



**Joyce
Frankland
Academy**
Newport



5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new term. It was a pleasure to welcome back the students this week. I have shared below a summary of our induction programme and a few requests to parents to ensure we have the strongest start to the year possible.

Staff INSET

The staff returned on Monday and completed two days of development. These sessions focused on key aspects of our aspirational academy culture, academy routines, and teaching and learning. The staff at JFAN are clearly a dedicated and hard-working team, and I thank them for the work they have put in to prepare for the students' return.

Our Academy Mission, Vision and Values

At the end of last year, a group of students and staff worked with me to develop our Academy mission, vision, and values. During assemblies and workshops yesterday, we focused on our three core values: Aspiration, Respect, and Responsibility. Specifically, we took the time to explore what these values mean to us as a community and how they manifest in our daily lives and lessons.

Aspiration	Respect	Responsibility
Striving to achieve our aspirational goals and dreams, today, tomorrow and in the future.	Always showing compassion, kindness and consideration.	Always being the best version of ourselves.

I look forward to sharing these in more detail during my parent presentations later this half term. We will publish the dates of these events at the end of next week.

Open Evening – Thursday 11th September – Early finish for all students

The Open Evening date is early in the academic year. On Thursday, 11th September, all students will finish school at the earlier time of 1.25 pm to enable us to prepare to welcome our guests during the evening.

Request for parents and carer support

Please take the weekend to ask your child about the 'values in action' presentations they have heard this week and support them to take 'responsibility' to make good choices. We understand that it takes time for young people to get back into the 'routines' of school after the summer break, so we have used the last two days to ensure they all understand the academy expectations and provide them with the opportunity to ask any questions they have, including the very important 'Why?' we have these expectations and routines. Please, can parents support us in addressing the following aspects:

Aspiration Respect Responsibility



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- Some students returned without their pencil case and equipment. Please ensure all children have a pencil case by Monday.
- If your child has had nail extensions or gels over the holidays, please arrange for these to be removed over the weekend.
- Students are allowed to wear one pair of small earrings and a watch. Please ensure your child leaves any other items of jewellery at home.
- If you have yet to receive items of uniform from suppliers, such as a blazer, please ask your child to talk to their tutor or Head of Year, who will arrange for them to borrow an item from our stocks until theirs is delivered.
- Please ensure that all uniform items are labelled with your child's name.
- As detailed in our policy skirts must be worn at full length at all times.
- Shirts must be tucked in.
- We are a mobile phone/device free Academy. This means that your child must not use a mobile phone from the time they arrive on the Academy site in the morning until they leave at the end of the day.

Values Cards and planners

Each child has a new planner and 'Values Card'. The drive behind this initiative is to create a space where we can document positive community points alongside any uniform or conduct issues that arise outside of the classroom. They need to have this 'Values Card' with them each day. They also have a small pocket planner. Parents can write short notes and messages to their child's tutor and teachers in this planner. In addition to being invaluable in regard to students having their timetable with them at all times, this will also facilitate home-academy communication.

Subject books

Students will be bringing home their subject books; we encourage parents and carers to review their child's work regularly. At the end of each lesson, students check their work against our PRIDE expectations:

PRIDE				
Presentation	Respect	In Order	Development	Excellence

Our first weekly newsletter will be sent to parents/carers on Friday the 12th of September. Thank you again for your warm welcome. I wish all our families a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

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