



## Every Student Thriving

21 June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

The examination season is now officially over and I would like to offer a huge thank you to all staff, parents and carers for their support of our young people during this examination season. In some instances students were contending with 20+ examinations - it is a huge undertaking and I am pleased to report that their conduct was absolutely first class. We will all now await the outcomes in the summer.

Next week is **FOCUS WEEK** and we are now gearing up for a week of awe, wonder and enrichment! This is a fabulous opportunity to build community spirit and develop skills associated with the hidden curriculum. Some may call these 'soft' skills but I'm inclined to believe that teamwork, social skills, diplomacy, are actually the 'hard' skills. These skills are fundamental to our ability to operate in the world and get on with people in a way that enhances our own progress but also that of others. Information about what is happening each day, what clothing and equipment is needed and when to expect children back from trips on specific days has already been shared, so please have a close look in your inboxes.

Next week sees a vast array of activities from surfing to Bushcraft, community events, sporting events, outward bound courses, visits and not forgetting our year 10 and year 12 students on work experience as well. Schools shouldn't just be about examinations; developing character, providing opportunities and enhancing mind, body and spirit are all equally important in providing the foundations for every student to thrive.

On a similar note a message and an opportunity for year 7 and year 8 students from some of our entrepreneurial sixth formers:

"Hi,

We are **Scent A Hug**, the young enterprise group for the school. We are running a **Shrek 2 movie night for year 7 and 8s in the Lecture Theatre on Thursday 4th July 2024 at 3-5pm.**

We ask for a parent donation of at least £2 for a ticket, which is available on ParentMail. Pizza is available to purchase separately, at the price of £1.50 per slice and must be pre-ordered on Parentmail. Fizzy drinks and popcorn will be available to buy for £1 each on the night, so please ensure your child brings cash.

Thanks - Scent A Hug - A branch of Young Enterprise"

A couple of final notices: due to focus week **homework club WILL NOT be running next week** and **blazers do not need to be worn as from 24 June**. However in line with usual practice, jumpers should not be worn as a substitute.

Take Care - Ian Brierly

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# REMINDERS & NOTICES

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Focus week	24 -28 June
Year 6 Induction days	2 & 3 July
Year 10 / 12 D of E qualifying	5 July

### PARKING - REMINDER

**A PLEA :** Please could you ensure that you do not park in or block access to the Wendover Health Centre. IT IS NOT A DROP OFF ZONE and car issues are beginning to impact significantly on the centre's ability to operate effectively at key points in the day.

### SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

#### SEXTORTION

Young people are more vulnerable than ever due to the amount of time they typically spend online. With this in mind, the National Crime Agency (NCA) has, earlier this week sent an alert out to all schools nationally regarding "sextortion" and its prevalence. [Please see this link](#) for further information about what it is, what the signs of it are and how you can support your children to remain safe online.

### OPPORTUNITIES

We currently have the following vacancies:

**PART-TIME DATA AND ASSESSMENT OFFICER**

**EXAMINATIONS OFFICER**

**PART-TIME LIBRARIAN AND MEDIA AND MARKETING ASSISTANT**

**PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT WITH LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT RESPONSIBILITIES**

For more information please see the vacancies section of the website.

<https://www.johncolet.co.uk/about/vacancies/>

**MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES VOLUNTEERS:** If you speak French or Spanish and would like to support our MFL department please contact Mrs Simpson, our Head of MFL, directly:

[isimpson@johncolet.co.uk](mailto:isimpson@johncolet.co.uk)

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SAFEGUARDING ADVICE FOR PARENTS : Click [HERE](#) for a higher res version

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators FAIR PLAY AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION

In school sports, fair play and friendly competition are important for character development. Fair play embodies respect and integrity while good-natured competition balances rivalry with camaraderie. This guide addresses potential challenges – like the pressure to win – and offers practical tips on instilling values of fair play and cultivating a positive sporting environment for young athletes.

### 1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Parents, carers and teachers should try to exemplify fair play: demonstrating respect for opponents, coaches and officials. Children frequently learn by observing adult behaviour, so displaying a sense of fair play sets a powerful precedent for them to follow in their own actions on and off the field.

### 2 EFFORT OVER OUTCOME

Encourage children to focus on giving it their all, rather than basing their entire performance on whether they win or not. This fosters a growth mindset, where the journey and the process of improvement are valued just as much as the end result. It also reduces the pressure to "win at all costs", which can be a harmful outlook in some situations.

### 3 SET CLEAR EXPECTATIONS

Establish clear guidelines and expectations for behaviour before, during and after sporting events. Ensuring that children understand what is considered acceptable conduct helps prevent misunderstandings and promotes a positive, respectful atmosphere.

### 4 HIGHLIGHT COOPERATION

Underline the value of teamwork and cooperation in achieving success. Success isn't just about individual achievements, but about how well the team communicates, encourages each other and works together towards a common goal. A strong focus on cooperation fosters camaraderie and mutual support among players.

