



Principal's Newsletter: Belonging and progressing

Dear Parent and Carer,

I hope you have had a great fortnight despite the somewhat uncomfortable heat that we have experienced, as we approach the final stretch of this academic year and a truly memorable summer term at Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport. The past two weeks have once again demonstrated the impact of shared experiences which go beyond the classroom experience.

I begin by sharing the highlights of an inspirational trip to Iceland, where 40 of our pupils explored the country's extraordinary geographical landscape. From waterfalls and glaciers to volcanic craters and geysers, the trip was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the beauty of our planet. A huge thank you must go to Mr Kennedy and his brilliant team of staff who worked tirelessly to make this experience so enriching and engaging for everyone involved.

Back at JFAN, our Year 8 pupils took part in an engaging Armed Forces Experience Day with Carver Barracks on Tuesday, which focused on developing teamwork, resilience, and leadership. It was fantastic to see pupils stepping out of their comfort zones and working together with

such enthusiasm and maturity. We continue to be proud of our partnership with Carver Barracks and the unique relationship that we have formed over several years.

Our Year 9 pupils also had a fantastic opportunity last week during their Enterprise Day, where they met with external professionals from a range of industries. The day was designed to open their eyes to career pathways they may not have previously considered, and it certainly delivered. The feedback from both pupils and visitors was overwhelmingly positive, and it was inspiring to see so many young people thinking ambitiously about their futures.

We've also seen the success of work experience placements for Year 10 and Year 12, with pupils spending time in a wide range of professional settings including Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, London Fire Brigade, Leicester Square Theatre, Suffolk Preservation Society and Live Nation Entertainment. These experiences have given our young people a real taste of working life and helped them reflect on their aspirations for the future.

Two weeks ago, we celebrated the end of Key Stage 4 with our Year 11 Prom. This was a joyful and hugely positive evening that brought together pupils and staff in celebration of all they've achieved. It was a pleasure to see everyone dressed up, smiling, and enjoying each other's company. Of course, the arrivals, as ever, will never be forgotten, especially the large tractor. The sense of pride and belonging was clear to see.

And just last night, I had the absolute pleasure of attending the opening night of this year's school production, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. It was brilliant. The talent, energy, and commitment of our pupils both on stage and behind the scenes was truly inspiring. Productions like this are so much more than performances; they are moments that really highlight that sense of belonging and remind us of the impact that comes from collaboration and creativity.

Finally, this will be my final newsletter as Principal although I will be writing one last letter to our parent body next week. It has been a genuine pleasure to share the stories, successes, and spirit of JFAN with you through this forum over the years. Communicating the life of the school in this way has been one of the many aspects of my role that I will truly miss.

I'll leave you this week with a quote from founder of Yoga, B.K.S. Iyengar:

"Change is not something that we should fear. Rather, it is something that we should welcome. For without change, nothing in this world would ever grow or blossom."

Best wishes for the weekend and the week ahead,

Duncan Roberts

Principal

Community news



- **Hot weather:** We fully understand that the country is still experiencing a period of hot weather. Please can we ask you to remind your child/ren to ensure that they bring a water bottle into school that they can continue to refill when required, wear sun screen and try to spend some of their social time in shaded areas. Our summer uniform policy remains in place which means pupils do not need to wear blazers. During this hot weather, we will also understand if pupils wish to remove ties. From Tuesday of next week, the hot conditions appear to be returning to usual temperatures.
- **Amendments to Sports Day:** As a result of the hot weather, we have had to make some amendments to our Sports Day plan to ensure all pupils and staff remain safe in the heat. Unfortunately, due to other commitments on the school calendar, we are unable to move Sports Day to later in the week. Therefore, we will not be continuing with the 1500 metres and will be completing all events before lunch time. Unfortunately, pupils will not be able to watch the events as we have no option to keep them shaded within the location. We will continue to do everything that we can to make it a memorable experience for the pupils taking part.

