

WEEKLY BULLETIN

 John Ferneley College

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Mr Claridge and some Y8 students during this week's Art of Brilliance session

Dear parents/carers,

As the first half-term following Christmas comes toward its end, I wanted to highlight the work of a particular project we are running in school. While this project has been mentioned before in the bulletin, this is an opportunity to explain in further detail and to share our hopes for its success and impact. 'The Art of Brilliance' is an organisation that works with businesses, organisations, individuals and schools to foster and improve wellbeing, resilience and independence. Martin Burder is working with us from the organisation and I am delighted that he is doing so. Martin is Leicestershire born and bred and a former teacher himself. He understands schools and the pressures on staff, students and parents and has spent the last few years developing a wellbeing curriculum for schools and businesses. He is highly regarded and highly sought after for this work in embedding wellbeing into schools and workplaces.

So far Martin has ran sessions with staff and students and has started to help lay the groundwork for what I am sure will be a successful and transformative project. The project is very much led by the students and staff and involves us as a school deciding upon and undertaking a series of activities designed to improve the culture of the school, as well as equipping individuals with a greater sense of resilience and to be their 'best self.' There will be more details to follow and I hope as part of the project, an opportunity for parents to be involved as well. There are some pictures of the latest sessions in this bulletin and I would encourage parents to check out the Art of Brilliance website for more information at artofbrilliance.co.uk.

I hope everyone is able to enjoy the weekend.

Mr Claridge
Headteacher



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



February 2025

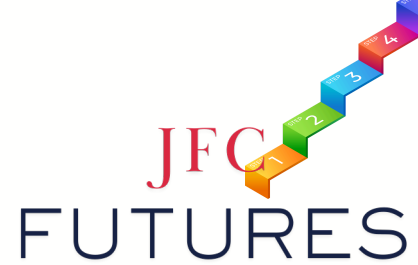
- *Wednesday 5th February - Tuesday 4th March - Year 11 Mocks*
- *Wednesday 12th February - Friday 14th February - Y9 Battlefields Trip*
- *Thursday 13th February - Y10 Employer speed networking event*
- *Friday 14th and Monday 24th February - Staff Inset days - NO STUDENTS ONSITE*
- *Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February - HALF TERM*
- *Half-term - 2025 SKI TRIP*

Year 11 Supporting Success Timetable

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Art – coursework catchup (P1A - LAK) Music - coursework catchup (P7 - LZM) Computer science (F2 – TR)	Art – coursework catchup (P1A - LAK) Music - coursework catchup (P7 - LZM) Enterprise & marketing – coursework catchup (F5 - KO)	Art – coursework catchup (P1A - LAK) Music - coursework catchup (P7 - LZM)	Art – coursework catchup (P1A - LAK) Music - coursework catchup (P7 - LZM) Enterprise & marketing – coursework catchup (F5) KO	Art – coursework catchup (P1A - LAK) Music - coursework catchup (P7 - LZM)
After school (to finish by 4.15pm unless stated)	Art – coursework catchup (P1A - LAK) (to 5.30pm) Business Studies (F7- KO) Design technology (Enterprise zone – TC/SR) History (K2 - SGM) HSC/Child development - coursework catchup (Culture zone – KH) Science – all 3 areas (Discovery zone) Music - coursework catchup/drop in (P7 – LZM) Maths – Sparx practice (M2) Spanish (L3 – MS) English literature (C7 – PER)	Art – coursework catchup (P1A - LAK) Business Studies (F6/7 - SLS/KO) Design technology (Enterprise zone – TC/SR) Statistics (M7 - EC) (to 4.30pm) Creative iMedia – coursework catchup (F4 – SS) Music - coursework catchup/drop in (P7 – LZM) Sports studies coursework catchup (F5) Food & nutrition (E2 – VFT)	French (L2 – CG) School meeting night	Art – coursework catchup (P1A - LAK) Design technology (Enterprise zone - SR) History (F8 - LG) Science – all 3 areas (Discovery zone) Music - coursework catchup/drop in (P7 – LZM) Media studies (F3) Maths – H & F sessions (in the maths building) GCSE PE (F5) German (L1 – LKC)	Design technology (Enterprise zone - SR) Science – all 3 areas (D8) Music – theory/listening paper intervention/drop in (P7 – LZM) English language (C7 – PER) Geography (K5 - MJP)

SUCCESS

College Open Events



- SMB Stephenson college - Apprenticeship awareness session: 11th February - 4.30-5.30
 - Loughborough college - apprenticeship open day: 11th February 5pm-6.30pm
 - SMB Ignite - 6th March - 5-7pm
 - SMB Brooksby Campus - 8th March - 9am-1.30pm
 - SMB Brooksby Campus - land based and agriculture open day - 5th April - 10am-1pm
 - Grantham college - 30th April - 5.30-7pm
- If you are interested in attending any of these please look on the college website for more information and to register attendance

DofE Support



Need help with your DofE?
Then come along to the...

