputy Headteacher DSL



Mrs Rowland

Mrs Rowland "Operational Safeguarding Lead DDSL

If parents have any concerns about this practice or, believe that any young person at John Colet School might be at risk, then please do contact one of the members of our Safeguarding Team via

safeguarding@johncolet.co.uk

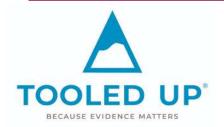


SAFEGUARDING ADVICE FOR PARENTS: Click HERE for practical tips





TOOLED UP - PARENT SUPPORT



The digital world has much to offer in terms of learning, resources and building relationships, but we all know it has a darker side too.

Safer Internet Day 2025 on February 11th is a global initiative that encourages individuals, schools, and organisations to engage in discussion about protecting personal information, combating cyberbullying, and fostering responsible internet use. It aims to help users of all ages make informed choices in order to navigate the online world safely.

At **Tooled Up** we've always delved deep into the research on internet safety, and **our** plethora of **resources cover** every angle from **parental controls** and **social media**, to **deepfakes** and **doxing**.

<u>Digital Risks and Harms: Fresh Insights</u> shares the latest research on how children use the internet, and the harms they can be exposed to. In this webinar, Professor Aiman El Asam guides us through the results of the Cybersurvey, an ongoing piece of research with young people in the UK reporting on their online experiences.

There are a number of downloadable resources included in <u>Raising a Child in the</u>
<u>Digital Age</u> that encourage parents to consider what a healthy online life looks
like, and the role that the internet plays in children's lives as they grow up.

If your child has access to a device, should you try to control what they view? Researcher Dr Maria Stoilova of the London School of Economics joined us for this fascinating podcast on the <u>Pros and Cons of Parental Controls.</u>

Finally, this popular webinar asks What Exactly is a Smartphone-Free
Childhood? Dr Kathy Weston discusses important questions about screen time and the rationale behind delaying children's transition into the online world.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Half Term is nearly here and what better way to spend a day than giving back to the environment with the fantastically awesome Chiltern Rangers. Great for families, Duke of Edinburgh students and pretty much everyone. Come alone or bring a friend.

Follow the link below to see what's happening in and around High Wycombe and sign up to any or all of the sessions you like the look of. No experience is necessary, we provide everything you need including hot chocolate and biscuits!

If you have any questions or need more information, please email info@chilternrangers.co.uk.

https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/february-half-term-4030063

Diana Crawcour Business Manager Chiltern Rangers CIC 01494 474486





JOHN HAMPDEN VACANCY





The John Hampden School Wendover Midday Meals Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy from March 2025 for a Midday Meals Supervisor

Working hours would be 12 noon - 1.30 pm Monday to Friday (7.5 hrs per week) term time only. The applicant would preferably have some experience of working with children, however this is not essential as full training will be given.

Start date: as soon as possible in March 2025

Closing date: Monday 31st March 2025

The salary will be Bucks Pay Range 1A.5 (£23,104 Pro rata, £11.98 per hour)

If you are interested in this post please call the school office on: 01296 622629 or email: office@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk to receive an application form.

Please return completed applications as soon as possible. Suitable candidates may be interviewed before the closing date and John Hampden School Wendover reserves the right to withdraw the position if an early appointment is made.

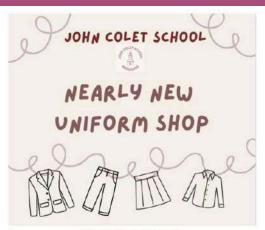
Safeguarding Statement

The successful candidate will have due regard for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children as stipulated by the Child Protection Policy. Safer recruitment procedures are in place and any appointment will be subject to satisfactory references and statutory



COMMUNITY SUPPORT





Opening Hours Every day 8.15am - 8.45am

We have a good selection of second hand uniform items all at no charge!

blazers jumpers
trousers skirts
white shirts PE kit items

If you need an item or want to borrow or swap something for a different size ease visit the shop during opening hours. For more information or to request item please email uniformshop@johncolet.co.uk

We rely on donations so can't guarantee we will have all items in stock.



