

1. Duke of Edinburgh Trip – Polite Reminder

The second payment of £30 is now due for the Duke of Edinburgh trip. This should be paid online or via the school finance office. Please contact Miss Cannon with any queries.

2. Under 14 girls' football success

This week we celebrated a slightly different success. Our year 7 students demonstrated fantastic attitude and values when competing in the U14's football competition at Mangotsfield School. We attended the competition 2 players short and with all year 7 students. However, we didn't let this affect gameplay, coming together as a team to remain undefeated throughout the entire competition. Although we ended 3rd in our group, I am incredibly proud of what these girls achieved and how they conducted themselves when presented with what appeared to be an uphill battle.

3. Year 8 MFL Competition Winners

Mrs Groskop ran a year 8 French homework competition this half term. Pupils had to research the daily routine of a pupil in a French speaking country and design a poster to display their findings.

The winners are: Cassidy Bryant, Samuel Banfield and Hayley Bond.

Runners up: Callum Hamilton, Jack Loader, Addison Selimi and Rajdeep Patel.

Congratulations to you all!



4. First Story Regional Writing Workshop – Friday 29th March

On Friday 29th March, Miss Maud and seven JCA students spent the day at the University of Bristol, in Wills Memorial Building. Here, they worked with a range of professional authors and students from other schools to develop their creative writing skills. They also had the opportunity to read out some of the writing on the stage in the Great Hall!

Miss Maud and the students had a really inspiring day and I can't wait to read all the pieces they wrote. Thank you to Miss Maud, Caleb Parkin and all the students, who made this trip so successful.



4. Continued: First Story Regional Writing Workshop – Friday 29th March

Here is a review and poem from one of the students who went on the trip, Jude Leaman:

“Last Friday, I had the opportunity to visit Bristol University as part of the First Story project. While I was there, I participated in two different creative writing activities which included writing poems inspired by the poem *Invictus*. Here’s mine.”

Differences

I am different
And I am the same
It's anger, tears and happiness that bring me together

When I'm alone
I am alone
When I am together
I am together

Either way I am
Unafraid
Undefeated
Unconquerable

I am the odd one out
You are the odd one out
We are the odd one out

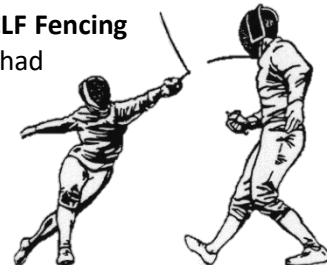
One by one by one
We have differences
We have similarities
But we are never the same.

- *Jude Leaman*

5. JCA Fencing Success

On Saturday 30th March several JCA students were involved in the CLF Fencing Academy & White Eagle Fencing Club Sabre Championship. We had several successes including Hubert Zagorzycski who achieved Silver in the U16's competition, Ilyas Biquiri who gained Gold in the U14's competition, and Ruben Heenan who achieved Bronze in the U12's competition

A huge well done to all of the students involved.



6. Dates For The Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
5 th -22 nd April	School Closed for Easter Holidays, as below: Thursday 4 th April – last day of Term 3. Friday 5th April – INSET Day (staff only). Monday 8th April – Friday 19th April: Easter Holiday (school closed). Monday 22nd April – Bank Holiday (school closed). Tuesday 23 rd April – First Day of Term 4.
Tues 23 rd April	Y7 Reports sent home.
Thurs 2 nd May	Y8 Parents' Evening.

Best Wishes,

Kate Willis
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