DofE After-School Club

- Password reset?
- Ideas for your section activities?
- Need to upload evidence or spend time on independent activities?

Every Monday

in the restaurant 3.10 – 4pm

GFC Canteen **THEME DAYS**



13th Feb - Valentine's Day

26th Feb - Italian Day

4th March - Pancake Day -



(Decorate your own)



12th March - American Day

17th March - St. Patrick's Day

30th March - Mother's Day



Book Talking

Year 8



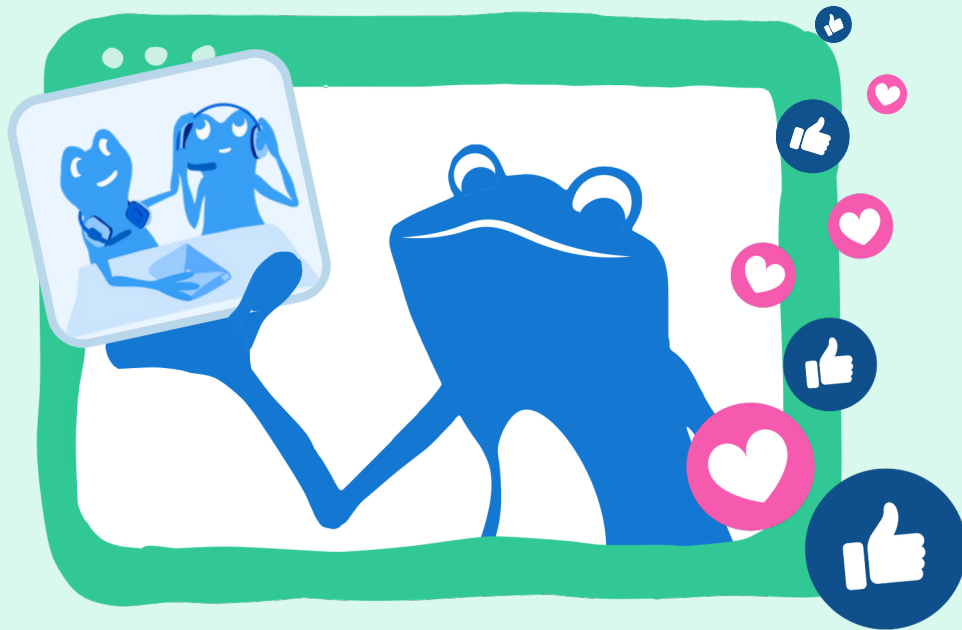
Jo Sennit from Creative Learning Services visited our school on the 3rd February to present book talking Sessions to all of our Year 8 students during their English lessons.

Jo read extracts from fast paced thrillers, powerful real-life dramas, terrifying horror stories and much more. Our Year 8 students behaved very well, they were very attentive and engaged, they listened and enjoyed the stories and books presented by Jo. Several students visited the library afterwards to take their favourite book out on loan to read.

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APPRENTICESHIP FAIR

Wednesday 12th February, 4-6:30pm



Get involved in National Apprenticeship Week!
Join our virtual fair to find out more and meet **40 employers**
with apprenticeships for you!

With experts from:

NHS

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TESCO

COOPER PARRY

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plus many more!



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or visit:

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MELTON SATELLITE CLUB

JOHN FERNELEY COLLEGE

SCALFORD ROAD, MELTON MOWBRAY, LE13 1LH

FUNDAMENTAL HOOPS

8-11 YEARS OLD

THURSDAY 5:30-6:30PM

RISING STARS

12-14 YEARS OLD

THURSDAY 6:30-7:30PM

MATTIOLI ARENA, BEAUCHAMP & COALVILLE ALSO AVAILABLE

Health and care careers and jobs event



Leicester, Leicestershire
and Rutland

Health and Wellbeing Partnership

Saturday 8 March 2025

09:30 - 14:00

**The Kube at Leicester Racecourse
Oadby
Leicester
LE2 4AL**



This **free event** is a great opportunity for you to meet people who work for the NHS, social care and other healthcare organisations and:

- learn more about careers in caring, therapy, nursing, administration, technology, plus many more;
- receive information about career progression, including work experience opportunities and apprenticeships;
- find out how to access courses, the qualifications we can help you gain;
- find top tips on how to apply for jobs;
- get details about a wide range of staff benefits and how we support our staff's health and wellbeing.

Interested? For a list of careers being showcased, and to register your interest in the event, scan the QR code or follow this link:

bit.ly/HealthcareCareers25