- **Anglian Leisure:** A reminder that our facilities can be hired through the summer months for a range of activities including birthday parties and sports events. For more information, please access [this link](#).



1 - Newport Fun Run

A reminder that Reuben, part of Joyce Frankland's Alumni is organising a Newport Fun Run to raise money for the Church and the Church Building. It is taking place on Sunday the 13th of July at the recreation ground and you can enter a 10K or 5K race or the 1K fun run. The races are on multi-terrain routes around the village and are for everybody, from those just starting out running, to experienced racers, to people who just want to walk it! There will also be refreshments and a cake stall so please come along and support this great cause. You can book a place [here](#)

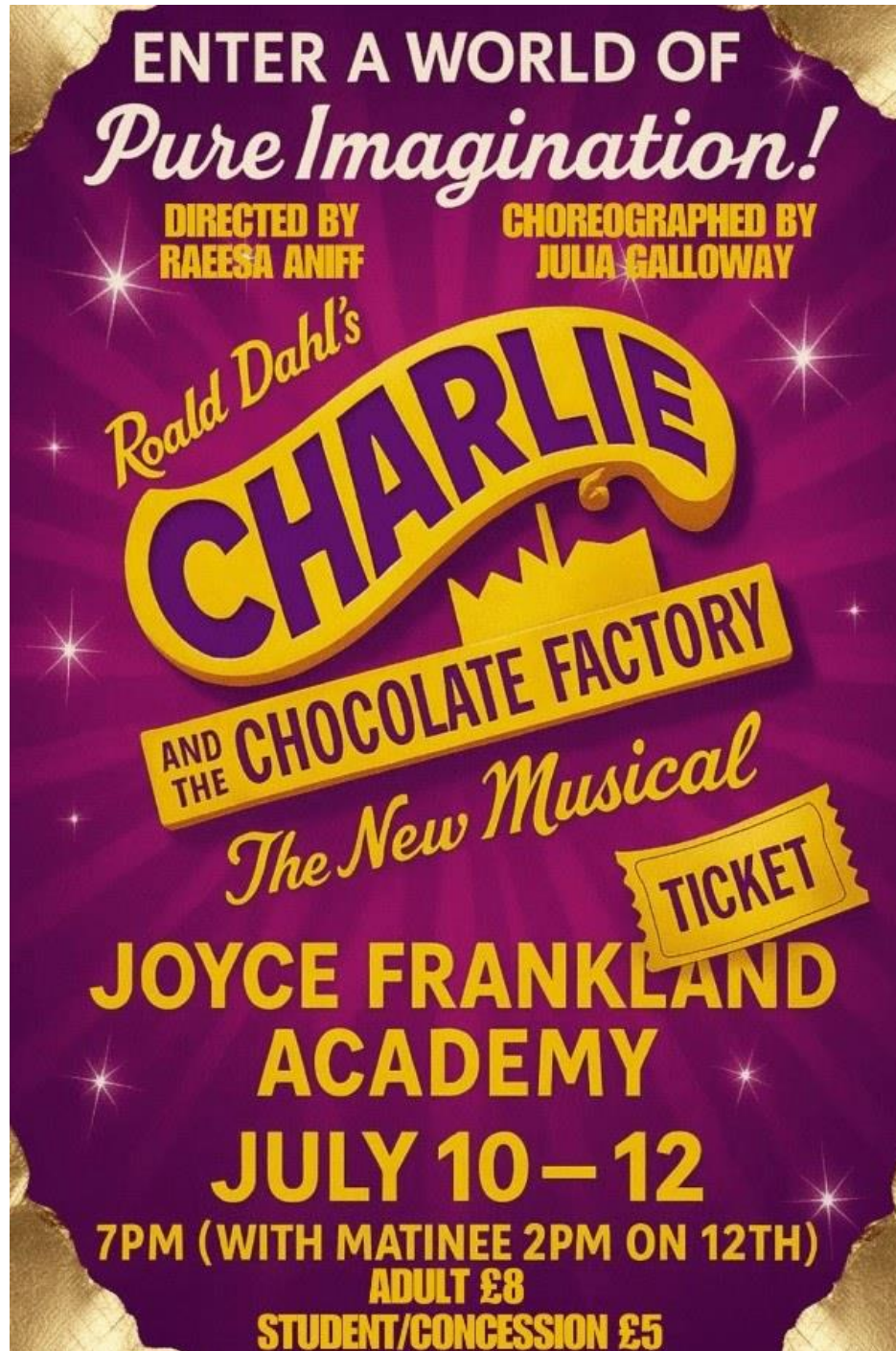
Key reminders and updates



- **Parent survey in relation to lunch time:** As you are aware we have piloted a reduction in lunch time since May half-term. There were a number of reasons for why this pilot was introduced. Firstly, we wanted to evaluate the impact that this would have in reducing negative incidents which take place during lunch time. We also wanted to explore whether we could provide better supervision over a shorter period of time and whether or not it would improve concentration for our pupils during period 5. We know that 13:35 is late to start lunch and ideally we would make this earlier. However, it has been difficult to do this for the pilot as we would potentially need to change the time that the school day starts and finishes and this would need a more extensive consultation process. We would like to thank you for your support through this pilot and the feedback that you have already provided us with, which will be taken into consideration when evaluating the impact. We will work through all the feedback we have received but are also seeking your views through this [survey](#). We would greatly appreciate your sharing your views with us. New Principal, Mrs Warwick, will write to you before the new academic year starts to provide confirmation of the duration of lunch time, from September.

- **Meal costs from September 2025:** There continue to be significant catering cost pressures including a 6.7% increase in the minimum wage and an increase in employers' national insurance in April. These increases have also had an impact on food costs and the cost of delivery to schools. Despite these significant cost pressures, Anglian Learning, the trust of which this school is a member, has worked hard with our catering provider to limit the increases to be passed on to pupils and parents. I am able to confirm that the price of a meal deal will remain at £2.75. There will be an average increase of 5.0% in the cost of other items purchased in our catering outlets. For those eligible for free school meals the daily allowance will remain at £2.75. If you are unsure about your eligibility for free school meals, please contact the Academy at jfaadmin@joycefrankland.org
