



Principal's Newsletter: *Momentum*

Welcome to another edition of my weekly newsletter. The summer has finally arrived this week with some fairly hot and humid conditions! Despite this, the Academy has been thriving with lots of different events taking place to heat up the term! On Tuesday, it was great to see nearly all of our year 7 cohort experiencing a history trip to Hampton Court. We have had so many positive comments from pupils about the day, although the M25 was unfortunately not particularly helpful in building positive memories...

Also this week, we welcomed back our year 11 pupils for our Sixth Form taster. As I have said throughout this year, we have had a pleasing increase in post-16 applications and, as a result of this, there was a real buzz in the common room in the morning when they were doing a quiz on countries of the world with our current year 12 and Sixth Form staff. Additionally, it was great to welcome back students of previous years who came to talk to our prospective students about what Sixth Form life at JFAN is like, the great opportunities and support you receive and the exciting careers that they now have as a result of the foundations we helped to build. At the opposite side of the school, we also welcomed our new year 7 cohort to our school today and what brilliant enthusiasm they have for joining JFAN! It was a pleasure to experience them spending a day with us today and to meet their parents and carers this afternoon. We are really looking forward to welcoming them back in September.

Finally, our co-curricular activities have really accelerated this week with big athletics tournaments, alumni sports matches last weekend and school show dress rehearsals but this does not distract us from

our core business and it was a pleasure to show an Anglian Learning trustee around our school on Wednesday morning, seeing a range of subjects and pupils at work. A special 'well done' also has to go out to year 10, who have completed exams this week in seriously humid conditions.

We may be three weeks from the end of the academic year but the momentum continues...

28th June 2024

Joyce Frankland Academy

Community news



- **Recruitment:** You may have noticed that the list of vacancies at JFAN is reducing week on week... This is a very good sign and we have made significant strides since May half-term. You will receive a more detailed update on our position at the end of this academic year as we are still completing processes for certain roles next week and potentially the following one. It's been great to see that applicants are now receiving recommendations from members of our community such as our parent body. Thank you very much for being such great advocates for our school.

- **Enterprise Day:** We are looking for volunteers to help us on Thursday the 4th of July with our year 9 Enterprise day. The event runs in a similar format to The Apprentice meets Dragons Den. If you think you may be able to spare some time to share your knowledge and experience please contact dgrindrod@joycefrankland.org
- **Bury Water Lane:** Bury Water Lane continues to be very busy during start and end of school times. Please can we again stress the importance of finding other safe spaces in the village to drop off and pick up your child/ren. The buses are finding it increasingly difficult to complete their maneuver at the bottom of School Lane in order to access Cambridge Road. Whilst School Lane remains closed, it is important that we reduce the amount of traffic as much as we possibly can.

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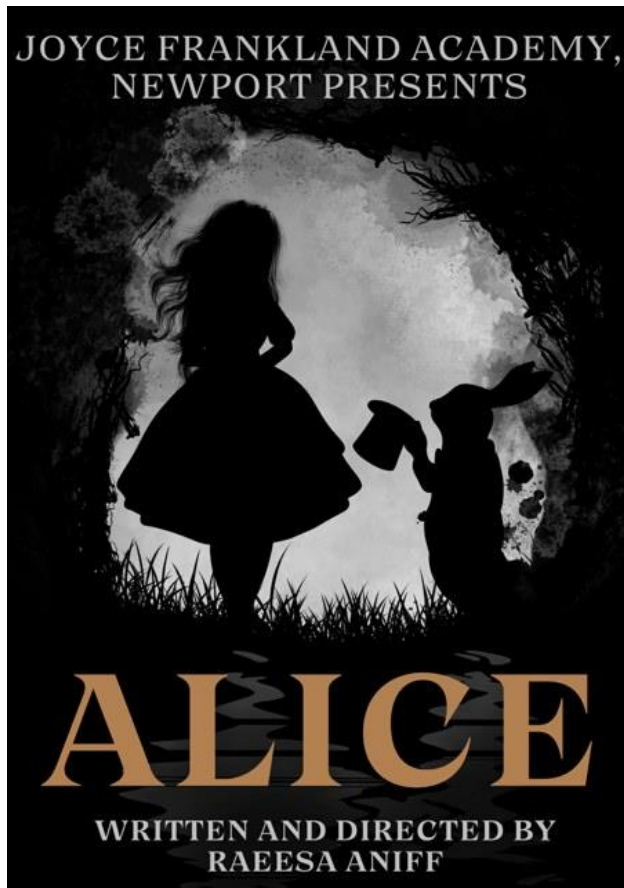
What? Enterprise Day
Where? Joyce Frankland Academy
When? Thursday 4th July 2024, 10:00 -15:00

