



JFAN Connector 17th October 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all the Year 11 parents and carers that attended the focused event on Monday. This event gave the academy an opportunity to provide an overview of the year ahead and provide lots of advice and guidance for both students and parents. It was a pleasure to welcome so many of our families to the academy; we hope you found the event useful. As we approach the final week of this half term we are preparing for our final assemblies which have a celebratory theme. The final week of every half term and full term is an opportunity for us to recognise the contributions and successes of individuals within each year group.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Warwick

Academy Principal

Working in Partnership with Parents and Carers



Parent Partners

I am looking forward to holding our first Parent Partners meeting on Tuesday. We will meet in the Main hall at 6.00 pm. Thank you if you have sent in a question for this event; I will endeavour to address these during the meeting.

Belonging by Design: Mental Health



Mental Health: It's Not All In The Mind

As part of the Mental Health strand of our [Belonging by Design](#) strategy, Anglian Learning is pleased to be offering a series of free webinars across this academic year for parents and carers.

These webinars are an important way for us to launch Anglian Learning's early-intervention approach to supporting young people's mental health and wellbeing. By working in partnership with families and professionals, we aim to strengthen understanding, build resilience and promote positive mental health across our school communities.

The '*Mental Health: It's Not All In The Mind*' webinar series shares practical, evidence-based strategies, grounded in the latest research and medical understanding, to support your own and your children's mental health. Topics include: what causes depression, how everyday factors can affect our wellbeing, and ways to create opportunities for positive behaviour change.

The webinars are presented by Peter Templeton and Charlotte Catignani from The Foundation for Young People's Mental Health, whose work is rooted in scientific research and real-world practice. You can read more about their work and research by [clicking here](#).

Recordings will be shared via email and will also be available on your school's website. We hope you find these webinars helpful in understanding and supporting mental health within your family.

Camilla Saunders

Director of Inclusion at Anglian Learning

Further reading:

- [MindEd For Families](#)
- [How to talk to teenagers about mental health](#)
- [How to talk to primary age pupils about mental health](#)
- [Movement and mental health - Mental Health UK](#)
- [Food and mental health | Tips for everyday living | Mind](#)
- [Depression - It's really not all in the mind | YPMH](#)

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 6 to 10th October

- Year 7 97.51%
- Year 8 94.72%
- Year 9 91.58%
- Year 10 89.58%

- Year 11 92.36%

"Attendance today means success tomorrow! Your effort is noticed and appreciated!"

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.



Student Council

We have nearly finalised the Student Council names. We wanted to publish these this week but did not want to go live with our team without everyone included. We will publish the names and the 'team photo' next week.

House Points

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Weekly house points

42 Banstead

46 Caius

22 Frankland

32 Morden

34 Saxie

36 Thompson

40 Trappes

Dates for the diary coming up...



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

JFAN PTA



The Role and Importance of the PTA

State schools are currently facing considerable budget constraints due to ongoing government funding shortfalls. These financial pressures have unfortunately resulted in consequences such as staff reductions, a narrower range of subject choices, and significant cuts to extracurricular activities. While there have been some funding increases in recent years, many schools continue to experience real-terms cuts since 2010, with the most deprived areas and secondary schools being particularly affected. Against this challenging backdrop, it is important to recognise how rare it is for a high school to have a thriving Parent Teacher Association (PTA). JFAN is truly

privileged to have maintained an active PTA for over a decade, benefiting students, staff, and the wider school community, raising between £5-10K per year.

