

NEWSLETTER

July 2010

Year 5 and Year 6 Days

Students from a wide range of primary schools spent two days at JMHS working with us and learning how a high school operates. All students rated their visit as very good or excellent and we were delighted to welcome so many talented, interesting and conscientious students to our school and are very much looking forward to them joining us in September. Thanks go to the JMHS students who acted as guides and helpers and to Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Morgan for planning these events.

Exam Results

The results from the Summer series of exams will be available in the Sixth Form Centre on the following days:

GCE A Level	Thursday 19 August 2010 at 8.30 – 10.30 am
GCSE	Tuesday 24 August 2009 at 9.30 – 11.30 am (nb this is not a misprint, GCSE results are being issued on Tuesday this year)

If you are unable to attend yourself you may arrange for somebody else to pick up your results if you provide them with a signed letter of authority to do so. Alternatively, results may be posted on the following Friday provided you give a self-addressed C4 envelope with a "large letter" stamp and a signed letter of authority to Mr Kerr in the Exams Office before the end of term.

Should parents wish to contact the school on results' days they may use the following telephone numbers:

Mr Trevor Kerr	Examinations Officer	01531 638481
Mr Lee Jones	Head of Sixth Form	01531 638452
Mrs Tracey Arlott	Sixth Form Admin Assistant	01531 638451

Advice and guidance will be available on both results days in the Sixth Form Centre.

Sixth Form Enrolment and Key Information

Enrolment for Y12 students starting in September will be held on Tuesday 24 August on GCSE results day between 0930-1130. Y13 students will be required to re-register on Thursday 2 September (see below for more details). If you are unable to enrol on these dates, please contact either Mr Jones or Mrs Arlott: lee.jones@jmonline.org.uk and tracey.arlott@jmonline.org.uk or by phone: 01531 638451/638452. Y12 students will start on Monday 6 September at 08.50am and Y13 will start a day later on Tuesday 7 September. To resolve any timetable queries and ensure a smooth start to the term, students will be required to attend a 15 minute induction appointment with either: Mr Jones, Mr Price or Mr Baker in the Sixth Form as follows:

- Thursday 2 September – Y13 students have been sent individual appointment times.
- Friday 3 September – Y12 students will be sent a letter following enrolment which gives details of 4 sessions (10am-11am; 11am-12noon; 12noon-1pm; 1pm-2pm) and will be allocated a session to attend.

Uniform

May we remind parents that school uniform can be purchased from Clubsport which is situated in Bye Street, Ledbury (01531 635242). If you are purchasing a new school skirt we would be grateful if you could ensure it is a reasonable length for the demands of a normal school day (ie no shorter than 3" above the knee). May we also remind you that facial piercings are inappropriate for school and these are strongly discouraged. If you are in any doubt as to the suitability of any item of uniform or wish to seek clarification please contact us before you make a purchase so that we can help you. Our email system will be regularly checked over the summer holidays.

**Remember that there is a Staff Training Day on Friday 9 July
Students will not be required to attend school on this day**

Term ends on Tuesday 20 July at 1pm.

Data Collection Sheets

May we remind parents to return these sheets before the end of term please. Keeping us informed of your mobile phone numbers and other contact details enables us to ensure there are no delays in contacting you when necessary.

Humanities Battlefield Trip

Places are still available on this exciting trip for Year 9 and Year 10 students. The trip runs from Saturday 23 October 2010 to Tuesday 26 October 2010 and the total cost is £315 per student. Further information available from Mr Ward in the Humanities Department.

After School Clubs

With our first newsletter of the Autumn Term we will be attaching a fully comprehensive list of clubs, activities and rehearsals but Mr Bull has asked me to remind students that he is always looking for new members to join the school orchestra and school choir. The orchestra meets after school on Thursdays and Choir meets on Wednesday Lunchtime. We are also looking to train three students from each year group on how to use the new Recording Studio and to form part of a new music technical support team. Please see Mr Bull if you are interested.

We will celebrate students' achievements and announce the results of this year's House Competition at special celebration assemblies on our final day of term, Tuesday 20 July and school will close at 1pm on this day.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their support over the last academic year. Together we have ensured that students have experienced excellent and enjoyable learning and have achieved as well as they possibly can. Many have taken part in a rich and varied extra curricular programme and some have experienced the delights of foreign travel.

As this will be the last newsletter of this academic year may I, on behalf of all of my staff, wish you all a very happy summer holiday and remind you that term starts on Monday 6 September 2010 at 8.50am.

Andrew Evans
Headteacher

Term Dates 2010-2011

AUTUMN TERM 2010	
Term Starts	Monday 6 September 2010
Half Term	Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October 2010
Term Ends	Friday 17 December 2010
SPRING TERM 2011	
Term Starts	Wednesday 5 January 2011
Half Term	Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February 2011
Term Ends	Thursday 14 April 2011
SUMMER TERM 2011	
Term Starts	Wednesday 4 May 2011
Half Term	Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June 2011
Term Ends	Friday 22 July 2011

Staff Training Day (students not required in school all day)

Friday 8 July 2011

Staff Training Afternoons (students not required in school after 1.15pm)

Thursday 7 October 2010

Wednesday 10 November 2010

Wednesday 16 March 2011