



Principal's Newsletter: *"A Leader is a dealer in hope" Napoleon Bonaparte*

Another week of the academic year has been completed, leaving just two left. The pace of this year has been so quick. It seems like only yesterday that I wrote to you in September, welcoming back the community. Although only a four-day week for pupils, we have continued to have so many exciting things taking place.

I have been at JFAN now for 10 years and, since that time, work experience has never taken place for our pupils; until this year. We have had 140 young people on placements this week with plumbers, local newspapers, beauty salons and primary schools. The feedback we have received so far from employers has been exceptional; at least one has even asked if they could have them back next week as well! We think this is going to be such a great way of igniting that spark for our young people and giving them a clearer understanding of their future direction. As this is the first year, there will of course be lessons to learn and we are already evaluating the changes that we need to make for next year to make it even bigger and better.

Also this week, we have had professionals from a variety of sectors visit JFAN to speak to year 9 pupils about their careers and how to get into particular industries. Additionally, we had an exciting STEAM (science; technology; engineering; arts; maths) workshop for year 8 in our Main Hall yesterday afternoon which was very well received. The purpose of this was to understand the challenges to create green

sustainable travel solutions and the impact careers in STEAM will have in the future on air quality and the environment. Rehearsals for *Alice* are coming along very nicely; I did pop in yesterday morning to see one of the scenes and, without wishing to give too much away, I am excited to see the final outcome next weekend. We have also had over 65 pupils involved in athletics tournaments this week, across year groups.

We are also continuing with our parent focus groups this week with a focus on our behaviour for learning policy, rewards and pupil leadership. The contributions that were made were very insightful and incredibly helpful.

Finally, as I'm sure you're aware by now, there has been considerable change in the leadership of the nation overnight. As a school, we look forward to seeing how the new government will support schools to deliver a first-class education for young people in the months and years to come.

5th July 2024

Joyce Frankland Academy

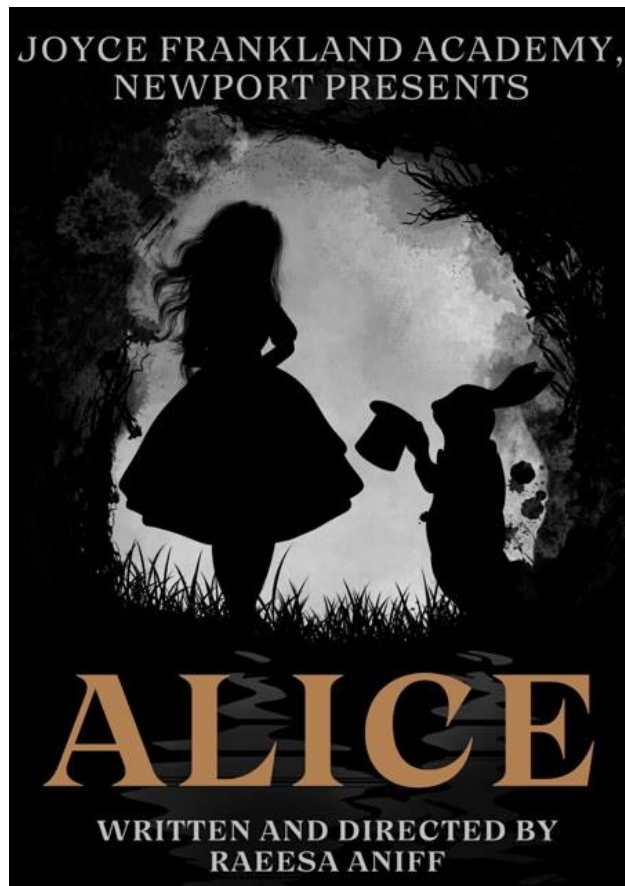
Community news



- **Road closures:** We are aware of a road closure for work to be carried out by Cadent on the gas pipes commencing on the 8th July. The road to Widdington will also be closed with diversions in

place and a full closure in place from The Spinney, Newport to south of the B1383/Widdington road junction. Work is expected to be finished by the end of July. Please allow extra time for your journey if you are coming this way.

- **Trip notice:** If your child/ren is/are on a trip in the next two weeks and they feel unwell when they are away, please can you remind them to tell the trip staff immediately. This will result in us being able to assess the situation and make contact with relevant people, including keeping you updated.
- **Athletics:** This week over 65 pupils in years 7 to 9 have taken part in various athletics events. Overall the year 7 and year 9 girls came second with individual 1st place medals for Anna C, Daisy C x2, Poppy L, Flo K, Alice B and Isla L. Well done to all who took part.



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



2 - QR Code

Key updates



- **GCSE Options update:** A reminder to all parents and carers of pupils in year 9 that your child's/ren's options have been published today on the Sims Parent App. If you have any queries about how to access these or more broadly about the options process, please contact your child's/ren's form tutor in the first instance.
- **New attendance policy:** Over the summer period, new legislation will come into action regarding the monitoring of pupil attendance. In order to ensure our Academy is in-line with this, we have reviewed and amended our attendance policy which will come into practice from 1st September 2024. We have shared a preview of this attendance policy via parentmail this afternoon. We strongly advise that you read this carefully as there are significant changes to what schools need to do when challenging attendance requests and persistent absenteeism.
- **Review of form groups:** In some year groups, the Academy has been undertaking a process where form groups have been reviewed with some changes planned. Heads of Year for relevant year groups will be informing you about this before the end of term. Any changes that have been made were carefully considered to ensure the best possible education outcomes for all pupils, moving forward.

Thought of the week



People need people,

To walk to

To talk to
To cry and rely on,
People will always need people.
To love and to miss
To hug and to kiss,
It's useful to have other people.
To whom to moan
If you're all alone,
It's so hard to share
When no one is there.
There's not much to do
When there's no one but you.
People will always need people.

The first stanza from the late, great Benjamin Zephaniah's exceptional poem, 'People will always need people'.

Dates for the diary coming up...



Monday 8th to Friday 12th July - Rhineland trip

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

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

Wednesday 17th July - NPA Barbecue

Friday 19th July - Early finish 1.20 pm.



3 - Year 11 Celebration event



4 - Year 11 Celebration event



5 - Year 10 work experience



6 - Alice rehearsals



7 - Phoebe receiving her award



8 - Years 7 & 9 athletics

Success stories



Congratulations to Phoebe H in year 10 who has been awarded the Thaxted Parish Council Chairman's Cup for 2024. The award is in recognition of her hard work and passion for volunteering at Pam's Place a community facility in Thaxted. Phoebe regularly makes cakes and helps to support and brighten the lives of the many people who attend. Well done Phoebe!.

Congratulations also to Adelaide, Joyce Frankland Academy alumni, who came 4th place in the Triple Jump at the recent UK athletics championships held in Manchester. An amazing achievement and one to watch for in the future.

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



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

Contact Us



Joyce Frankland Academy

Bury Water Lane

Newport

Essex

CB11 3TR

Tel: 01799 540237

Email: jfaadmin@joycefrankland.org

Visit us on our website at www.joycefrankland.org

Please follow our social media pages. [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and our dedicated [sixth form Facebook](#) page.