- **Year 9 > 10 options update:** Key Stage 4 option choices for next academic year were released on Monday via the Sims app. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Year 9 parents and carers for their patience and support while we worked through this process; this was particularly important with oversubscribed subjects in some areas.
- **Final day arrangements:** A reminder that school will finish at 13:35 on Friday 18 July. If you have an issue with your child/ren being collected or leaving site at this time, please let their form tutor know so that the Academy can make the necessary arrangements.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is a vibrant and imaginative journey into the whimsical world of Willy Wonka's chocolate factory, based on the beloved book by Roald Dahl. It follows young Charlie Bucket as he, along with four other golden ticket winners, discovers the magic and the lessons within Wonka's fantastical creation.

Charlie Bucket, a kind-hearted boy from a poor family, wins a golden ticket to Willy Wonka's mysterious and magical chocolate factory. He joins four other spoiled and greedy children, each with their own flaws, as they embark on a tour of the factory. The show features the eccentric Willy Wonka, the quirky Oompa Loompas, and the memorable characters from the book. The musical brings to life the fantastical world of the factory, with its chocolate river, nutty squirrels, and other amazing inventions.

It explores themes of family, kindness, and the importance of staying true to yourself. It also highlights the dangers of greed and selfishness, as the other children face consequences for their actions. The musical features a new score by Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman, with songs that are both catchy and creative. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is a heartwarming and entertaining experience for all ages, leaving audiences smiling long after the final curtain call.

This years show features over 60 students from years 7 - 12 at JFAN with the combined creative team of Ms Aniff, Ms Galloway, Mr Cooke, Ms Birss, Ms Sommerville, and two students who graduated from our Sixth Form last year, Emily Veale and Sebastien Colclough. There are 3 casts performing over the run. RED, BLUE AND PURPLE. Please check with your child which cast they are in before booking tickets.

