

JFAN Connector 26th September 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are already half way through the first half term; the last few weeks have flown by but we have achieved much and they have been incredibly positive weeks. Thank you to all the parents that attended the Principal's Presentations this week. It was a pleasure to talk to so many parents and share our school mission, vision and values. It was lovely to get so much positive feedback, alongside your honest reflections on some of the aspects we could focus on through our partnership working. Below are a few aspects that I have already begun to explore with the senior team (You said...we will) and I have also included both homework and parents evenings on the agenda for our first Parent Partners meeting. This week in assembly we launched this year's Student Council process. Our Student Council will work with Mrs Warwick this year on some key improvement priorities. Please do ask your children to carefully consider if they are applying for one of these roles and ask them about this week's assembly which spoke not only about the Student Council but also the other strands of our student leadership programme. Our

Year 11 DofE Trip is taking place this weekend; we wish both the students and staff a lovely weekend; we look forward to celebrating your achievements.

To our students and families I also wish you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Warwick

Academy Principal

Working in Partnership with Parents and Carers



Parent Partners

We can now confirm that the first Parent Partners will be on Tuesday 21st October at 6:00 pm. As launched last week 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. We will be sending out a form for parents to register next week.

Reminders

Book Donations

If you have any books that are in good condition and are suitable for students between the ages of 10 - 16 that you no longer want please feel free to donate these to our school. We would like to have a few 'book swap' areas around the academy as part of our 'Reading School' strategy.

You said...we will.

- Year 11 parents have asked us to get information out regarding exam boards etc. We
 are putting together a booklet which will come out to parents during our Year 11
 evening on 13th October. A letter with all the details will follow.
- DofE I can confirm information is coming out to Year 10.
- Homework Parents have asked us to review homework; a survey will be coming out to parents and we will discuss at Parent Partners.
- Parents have asked us to look at Parents Evenings these will all be face-to-face this year and will take place in the Main Hall, Great Hall and Study Hall to avoid parents needing to travel far between appointments. We will discuss further at Parent Partners.

Attendance



Attendance Update

Please find below attendance for each year group for the week commencing 15th September. As a reminder we would be expecting each year group to be over 97% each week.

Year 7 – 98.52

Year 8 - 94.97

Year 9 - 91.97

Year 10 - 92.31

Year 11 - 93.6

"Every day in school is a step toward your dreams!"

Thank you for your attendance this week. Keep stepping forward!

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.

The full timetable is available on our website here.

Dates for the diary coming up...



Monday 13th October Year 11 Exam Information Evening (Online)

Tuesday 21st October Parent Partners 6.00 pm

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

Lost Property

If your child/ren have lost any property, items of uniform or equipment please check the photographs to see if you recognise anything. Items will be stored in student reception ready for collection.



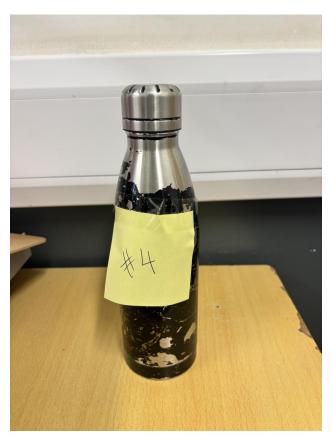




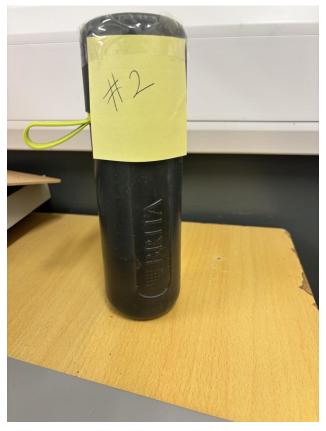


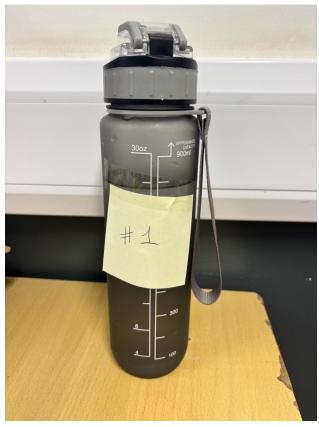












JFAN PTA



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

Name and contact details:

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Margaret Sherwin

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



1 - Whisper

Whisper is our online reporting tool which supports our existing safeguarding practices and allows us to take effective action quickly. Students can report concerns for welfare, bullying or if they just need someone to talk to about a problem in school or at home and can be made anonymously if they wish.

The link is here Whisper

Vacancies



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

Contact Us



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