How the PTA Has Supported JFAN

Over the past two years, the PTA has made a tangible difference to school life through a variety of projects and initiatives, including:

- Refurbishment of the school library
- Refurbishment of the Medical Room
- Provision of music equipment
- Upgrading the dance studio with new flooring and mirrors
- Funding for counselling and therapy sessions
- Piano tuning
- Arranging transport for careers events
- Donations towards each school prom

Join the PTA: Volunteer Opportunities

In order to continue this vital work, we need to recruit new members. We are keen to welcome enthusiastic parents and carers to join our expanding team, with opportunities available in the following areas:

- PTA Secretary (job share)
- Social Media & Marketing Support
- Fundraising & Grants Support

If these roles do not appeal, there are also opportunities to take on one-off projects, including:

- Winter Ball 2026 – for parents, carers, and the teaching community (with much of the groundwork already completed)
- Uniform pop-up shops – at JFAN and the Farmers Market (held monthly)
- Fundraiser Golf Day – Spring 2026
- Christmas Market 2026 (Young Enterprise) – December 2026
- Year 7 School Disco

You can also lend a helping hand at our regular events, such as school BBQs, Quiz Nights, and serving refreshments at the annual Drama production.

Business and Community Support

We are always on the lookout for parents with businesses who would like to support the work of the PTA and connect with the parent community. If you or someone you know can offer services such as marketing, advertising, printing, trades (e.g., landscaping, painting & decorating), or social media expertise, we would love to hear from you.

Save the Dates

- AGM – Tuesday 11th November, 19:00 at The Coach & Horses, Newport
- Next School Fundraiser for students, BBQ day – Friday 12th December at JFAN, 09:00–15:00

A full calendar of PTA events will be shared in due course.

Contact Information

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Kerinda or Kaymarie via the school email: jfaadmin@joycefrankland.org