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





2 - Iceland Trip



3 - Iceland Trip



4 - Year 8 STEM Day



5 - Year 8 STEM Day



In what has been another busy term for Anglian Learning's schools, I am pleased to share some of the fantastic achievements by our staff, pupils and school communities.

Firstly, well done to all pupils who took their GCSE and A-Level exams this term. This period represents a significant milestone in every pupil's educational journey, and we hope your

child(ren) feel proud of their hard work and accomplishments. Thank you to our staff and volunteers, whose efforts ensured the smooth delivery of the exam season.

I was also proud to see secondary pupils take the spotlight in Anglian Learning's Stage 25 dance festival. Their confident performances and powerful interpretations of this year's theme, [Belonging by Design](#), were both moving and inspiring.

Creativity was further celebrated through our first [Trust-wide creative challenge](#), which invited secondary and sixth form pupils to produce artistic pieces inspired by their favourite books. Congratulations to Tony, a Year 9 pupil at Linton Village College, who was named overall winner for his outstanding entry.

I want to thank all our school staff and to recognise their hard work, often going the extra mile to provide many enriching experiences for our pupils. The Summer term is full of work experience opportunities, school shows and performances, trips, visits, sports days, transition days and the highlight of the year, the year 11 Prom.

On behalf of Anglian Learning, I wish you a restful and enjoyable summer, and thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to welcoming pupils back in September for another year filled with opportunity and growth.

For more information on our Trust's activities, please visit our website www.anglianlearning.org, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Duncan Cooper, Director of Secondary Education



Thought of the week



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Dates for the diary coming up...



Thursday 10 to Saturday 12th July Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Friday 11th July Summer BBQ

Monday 14th July Years 7-12 Sports Day

Tuesday 15th July Thorpe Park trip - Year 9

Friday 18th July Academy closes at 1.35 pm

Success stories



Congratulations to Thomas W and Alex S year 10 and Ryan W, year 8 who represented the Academy in the Essex Schools Handicap Championship last week at Colne Valley Golf Club. They all played incredibly well with Alex finishing as the overall runner up. Well done to all three boys for playing so well in the incredible heat that we had.



6 - Thomas, Alex and Ryan

JFAN PTA



Now known as JFAN PTA, formerly referred to as the Newport Parents Association (NPA), is a registered charity (289783). Our mission is to bring together those with parental responsibilities and teaching staff to raise vital funds to buy items or provide support for JFAN students not covered by the school budget. For example, our recent projects include; upgrading the library, updates to the medical room, therapy and counselling sessions, provision of sport and dance equipment and covering costing for travel to career events.

We need three types of volunteers:

Firstly, you can sign up as an Events Volunteer, sparing just an hour or two at a school event or uniform sale.

Secondly, new Committee Member Volunteers, we meet on a 6-weekly basis in our local waterhole, allocating funds, brainstorming ideas on fundraising and finalising arrangements for events with the PTA Board members.

Lastly, we are looking to recruit to our new Supportive Volunteer roles, to work in the background, helping to improve our income generation, these roles include; social media, website administrator, graphic design and researcher for grants and local community funding. If these are areas that you work within or are interested in – **We Need You!!**

If you're interested in getting involved and would like to find out more, please contact our chair Kerinda Trigg via the academy's administration email address.
jfaadmin@joycefrankland.org

JFAN PTA **Uniform sales** take place on the first Saturday of the month at Newport Farmers Market.

Easyfundraising

The JFAN PTA have recently joined Easy fundraising, the UK's biggest charity shopping site and now need your help. Easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend online to the Academy. It won't cost you any extra, the cost is covered by the brand. All you need to do is sign up [here](#) and provide a few details to set up your profile and download the app. You will be notified automatically when you shop to let you know when a donation is available.

Vacancies



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

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