### 5 DISCUSS ACCEPTING DEFEAT

Help children to understand that they can't win every contest – that losing occasionally is a natural part of both sport and life in general. Teaching them to accept defeat gracefully and learn from their mistakes promotes resilience, humility and the ability to bounce back stronger from setbacks. Taking a loss in one's stride is also an admirable trait and can help children and young people garner respect in their future life.

### 6 ENCOURAGE INCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION

Promote an environment where all children feel welcome and valued, regardless of their skill level. Prioritise the importance of participation and enjoyment over winning, creating a supportive atmosphere where every child can thrive and develop their abilities without unnecessary pressure.

### 7 FOSTER CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS

Teach children how to resolve conflicts peacefully and respectfully, both on and off the field. Providing them with strategies for effective communication and problem-solving helps build stronger relationships and enhances their ability to navigate challenges, which can be a huge boon to them throughout their adult lives.

### 8 TEACH RESPECT

Emphasise to children the importance of respecting everyone involved in the game, regardless of the outcome. Respect for your teammates, opponents, coaches and officials helps to create a positive, inclusive sports environment where everyone can feel valued and appreciated.

### 9 GIVE CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK

Offer feedback that focuses on areas for improvement rather than unfiltered criticism. Praise what a child has done well and advise on how to improve, rather than simply pointing out shortcomings. Encouraging a growth mindset and highlighting progress helps children to develop confidence, resilience and a desire to continue striving for excellence.

### 10 CELEBRATE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Try to avoid solely drawing attention to children's physical performance on the field. Recognise and celebrate acts of sportsmanship, fair play and kindness, too. By spotlighting positive behaviour, you reinforce the importance of such conduct and inspire children to practise this in the future, creating a culture of respect and camaraderie within the sports community that does wonders for morale.

### Meet Our Expert

Caroline Holder is a PE consultant based in Staffordshire. Having worked across all age ranges delivering PE in schools, she now trains teachers and works with schools to develop their provision and ensure it achieves maximum impact for pupils. She passionately believes in the impact that PE, sport, and activity can have on children.



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# BUCKS COUNTY SHOW

## Children's Competitions

For Under 5's to 16 with free entry to all competitions

Unlock your creativity at the Bucks County Show! Kids of all ages can participate in exciting categories like painting seaside scenes, building Lego vehicles, crafting animal shapes from fruits and veg, photography and baking delicious rock cakes.

Show off your unique talents and make this year's event unforgettable.

Full details overleaf!

Prize money is awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

[buckscountyshow.co.uk](http://buckscountyshow.co.uk)

**FREE CHILD TICKETS**  
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### Children's Competitions

**Please state age on day of show on entry form. Entries are free of charge!**

CH1 A fingerprint picture (under 5yrs)

CH2 Vehicle made of Lego/Duplo or similar materials (5-7yrs)

CH3 Sugar and spice rock cakes – see set recipe (5-7yrs)

CH4 Animal made from fruit and/or vegetables (5-7yrs)

CH5 An A4 painting or drawing entitled 'The Seaside' (5-7yrs)

CH6 Painted stone – 1 item (5-7yrs)

CH7 Chocolate & vanilla pinwheel biscuits – see set recipe (8-12yrs)

CH8 Logo creation – theme of 'Outer Space' (8-12yrs)

CH9 A painting or drawing entitled 'The Olympics' (8-12yrs)

CH10 A floral arrangement in a mug (8-12yrs)

CH11 Flowerpot person – max height 70cm, self-supporting (8-12yrs)

CH12 Sugared pretzels – see set recipe (13-16yrs)

CH13 Decorated photo frame – any medium (13-16yrs)

CH14 Design and make a board game – using any materials (13-16yrs)

#### Children's Photography (Entry fee £1)

Each exhibit must be unframed and mounted on stiff black card.

Maximum size 50cm x 40cm. Prints may be colour or black and white.

H41 Toys (5-9yrs)

H42 Friends (10-13yrs)

H43 Water (14-16yrs)

H44 Clouds (any age)

H45 On my travels (any age)

H46 Bucks County Show (any age)

**Please visit [www.buckscountyshow.co.uk](http://www.buckscountyshow.co.uk) or scan the QR code for more details and set recipes, which will be found in the Home & Garden Schedule.**



### FREE CHILD TICKETS

You can book entry tickets online and take advantage of our FREE child ticket offer. The offer is to get up to 3 FREE child tickets (up to 16yrs) with a full paying Adult or over 65 ticket when purchased online. To take advantage book online using code 'SCHOOL24' at checkout.

This offer ends at midnight on 28th August 2024.

<https://buckscountyshow.ticketsrv.co.uk/tickets/schoolbookings>

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### PARENT GUIDE

ParentGuide is putting on a series of free webinars before the summer break to benefit parents/carers of current Yr 9, 10, and 11 students.

Details of each event can be found by clicking on the event link where there will also be the opportunity to register for a ticket.

As with all of our ParentGuide webinars, they will last approximately 45 minutes and attendees will be given the opportunity to ask questions at the end.

If parents can't attend the events live, then as long as they have registered for a ticket, they will be emailed a link to the replay as soon as the event has finished.

