

Happy
New Year

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is my pleasure to write the bulletin this week to explain to you what students have been learning in Personal Development lessons so far this year and provide you with information on the lessons planned for the next term.

Year 7 have had a wonderful time getting to know their teachers and settling into school. A lot of the activities in lessons so far have centred on friendships. A large part of our PD curriculum looks at the attributes of positive and healthy relationships and Y7 have been introduced to this. This term we will be looking at online safety where we look at students becoming “Internet Citizens”.

Year 8 have continued from their work last year on healthy relationships by learning about their relationship with themselves. Last term we explored stereotypes, making judgements and how to handle pressures from different areas of our lives. This term students will begin to look at intimate relationships.

Last term Year 9 built on their prior knowledge of healthy relationships and started to look at romantic and physical relationships. Lessons were focused on identifying positive and negative traits in relationships and how to tackle unhealthy behaviours. This term we will look further into consent and sexual harassment and also look at online dangers too. We will be using some real-life examples for this and exploring Breck’s Last game and Kayleigh’s Love Story – Please see details below:

<https://www.leics.police.uk/police-forces/leicestershire-police/areas/leicestershire-force-content/c/campaigns/2019/brecks-last-game/>

<https://www.leics.police.uk/kayleighslovestory>

Students will sensitively and appropriately explore some of these difficult issues with their teachers. If you are concerned about any of the information above then please do get in contact. Year 9 will also look at vaping as a new topic which has been added following student feedback.

Last term Year 10 looked at healthy relationships building on KS3 knowledge. We looked at the relationship cycle and at different types of intimacy and how the media portrays unrealistic expectations on body types, wealth and happiness. This term we will move on to Mental Health and Wellbeing. There will be a focus on eating disorders this term – we have fully inclusive and safe classrooms but appreciate this topic will be difficult for some students. We are going to show the Freddie Flintoff: Living with Bulimia documentary in lessons – it is rated as “G” for guidance by the BBC and contains some upsetting scenes (more information

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000n1xx>) if you would NOT like your child to watch this please let the PD team know via the office email by Monday 20th January.

Year 11 spent the first few weeks of the year focusing on Post 16 options and applications. We have now moved on to explore difficult topics relating and external dangers including honour-based violence and unhealthy relationships. We will complete this topic on dangers and relationships by showing the documentary Abused by my Girlfriend this is rated as a “G” for guidance on the BBC and contains some upsetting scenes and strong language (more information

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p0700912/abused-by-my-girlfriend>) if you would NOT like your child to watch this please let the PD team know via the office email by Monday 20th January.

Mr Kieres
Head of Personal Development



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



January 2025

- *Wednesday 15th January - Y9 Options evening 5-7pm*
- *Wednesday 22nd January - Y9 3 in 1 vaccinations all day*
- *Wednesday 29th January - Y9 Parents evening 4-7pm*
- *Wednesday 5th February - Y7 Parents evening 4-7pm*

Transition EVENTS



 **John Ferneley College**

Year 5 and 6 Transition Events 2024 - 2025

Library - Wednesday 22nd January 2025
Media & Film - Thursday 27th March 2025
Humanities - Thursday 1st May 2025
English - Thursday 15th May 2025

Meet our wonderful staff and experience our exciting curriculum!

Visit > www.johnferneley.org/jfctransitionevents
to book your child's place!

HEALTH AND WELLBEING REMINDERS



Paracetamol

Due to the increasing demand for paracetamol at school, we are unable to continue providing it to students. If a student would like to bring their own in to be kept in Student Services for times when they may feel unwell then we still encourage them to do so. We kindly remind parents/guardians that it is your responsibility to ensure that your child has any necessary medication at home or with them if required, as prescribed and in accordance with our policy.

Water Bottles

We ask that all students come to school each day with a filled water bottle. This ensures they stay hydrated throughout the day.

Periods

We have in school a large stock of sanitary products, these are in the red box in the medical room in student services and students are encouraged to help themselves when needed. We also have a stock of spare underwear should this be needed. We do encourage students to be prepared during their period and bring supplies with them to school if they would prefer to use/ wear their own.

Newly Diagnosed Medical Conditions

Please can we remind parents to update us of any new medical conditions as soon as possible, or any changes/ updates to medical conditions, there will be occasions where we will need to conduct a risk assessment to ensure your child's needs are catered for in school to ensure their safety.