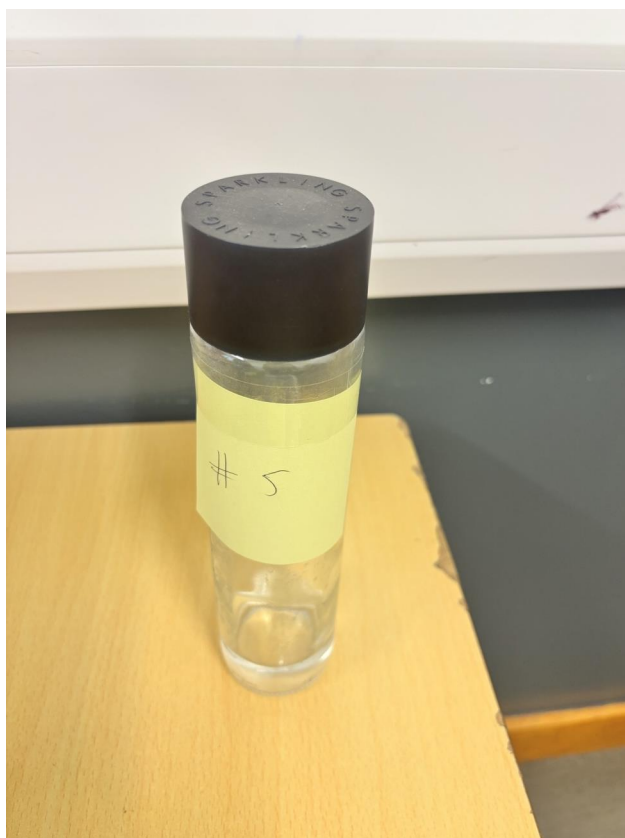


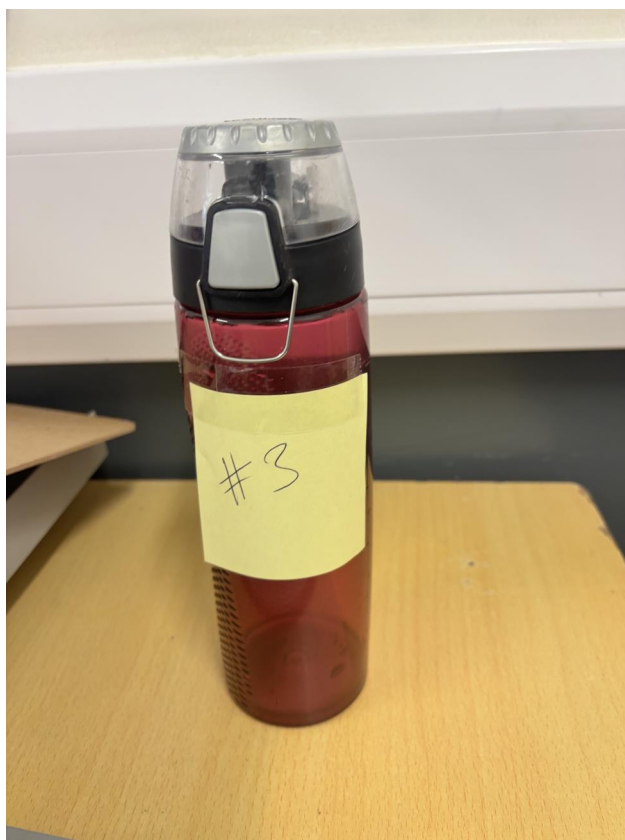
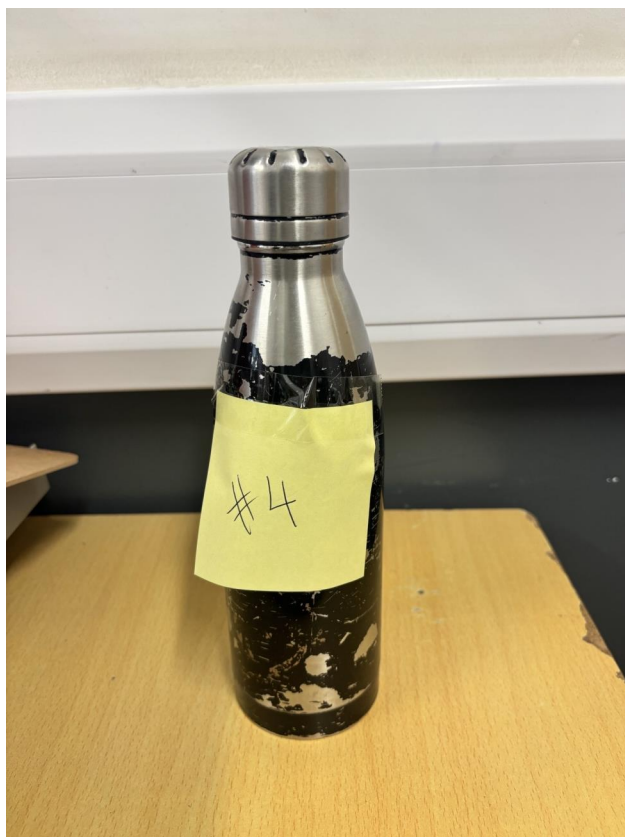
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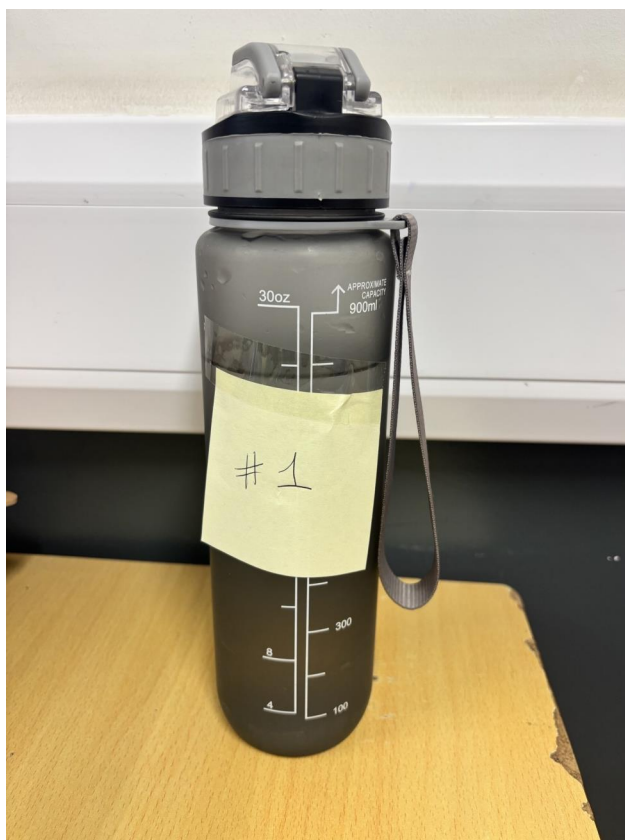
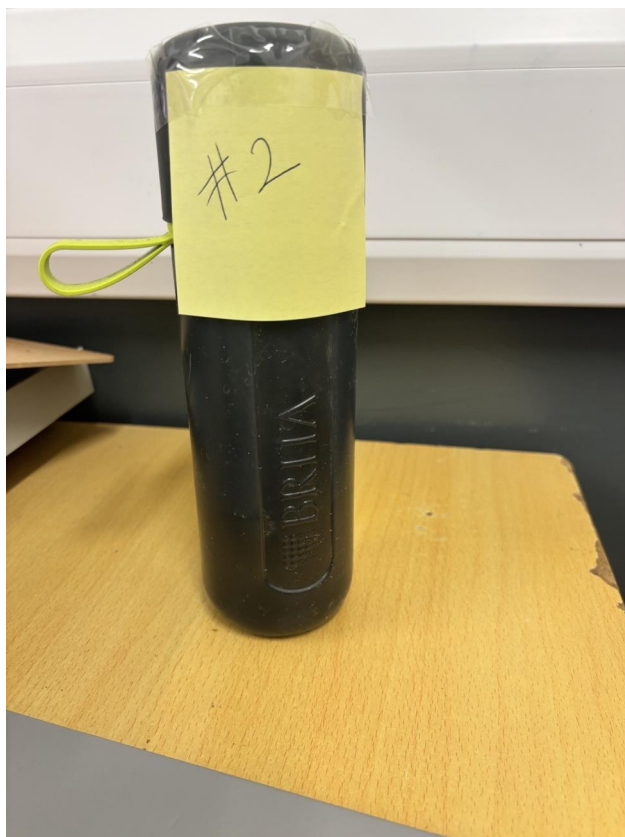
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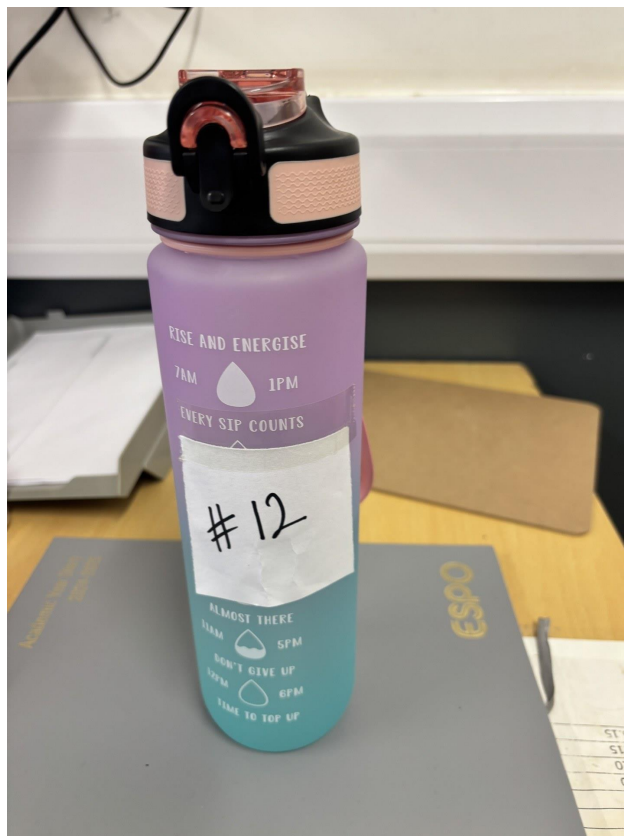












Safeguarding Team



Role:	Name and contact details:
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Lee Gamble lgamble@joycefrankland.org
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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

 **JFA Whisper Report**
AnonymousReportingForm

Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport

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](https://swgfl.org.uk/whisper/jfa21/)

Vacancies



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

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