



## Principal's Newsletter: *Feeding the imagination*

I hope you had a good week despite continuing to experience the wettest July in over a decade. We haven't let the rain blunt the spirits or positive energy at JFAN though with so many exciting activities taking place to feed the imagination of our pupils.

Firstly, the term of trips continues to gather pace! We have led a very successful trip to Cologne this week where pupils have experienced German culture through immersing themselves in this impressive city. There is also the small matter of a football tournament being hosted in the country currently which I am sure has added an extra spice to the atmosphere. On Thursday and Friday of this week, we have taken over 50 pupils to see the World War One battlefields; a humbling and powerful experience that always lasts long in the memories and provides a sense of perspective. We have also led trips to Cambridge for year 10 pupils to experience university life and to Anglian Learning dance festival at Bottisham Village College. Trips at JFAN, are definitely very much back on the map which is great to see. On Sunday, our incredible trip to Cambodia jets off which involves 22 pupils across years 10 and 11. They will not only be experiencing the incredible culture of Cambodia but also involved in some important projects such as making concrete pipes for sewage systems. I'm sure this will be an exceptional experience for all.

Also this week, it was a great pleasure to have a pizza reward lunch with over 40 outstanding pupils from year 10 in our Sixth Form common room. These young people continue to demonstrate our values of independence, insight, inquisitiveness and imagination in exemplary fashion. Additionally, the work experience opportunities have continued this week with a number of our year 12 pupils diving into the world of work; they, like year 10 the previous week, showcased our school in the best light.

On Thursday evening we raised the curtain to our annual school show which this year, is *Alice in Wonderland*. With a cast of over 60 pupils from all year groups, it once again demonstrates the inclusive ethos of our community. As I say in my program notes, school productions are such a great opportunity to meet new friends, build confidence and discover talents that pupils didn't know they had. They will form memories that will last a life time. If you haven't managed to purchase tickets yet, there is still some availability for the Saturday afternoon and evening shows.

Next week will bring with it so many more brilliant activities including sports days for years 7 to 10. A word on sport, our pupils have been involved in over 200 fixtures and events across the academic year in a whole range of sports. This continues to play a vital role in providing the pupils involved with a sense of belonging at JFAN and, just like the school show, inspires their imagination and opens doors to success. We will also be hosting an awards evening next Tuesday, celebrating the achievements, effort and progress of selected pupils at JFAN. A great way to end a successful year.

12th July 2024

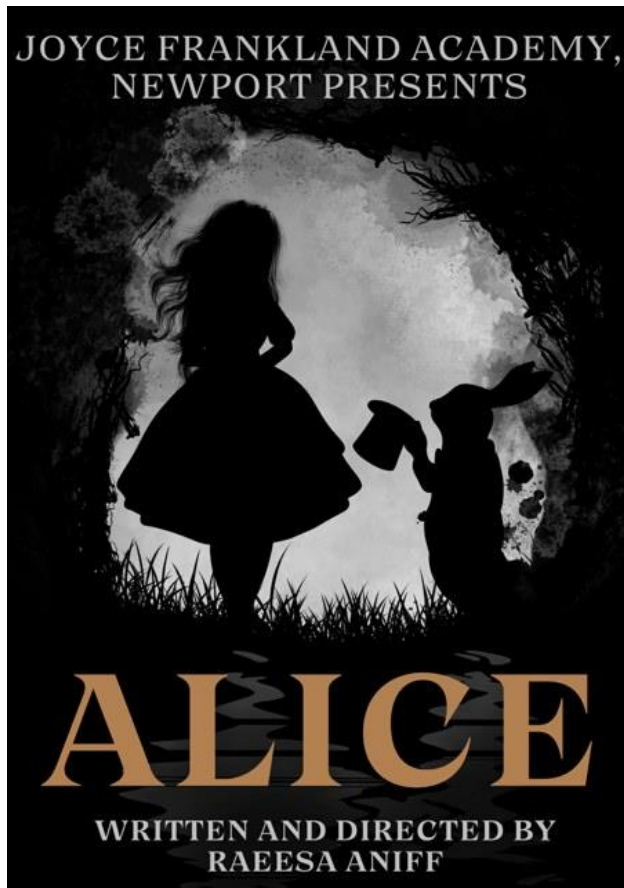
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## Community news



- **Road closures:** We do understand that road closures have caused significant disruption to our community over the past week and will be feeding this back to relevant colleagues at the District Council. Thank you for persevering with alternative routes; we know that if you have travelled from the south to JFAN, this has been a real challenge. We have provided a map of the road closures on our social media pages.
- **Summer activities:** We realise that possibly a six week break from school on the horizon might seem a little daunting for some parents and carers, trying to think about how to keep your child/ren busy and active. This [website link](#) provides a number of different outdoor activity options for young people across the Essex region.
- **Last Principal's Newsletter of the term:** As next week is the end of term, this will be the last Principal's Newsletter of the academic year. I will write to all parents and carers again at the start of term, outlining any particular changes to policy that you and your child/ren need to be aware of, key improvements that we have made to the site and the names, responsibilities of key staff and an update regarding teacher recruitment. We will also be publishing our 4-year improvement plan overview on our website and I will provide a link to this within the letter. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all staff at JFAN, to wish you a fulfilling and enjoyable summer break. Thank you all for your support of the academy this year and we look forward to welcoming back your child/ren in September.



