

JFAN Connector

12th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, welcome to the first edition of our 'JFAN Connector' of the academic year. As previously mentioned in my communication I believe in the power of a strong partnership between home and school and this weekly newsletter serves as an invaluable tool in this regard. We will give a weekly update, alongside key articles to celebrate the achievements of our young people and provide all the 'essential' information you need as parents such as dates for the half term, workshops, parental guidance and extracurricular timetables. Hopefully it will only take a few weeks to get into the flow of gathering the information each week. Please do let us know if there is any other information you would find helpful.

It has been a pleasure this week to have visited so many lessons and spending time talking to our wonderful students. The highlight of course was Open Evening. The three presentations were all very well attended with some of these 'standing room only'. We received lots of positive feedback particularly regarding our amazing student ambassadors. They were a credit to us all.

Working in Partnership with Parents and Carers



Information Evenings

We would like to invite parents and carers into the academy to attend a presentation from the Principal, Mrs Warwick, to launch the new academic year. During the presentations our guests will hear about our academy mission, vision and new values alongside our priorities for this year. So that we can ensure there are enough seats for everyone we will give this presentation over a number of sessions. If you cannot make your allocated session, please don't worry, simply attend another that is more convenient. This event is for parents and carers only, as the students have already listened to a welcome back presentation. However, if you need your child to come along they will be able to sit in the Great Hall during this time. This will become an annual event to start each academic year.

Date Year Group and time

Monday 22nd September Year 7 - 5:00 pm

Monday 22nd September Year 8 - 6:00 pm

Tuesday 23rd September Year 9/10 - 5:00 pm

Tuesday 23rd September Year 10/11 - 6:00 pm

Parent Partners

We are also taking this opportunity to launch our Parent Partners. This event will take place each half term and it is an opportunity for parents and carers to come in and hear a presentation from a member of the Senior Team or a member of staff. This gives us a chance to come together to work on an aspect of school improvement such as communication, progress reporting to parents or our inclusion culture. This discussion is open to all parents and carers as a school improvement focus. I will also ask parents to send in any questions they would like answered before the event and I will do this during the evening. The first Parent Partners has a provisional date of Tuesday 21st October at 6:00 pm.

Reminders

Thank you for ensuring your children are arriving to school in their correct uniform and with all of their equipment. They have looked very smart this week and when walking around lessons it is clear to see that they are already responding well to coming into lessons and getting their pencil cases out on their desks. Thank you for your support with this.

Enrichment



At our Academy, we believe that co-curricular activities are an essential part of a well-rounded education. They offer a range of benefits that support our students in developing aspiration, showing respect, and building a strong sense of responsibility. Through participating in these activities, students are encouraged to:

- Aspire to reach their full potential by exploring new interests and talents
- Show respect by working collaboratively with peers and staff in a positive and inclusive environment
- Take responsibility for their own personal growth and learning beyond the classroom

Co-curricular involvement also helps to:

- Enhance academic performance
- Boost self-esteem and emotional well-being
- Provide meaningful social opportunities
- Develop essential life and leadership skills

Strengthen applications for sixth form, college, or university

We are proud to offer a wide and diverse range of clubs this term, and we hope your child will take full advantage of these opportunities—to aspire confidently, act with respect, and grow with responsibility.

Dates for the diary coming up...



Thursday 18th September - Year 7 Meet the Form Tutor 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Monday 22nd September Information Evening Year 7 5.00 pm. Year 8 6.00 pm

Tuesday 23rd September Information Evening Year 9/10 5.00 pm. Year 10/11 6.00 pm

Tuesday 21st October Parent Partners 6.00 pm (provisional)

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October - Half Term

Friday 28th November INSET Day - Academy closed to pupils

Friday 19th December - End of Autumn Term

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.

Safeguarding Team



Role:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Deputy DSL(s)

Named safeguarding governor

Chair of Governors

Trust Safeguarding Lead

School Online Safety Lead

School Prevent Lead

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Nigel Poad

Camilla Saunders

Lee Gamble

Dan Langley

Designated teacher for Children in Care and children previously in care (CiC) Lee Gamble

Senior Mental Health Lead Emma Brockwell and Dan Langley



Vacancies



Details for all the current Academy and Anglian Learning vacancies can be found on our website here

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