- Navigating yr 11. 7-8pm, Thurs 27th June (For parents/carers of current yr 10 students)
- <https://events.parentguidetoeducation.com/navigating-y11>
- Navigating GCSE. 7-8pm, Thurs 4th July (For parents/carers of current yr 9 students)
- <https://events.parentguidetoeducation.com/navigating-gcse>

We would be very grateful if you could share these free events with the parents/carers in the appropriate ages groups.



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### SAFEGUARDING LEADS & INFORMATION



**Mr Crawford**  
Deputy Headteacher  
DSL



**Be Safe,  
Be Kind**



**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](mailto:safeguarding@johncolet.co.uk)

### TEACHER TRAINING

## **ASTRA School-Centred Teacher Training**

# 10

YEAR  
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#### Teacher Training opportunities with Astra SCITT from September 2024

Whether you or someone you know is a recent graduate or potential career switcher, teaching offers a rewarding, challenging and varied career. **John Colet School** works in partnership with [Astra School Centred Initial Teacher Training](#) to provide training for new primary and secondary teachers on a full-time or part-time basis. Astra works in partnership with over sixty local schools across Buckinghamshire and all courses lead to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and most applicants also study for the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE). Generous tax-free bursaries are available in many secondary subjects and all courses are eligible for student finance.

Applications for teacher training are made through [DfE Apply](#).

Do contact Astra ([hello@astra-alliance.com](mailto:hello@astra-alliance.com))/01494 787573 if you would like to know more.

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# Buckinghamshire Family Learning

## Help Your Child Manage Their Wellbeing with these FREE Online Workshops\*



### Years 7, 8 & 9, Tuesdays 9:30am to 11:30am

- 4 June: **Help your child to develop confidence and resilience** ([FMWB056](#))
- 11 June: **Help your child cope with stress and anxiety** ([FMWB081](#))
- 12 June (Wednesday 7pm-9pm): **Help your child manage their behaviours** ([FMWB099](#))
- 18 June: **Help your child to develop positive friendships and manage peer pressure** ([FMWB087](#))
- 25 June: **Happy, healthy and safe online-tips to help your child** ([FMWB092](#))



### Years 10 & 11, Wednesdays 7pm to 9pm

- 19 June: **Help your child to develop confidence and resilience** ([FMWB112](#))
- 26 June: **Help your child to develop positive friendships and manage peer pressure** ([FMWB113](#))

Also available . . . . .

**Everyday First Aid, Southcourt Family Centre** ([EMFA042](#))

- Wednesday 19 June, 9:30am to 12pm

**Thinking About Volunteering** ([EMVW018](#))

- Tuesday 2 July, 9:30am to 11:30am

\* For parents and carers with a child in Years 7 to 11 at one of the following schools: Aylesbury UTC, Aylesbury Vale Academy, Beaconsfield School, Bourne End Academy, Buckingham School, Chiltern Hills Academy, Cottlesloe School, Cressex Community School, Highcrest Academy, John Colet School, Mandeville School, Princes Risborough School, Sir William Ramsay School, Stony Dean School, The Grange School, Thomas Freemantle School and Waddesdon CofE School



SCAN ME



To enrol: **SCAN** the QR code, **CLICK** on the course code link or **PHONE** 01296 383582 with the course code (eg. FMWB000)

For more information, text Kathryn 07770 641997



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## LOCAL UPDATES / EVENTS

# AYLESBURY RUGBY WOMEN

ANY LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE  
AMAZING FACILITIES INCLUDING  
GYM AND PHYSIO  
NC3 MIDLANDS (SOUTH) LEAGUE  
WOMENSRUGBY@AYLESBURYRFC.CO.UK

TRAINING TIMES:  
WEDNESDAY 19:30-21:00  
SUNDAY 12:30-14:00



ARFC HP22 5RN

## WENDOVER SPARROWHAWKS NETBALL TEAM

### Fancy joining us for some netball?

**Everyone Welcome**

- Friendly ladies club with a good mix of age and ability
- Training every Tuesday with experienced coach
- 7.30—9pm at Aylesbury High School
- £5 per week (or save money and block book)
- Lots of coached drills and game play at training

Opportunities to join one of our 3 ladies teams for the upcoming summer league and 24/25 ADNL winter league



- Youth training Tuesdays at 6.15-7.15pm (school years 8-11 welcome)
- Opportunities to join a team for the summer league or just come for training

Email [wendoveryouthnetball@hotmail.com](mailto:wendoveryouthnetball@hotmail.com) for info

Interested? Get in touch...



E: [wendoverladiesnetball@hotmail.com](mailto:wendoverladiesnetball@hotmail.com)  
Insta: @wendoversparrowhawks



Florence Nightingale Hospice Care

## Midnight WALK Weekend

**Saturday 22nd June**

Celebrate, cherish and remember loved ones.  
Show your appreciation for our Hospice.  
Take part on your own or in a group.

[fnhospice.org.uk/midnightwalk](http://fnhospice.org.uk/midnightwalk)

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