1 - ALICE

**Academy production of Alice:** Join our great cast of pupils from years 7 to 13 as they explore the world of Wonderland. As always, our show is filled with songs and dance numbers created and choreographed by our pupils. Come and support our talented pupils on the following dates: 11th July 7pm, 12th July 7pm, 13th July 2pm and 7pm. The show is 2 hours long, with an interval and a full refreshments bar catered by the wonderful NPA will be available. Tickets for the Academy's production of Alice are available to buy on the door or can be purchased [here](#) or by using the QR code below.



2 - QR Code

## Key updates





- **Reports published:** Reports for years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 have now been published on Sims Engagement and, Deputy Principal, Mr Fitzgerald wrote a letter to all parents earlier today to explain the methodology behind the process and what has been shared. If you have any queries about your child's/ren's report, please contact either their form tutor or the teacher of the subject that your query relates to.
- **End of term arrangements:** On Friday 19th July, it is our last day of term and school will finish at 13:20. If you are finding it difficult to make the necessary arrangements to collect your child/ren, please contact our reception team so that we can log your details and ensure that we have supervision in place until 15:15.
- **Staffing update:** I can confirm that the Academy has completed the timetable in draft form and it is now in consultation with staff. There is currently a gap of one teacher in science and one teacher in computing. This remains a moving picture as we have interviews next week. This is a significantly improved position on previous years and where we were in May. We have also successfully recruited a team of our own cover supervisors with the aim of significantly reducing daily cover from agencies. Furthermore, the Academy is also looking to expand its teaching assistant team next week to support the delivery of inclusive curriculum. I will provide further information about staffing in my letter to you after the summer holiday.

## Thought of the week



*"Imagination is the only weapon in the war with reality."* Lewis Carroll

## Dates for the diary coming up...



Thursday 11th to Saturday 13th July - Alice in Wonderland

Sunday 14th July Cambodia Trip

Monday 15th July - Sports Day years 9 & 10

Tuesday 16th July - Sports Day years 7 & 8

Tuesday 16th July - Waffle and Co

Wednesday 17th July - Year 8 Colchester zoo trip

Wednesday 17th July - NPA Barbecue

Friday 19th July - Early finish 1.20 pm.



*3 - Year 8 Bake Off winners*





4 - Bake off judging



*5 - Bake off cakes*



*6 - Year 8 Spanish Tortilla master class*





7 - Spanish Tortilla



*8 - Year 10 pupils at Cambridge University*



*9 - Year 10 pupils at Cambridge University*



10 - ALICE

## Success stories



**Congratulations to Phoenix in year 11:** Phoenix has been invited to the British Association of Teachers of Dancing Scholarships in Newcastle in October 2026. Phoenix has been selected in the Senior Ballet category after achieving Star Honors in their Grade 6 earlier this year. Ballet and Stage dance students from across the UK compete across two days for scholarship awards to continue their dance tuition.

**Congratulations to Roxanne in year 9:** Roxanne has read an amazing 45 books since September, including The Inheritance Cycle by Christopher Paolini, Divergent Series by Veronica Roth, The Land of Stories by Chris Colfer and Cherub Series by Robert Muchamore. Well done Roxanne this is an amazing achievement and shows real dedication.



## Newport Parents Association (PTA)



The Newport Parents Association (PTA) help to raise funds for the enrichment of the school and to co-ordinate activities for school parents, families and the local community. We are also a registered charity. We aim to bring together parents, teachers and others to raise money and to support the school raising vital funds to buy items or provide support for pupils not covered by the school budget. For example, the provision of therapy / counselling for students , the provision of new sports and dance equipment , the provision of equipment for the music department and so much more!

We're always happy to welcome new volunteers who would like to dedicate some of their time. That could be sparing an hour or two to help at an event or you may wish to join the NPA committee, new members are always welcome.

If you would like to get involved with the NPA please contact the Chair of the NPA Kerinda Trigg via the Academy's administration email address. [jfaadmin@joycefrankland.org](mailto:jfaadmin@joycefrankland.org)

**Feedback Friday:** Please click [here](#) to complete this week's survey



**WE WANT**

**YOUR**

**FEEDBACK**





## Vacancies



Details for all the current Academy and Anglian Learning vacancies can be found on our website [here](#)

Teacher of Computing - Full time September start

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