



# JFAN Connector 10th October 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing this message after welcoming the Year 7 students to their assembly. They all looked extremely smart and cheerfully said 'good morning' to the staff as they arrived. It was a really lovely moment which I wish every parent or carer could see. This got me thinking about how well we share all the great things that happen at JFAN on a daily basis and prompted me to ensure we are using our Facebook page each day to do this. I will have a think over the weekend and put a plan in place!

This week our assembly focussed on developing students' awareness of good mental health; Miss Aniff delivered a very interesting coda on resilience which fitted in perfectly with the overall message and our students engaged brilliantly.

If you are a parent or care of a Year 11 students please do attend our event on Monday 13th October, 5:45 pm. We have planned this event so that you receive lots of valuable information to help you support your child in the lead up to their exams. I am looking forward to

welcoming parents for our first parent partners. Please do register and send in any questions. We will focus on Parents Evening, Homework and Academy to Home Communication at this event, alongside answering any questions we receive. Staff have asked me to remind parents and carers to not stop their cars to drop of their child in the crossing area. Please drop your child off in an area away from the school entrances are ask them to walk the final part of their journey. Thank you.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Warwick

Academy Principal

## Working in Partnership with Parents and Carers



### Parent Partners

We are proud to foster a community built on our core values of Aspiration, Respect, and Responsibility. These values guide everything we do—from the way our students learn and grow, to the way we work together as staff, families, and the wider community. The Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team are available at the school gate every morning and afternoon. This is a

perfect opportunity for informal conversations, sharing ideas, or raising any concerns. You can also contact us via the school office or email, and we will always follow up. We believe that working in partnership with our families is key to celebrating and strengthening the greatness of our academy. When we communicate openly and respectfully, we model the very values we teach our students—and together, we create a school environment where everyone can thrive. Thank you for your continued support and playing a crucial role in the improvements we are making at JFAN.

The first Parent Partners will be on Tuesday 21st October at 6:00 pm. 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 discussion is open to all parents and carers as a school improvement focus.

Please complete the short form [here](#) to send in any questions you have and to let us know if you will be attending.

## 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.

## 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.

### Weekly Attendance 29 Sept-3rd October

- Year 7 97.12%
- Year 8 94.18%
- Year 9 91.11%
- Year 10 86.96%
- Year 11 91.50%

**"You can't learn if you're not here—so thanks for being here!" "Your commitment inspires others!"**

## Careers and Post 16

### Post 16 destinations Open Evenings

Below is a list of upcoming Open Evenings that may be of interest to year 11 families.

Saffron Walden County High School 22nd of October

Herts and Essex High School 11th November

Bishops Stortford High School 5th November

Hockerill College 22nd November

Birchwood High School Date to be confirmed

## 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](#).

## Head Students

- After a formal election this Tuesday we are proud to announce our Head students for this year will be Zara R and Lily S and our Senior students will be Fern H, Phoenix P and Mary B. We are very proud of all the students who took part in the election this week and we congratulate them all.



