

JWS Update



24 May 2024

Breaking News!

We are delighted to announce that we, John Willmott School, have achieved the School Games Silver Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. Our sporting achievements this year include:



- KS3 Table tennis double winners
- KS3 Table tennis overall 2nd place
- KS3 Basketball: Sutton Schools 2nd place
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- KS3 Girls Football: Sutton Schools Semi-finalists 2nd place
- Year 8 boys Football: Sutton Schools Semi-finalists
- West Midlands Dance Finalists

With a total of over 110 young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. A special thanks to all the PE staff who have run clubs, fixtures and events. Along with the students who have showed commitment and resilience throughout the year.

News Update

I want to start by congratulating our GCSE students on their fantastic approach to their examinations. Students are now firmly in the groove of exam season. They have been a pleasure to work alongside these past couple of weeks especially and they have shown tremendous resilience and composure throughout. It matters to each of them in their own way and they are determined to do their best whatever that may be. They can take a little break this week but need to prepare for the final two weeks, which will be hugely successful, possibly even life changing for them. Keep going year11!

The last two weeks of term have been full of both challenges and joy! Year 7 have returned from their residential at Whitemoor Lakes and Year 9 have been to Beaudesert Outdoor Activity Centre. Students have been able to participate in a wide range of activities and experienced living with their friends. I am enormously grateful to all the staff who are giving their time to make these trips happen. These opportunities create important memories and a chance to connect further and simply would not be possible without the commitment and dedication of the staff involved.

This week Year 10 have been out of school on their work experience placements. Having the courage to participate in experiences such as this provides a valuable chance to gain employability skills. I love seeing experiences such as these and the intended impact they have for our students. A huge 'thank you' to Mrs Norton, Mrs Lockley and Mrs Green for making this vision a reality for our students.

Have a wonderful half term and I hope the weather is good to us.

Summer Uniform

As we now move into the warmer months of the year, we wanted to share with you how we will operate during warm days to ensure students can stay as comfortable as possible.

Blazers – Blazers are a mandatory item that must be always worn. We understand rooms get warm, especially in the summer term, so staff will allow blazers to be taken off once students have entered the room and are sat at their desk. When we experience extremely hot days, we will communicate with you and your child to let them know that blazers will not be expected to be worn. We will be very clear on this, so if you do not hear anything, blazers must still be worn.

Jumpers – Jumpers do not need to be worn.

In addition, please be reminded of previously communicated uniform standards:

1. **Skirts:** Tight fitting or bodycon skirts are not allow. Skirts should be tailored. A good guideline is for skirts to fall no shorter than a few inches above the knee.

2. **Tight trousers:** Please be reminded that school trousers should not be tight-fitting. This guideline is in place to ensure that students maintain a respectful and modest appearance, contributing to the overall professional atmosphere of our school. Only 'tailored' or 'slim' trousers will be allowed to be worn. Please see the pictures below for further guidance



3. **Prohibited Items:** in addition, students are not permitted to wear hoodies, gilets, sweatshirts, jewellery (inc. bracelets), nose studs or trainers within the school premises. These items have been identified as potential distractions and may impede the uniformity and professionalism we strive to instil in our students.
4. **General Guidance:** Please remind your child to bring a small bottle of water with them to school. In extreme heat, please encourage students to use the shaded areas.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in reinforcing these guidelines with your child. Consistency in dress code adherence contributes significantly to the overall positive atmosphere within the school.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the dress code policy, please do not hesitate to contact the school, asking for your child's form tutor in the first instance. We value open communication and are here to address any queries you may have. Thank you for your commitment to ensuring that our school maintains high standards of appearance and behaviour. Your support in upholding these standards is crucial in maintaining a positive and focused learning environment for all students.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

If you would like to join our PTA please email pta@jws.bham.sch.uk. Please title the email PTA WhatsApp and include your name, child's name and number. Once your number is checked on our records we will send you the code to join the community group.

Ice-Pop Fridays

Our student leaders alongside the PTA will be selling ice pops for 30p on Fridays. Please bring money to purchase.