If you need to contact us about any medical needs please do so via office@johnferneley.org

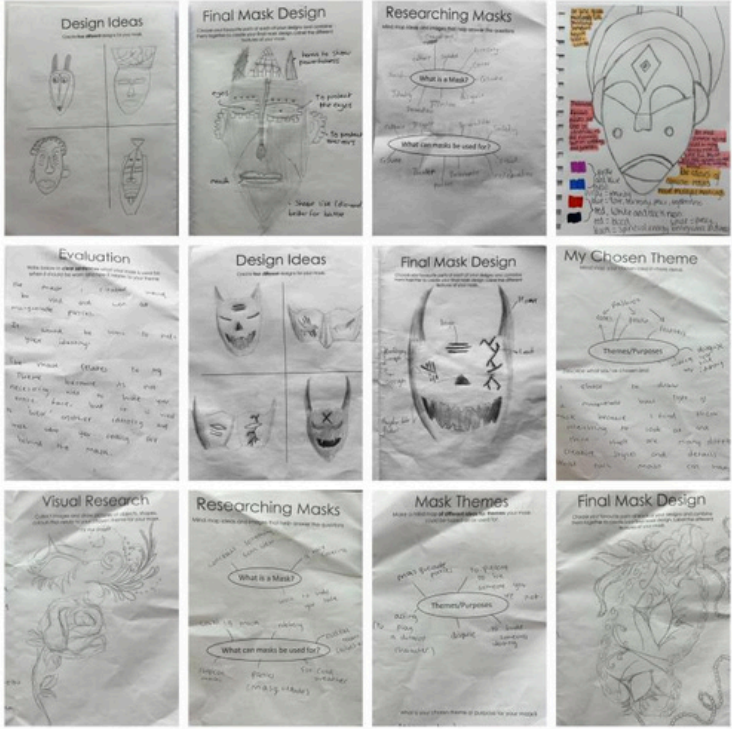
JFC Student Services



Alongside their African Masks class work project Year 9 homework was to design and make a mask. Here are some of the great responses submitted this term.

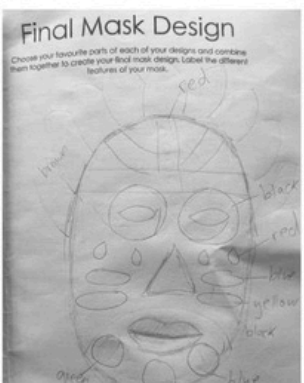
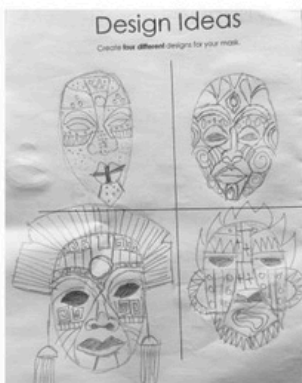
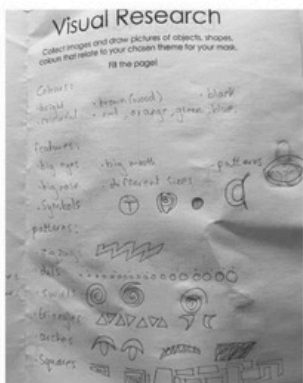
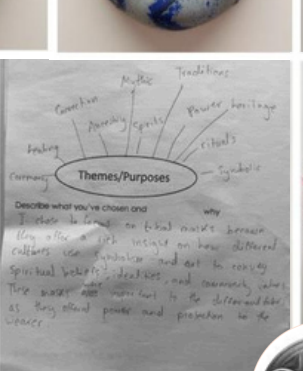
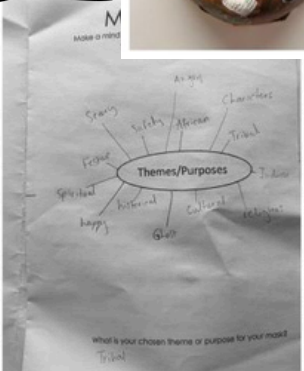
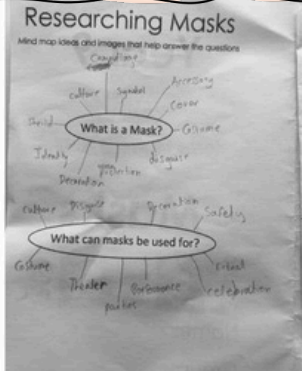
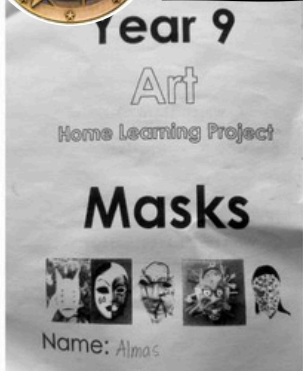
Year 9

African Masks



Great work and Effort:
1st rotation autumn 2024
Braidy B, Abel B, Charlie M, Henry A,
Beth B, Noah M, Jack A, Rosie N,
Carys H, Thea G, Aaron B

Homework champion:
For excellent design work
and a well resolved mask -
Husna M



More great masks:
Lena D,
Braidy B,
Hollie L-W
and
Rosie N

AGE UK

Every year we collect gifts for Age UK and deliver them on the last day of term. Thank you to Mrs Stanley, her helpers and the whole community for organising, donating and supporting.



Year 8&10 Assemblies

Art of Brilliance and building resilience at JFC project



This Thursday Years 8 & 10 had an extended assembly as they had a visit from Martin Burder who delivered a talk on 'The Art of Brilliance'



Students in year 8&10 will now be able given the chance to engage in a project along with Martin and some staff members at JFC. Tutors will be speaking to students in tutor time about this next week.