Whatever you do for work, support young people to form their brightest future. Volunteer a few hours to share your knowledge and experience.

To find out more, please contact **Sonal Keshwala**
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1 - Joyce Frankland Academy Enterprise Day



2 - 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 can be purchased [here](#) or by using the QR code below.



3 - QR Code

Key updates



- **Water:** In these hotter conditions, it is important that your child/ren have a water bottle in their bag for the day. These can be replenished at our fountains or in our canteens. We have been clear with pupils that they must allow time to replenish their water bottles during break and lunch and not during lesson time. We would appreciate it if you could reiterate this expectation as well.
- **Paying for the train:** We have been informed that Greater Anglia are conducting a crackdown on passengers who do not have a valid train ticket when travelling on their trains. Please can I remind parents and carers that it is an offence not to pay for a ticket and travel on the train. If your child/ren is found to not be carrying a valid ticket they will receive a consequence from Greater Anglia which may include a fine and/or a ban from their services.
- **Parents' Evenings - virtual or face to face?** Thank you for voting in last week's Feedback Friday. We realise that we all have a more important vote next week, however, if you haven't yet had a chance to vote to confirm your views about your preference for parents' evenings next year, we are keeping it open for one more week. In this short form, we are asking you whether you would prefer to experience a face to face parents' evening or a virtual one. We would really appreciate your views.
- **Inset Day:** A reminder that the Academy will have it's last inset day of the year on Friday 5th July and therefore we will be closed for all pupils.
- **PE Kit during the school day:** Please can we remind parents and carers that pupils should be not be wearing PE Kit during the school day unless they have been instructed to as a result of an all day sports fixture or they are in a key stage 3 dance lesson that day.

Thought of the week



"When you're that successful, things have a momentum, and at a certain point you can't really tell whether you have created the momentum or it's creating you." Annie Lennox

Dates for the diary coming up...



Friday 28th June - Year 11 Celebration party

Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 4th July - Year 10 Work experience

Friday 5th July - INSET Day Academy closed to pupils

Monday 8th to Friday 12th July - Rhineland trip

Thursday 11th to Saturday 13th July - ALICE

Thursday 11th to Friday 12th July - Battlefields trip

Monday 15th July - Sports Day years 9 & 10

Tuesday 16th July - Sports Day years 7 & 8

Wednesday 17th July - Year 8 Colchester zoo trip

Friday 19th July - Early finish 1.20 pm.



4 - Old Newportonians v the Academy netball match



5 - Year 7 and 8 Rounders



6 - French Trip



7 - Sixth form UCAS trip



8 - Math's revision



9 - Year 7 pupils at Hampton Court



10 - Alice rehearsals

Success stories



This week, we would like to commend a staff achievement in our 'Success Stories' section of the newsletter. Ms Clapp has had an article published in the Royal Society of Chemistry's education magazine. The article is based on a talk Ms Clapp gave at the Teach Science conference in Manchester in May sharing ideas for using playdough in the teaching of all three sciences at KS3, KS4 and KS5. You can read the article here: [Model atomic structure with playdough | Ideas | RSC Education](#)

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

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



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Vacancies



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

Teacher of Science - Full time September start

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