1 - Zara and Lily

## House Points

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Weekly house points

28 Banstead

38 Caius

16 Frankland

24 Morden

24 Saxie

28 Thompson

28 Trappes

## Dates for the diary coming up...



Monday 13th October Year 11 Exam Information Evening

Monday 20th October Open Evening for prospective parents

Tuesday 21st October Parent Partners 6.00 pm

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

Thursday 6th November Year 7 SEND Coffee morning

Friday 28th November INSET Day - Academy closed to pupils

Friday 19th December - End of Autumn Term

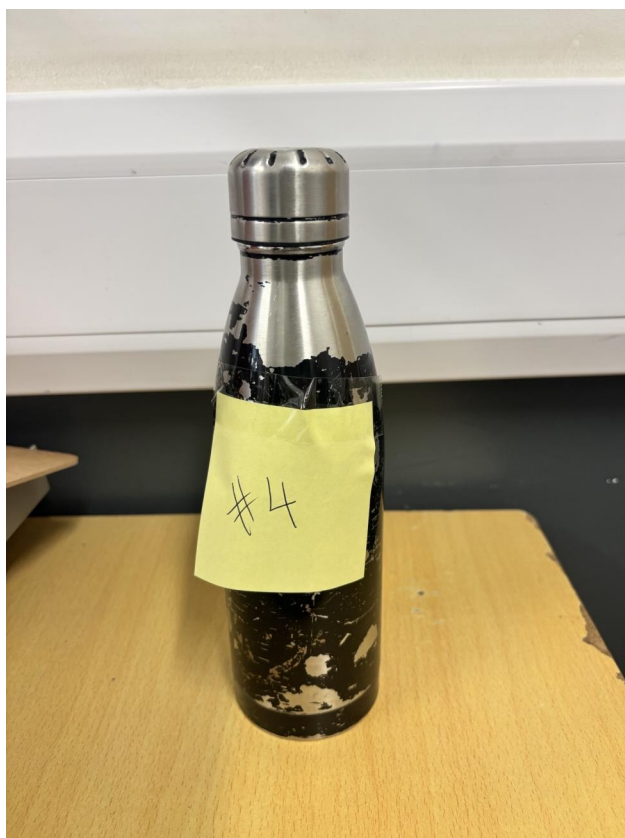
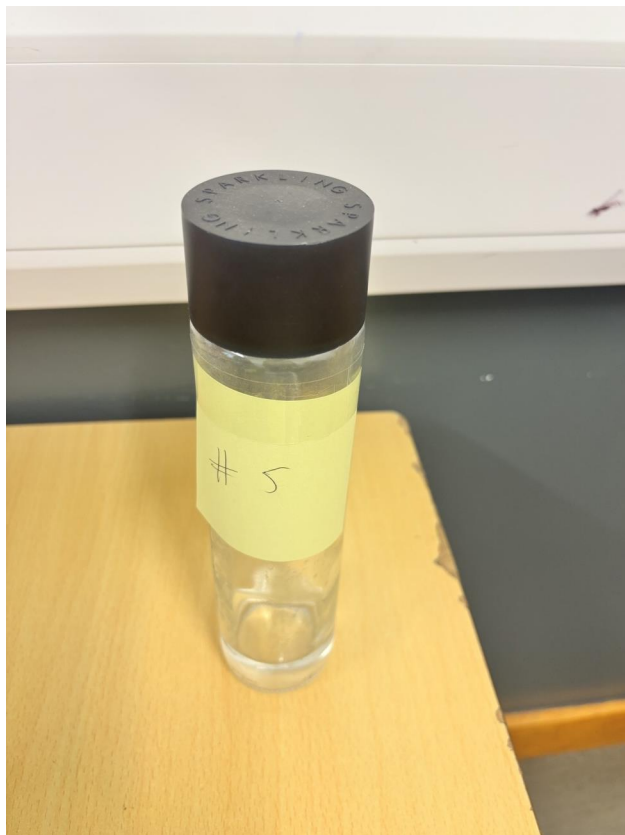
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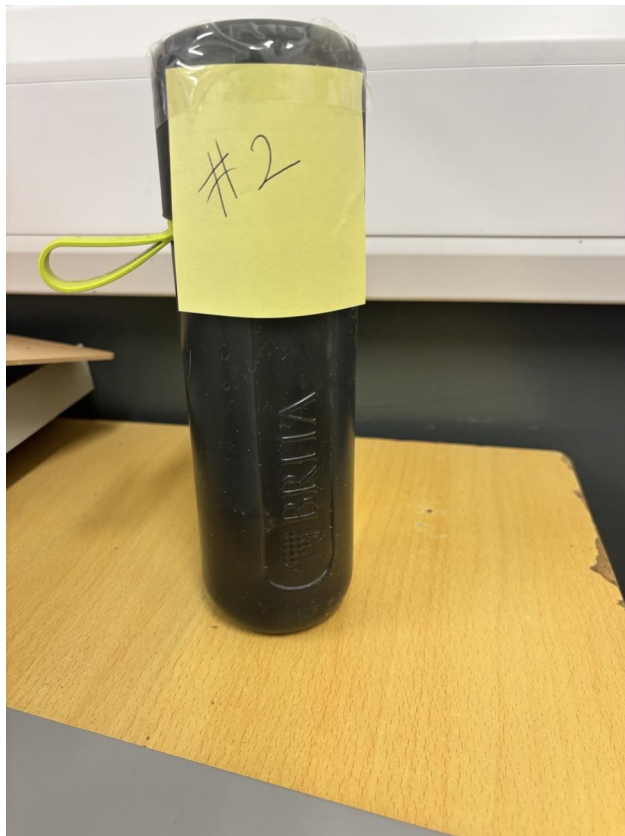
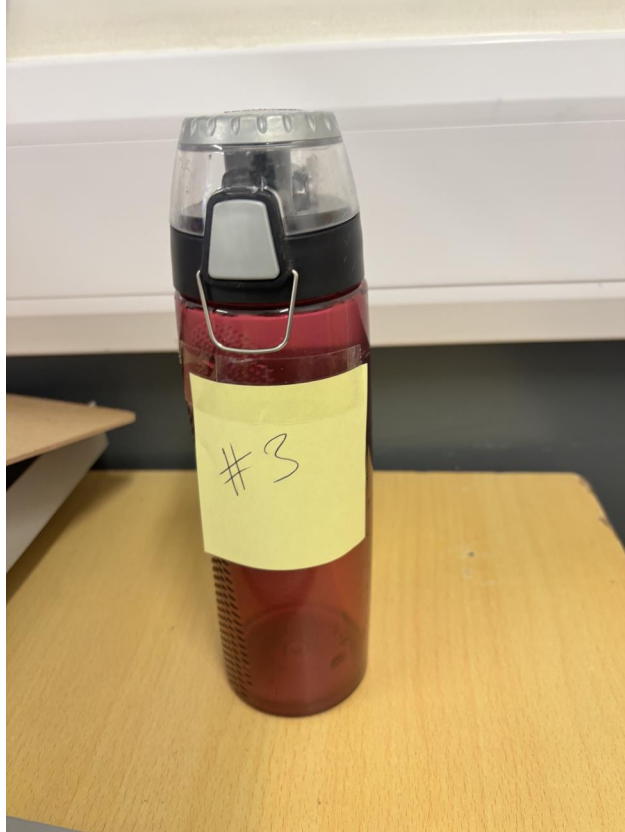
If your child/ren have lost any property, items of uniform or equipment please check the photographs to see if you recognise anything. Items will be stored in student reception ready for collection.