Key Dates

3 June	Year 10 English tuition in school
4 June	Year 10 English and Science tuition in school
5 June	Year 10 Maths tuition in school
6-7 June	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition
10- 14 June	KS3 English and Maths tuition in school

Year 9 and Year 10: A Christmas Carol Trip Tuesday 19 November 2024

We have a wonderful opportunity to take students from Year 10 and 9 to see A Christmas Carol in November. This is an English GCSE text and will be a fantastic insight into the text, characters and themes. There are limited places for the trip, if you would like your child to attend please see the trip letter sent out via email and the payment on ParentPay. The cost is £31 which includes coach travel and the theatre ticket. All payments are needed by 3 June to secure the booking.

Homework and Revision - SENECA Learning App

 We have invested in the SENECA Learning App for all students. This is an online platform with a wealth of high-quality resources for all key stages and subjects, to support students with their learning. An email has gone to parents and carers with details for how to view the tasks set for students. This is a great way for students to make effective use of the school iPads. Please talk to your child about their use of this app for their learning.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We have a wide range of extra-curricular activities available, providing breakfast, lunch and after school clubs to engage students. Along with these activities we offer trips, both day trips and residential trips, across year groups to enhance cultural experiences and engage student's minds wider than the national curriculum programme. Take a look at the [extra-curricular timetable](#) and encourage your child to attend. We are always open to new ideas and activities, if your child has an interest and would like to see if we can offer it in school, please speak to Mr Grove.

Careers


On site we have a careers advisor who will support current Year 11 students with their destinations post 16. If you have any specific questions, please do email Yvonne.green@jws.bham.sch.uk.

Year 10 Mock Interviews

Advance notice Year 10 will be taking part in mock interviews on Tuesday 16 July. We have over 15 employers visiting school to support our students in this event as the next step in their career journey.

Virtues and Virtues Champions

Each week our heads of year nominate a 'Virtues Champion' - a person in their year group who has gone above and beyond to demonstrate our virtue of the week. Thank you to our Virtues Champions for leading the way, focusing and practicing: -

	Year 7 Champion	Year 8 Champion	Year 9 Champion	Year 10 Champion	Year 11 Champion
Gratitude 	Lucas H	Kaya A	Corbin Mc	Callum D	Maddie E

Attendance

For detailed advice on when to keep an unwell child at home and when to send them to school, follow the link to the NHS page here - [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#)

Useful Attendance Reminders:

- Students should attend school even if they have a cold or feel slightly unwell
- Holidays in term time cannot be approved
- Written proof of medical and dental appointments must be provided

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Attendance: the top facts to know & share

The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

- In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who regularly attended school.
- 36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and Maths GCSEs, compared to 84% of regular attenders.¹

And it's never too late to benefit from good attendance:

- More than half (54%) of pupils who were PA in Year 10 and then rarely absent in Year 11, passed at least 5 GCSEs, compared to 36% of pupils who were persistently absent in both years.²

But attendance is important for more than just attainment:

- Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.³

In the rare event that your child is unable to attend school, please remember to notify us every morning of their absence, **before 8:30am.** You can: Email: attendance@jws.bham.sch.uk / Telephone: 0121 378 6564

Please ensure that you clearly state your child's name, Tutor group and the reason for absence. Thank you
If we do not receive a reason for absence, we are required to record this as unauthorised absence. Our Attendance Team are here to support with any barriers to regular attendance.

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LOGGO
COMPETITION

DESIGN THE LOGO FOR
THE ROYAL SUTTON SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

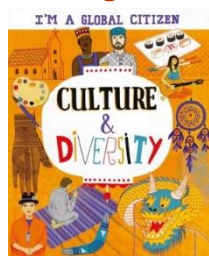
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EMAIL YOUR ENTRIES TO
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OR HAND IN TO RECEPTION BY WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE

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A CHOCOLATE HAMPER

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Reading Recommendation



World Day for Cultural Diversity this year is celebrated on 21 May. This is a global event led by UNESCO and supported by the United Nations. It enables people all around the world to reflect on what diversity is within our culture and cultural heritage. It is also a time to think about why cultural diversity continues to matter in today's world, and to discuss important issues affecting people of different cultures. Our recommended book offers a great insight into the celebration of cultural and diversity.