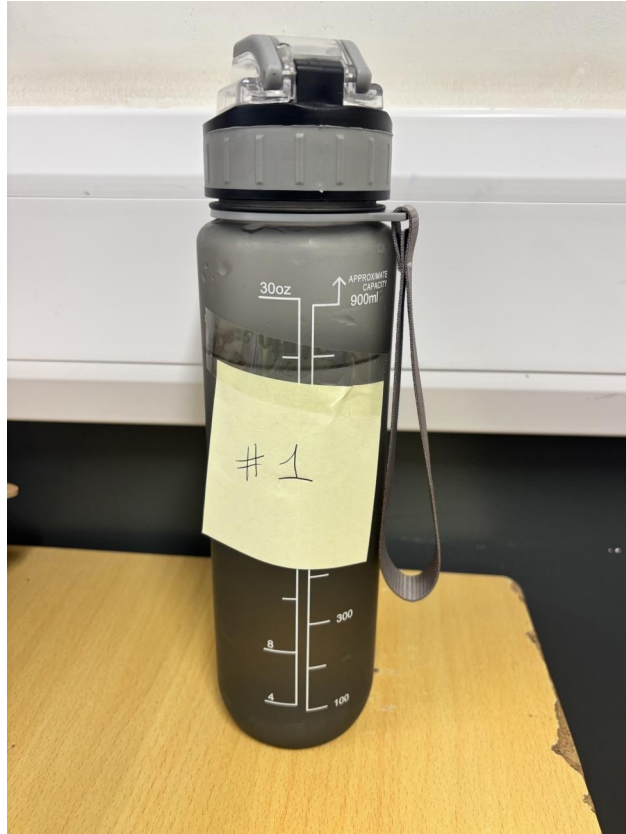


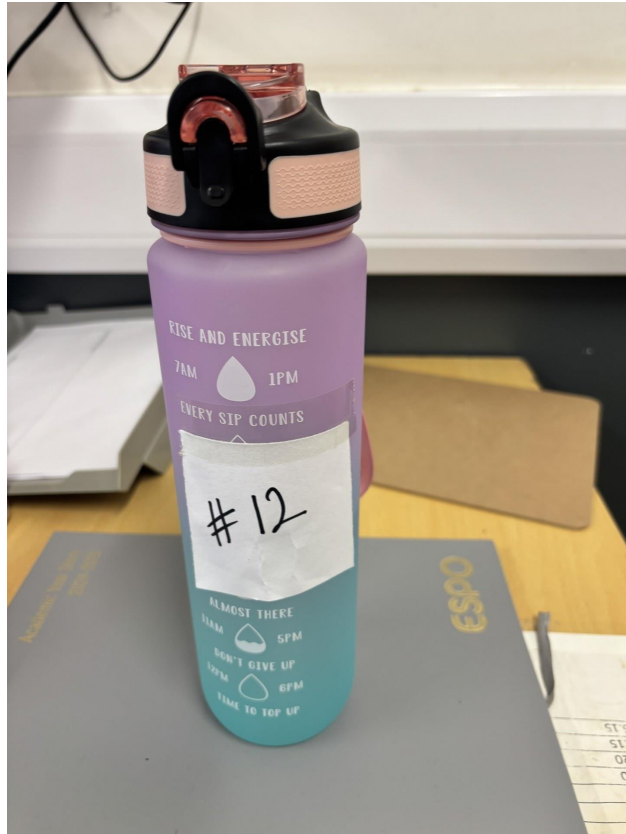












## JFAN PTA



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](mailto:jfaadmin@joycefrankland.org)

Tuesday 11th November PTA **AGM**

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:	Name and contact details:
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Lee Gamble <a href="mailto:lgamble@joycefrankland.org">lgamble@joycefrankland.org</a>
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Named safeguarding governor	Margaret Sherwin
Chair of Governors	Nigel Poad
Trust Safeguarding Lead	Camilla Saunders
School Online Safety Lead	Lee Gamble
School Prevent Lead	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



# PROBLEM? Whisper

If you have a problem or concern in school or at home, you can report it to a member of staff anonymously.



## When To Report...

- You or a friend are being bullied
- You are concerned for a student's welfare
- A student, member of staff, or parent has behaved inappropriately
- You need to talk to someone about a problem
- Suggestion for changes or improvements in school

Report via SMS or visit:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/whisper/jfa21/>



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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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