

JFAN Connector 14th November 2025

Principal's message

Dear Parents and carers

This week at Joyce Frankland Academy has been one of deep pride, reflection, and community spirit—truly embodying our values of aspiration, respect, responsibility and our culture of belonging. A heartfelt thank you to the staff and students who represented us so brilliantly at the Trust's Platform 25 event. Your creativity, musical talents and commitment made us incredibly proud. The most poignant moment of the week was our whole-school Remembrance ceremony. As we stood together in silence, hearing the names of former students who served and fell in WWI and WWII, the sense of unity and respect was profound. The service in the Great Hall, joined by uniformed students, guests from the barracks, and the Reverend, was deeply moving, made even more special by the backdrop of our poppy tribute. I have led many Remembrance events in schools, but none as powerful and special as this one. I'd also like to extend my sincere thanks to the parents involved in the JFAN PTA. Attending the AGM this week, I was struck by the breadth of events they've delivered and the generous support they continue

to offer towards school improvements. Their contribution makes a real difference to our community. Finally, we send our very best wishes to our Year 11 students as they begin their mock GCSE exams. We know that you are all working hard, and we're all behind you. It's been a busy week—but one that has truly showcased the remarkable students, staff, and families that make JFAN such a special place.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Warwick

Principal, Joyce Frankland Academy

Remembrance Day















Working in Partnership with Parents and Carers



The next meeting will be on Thursday 11th December, this time with Mince Pies!

Platform 25

I wish to extend my congratulations to all pupils who proudly represented their school in Anglian Learning's <u>Platform Exhibition</u>.

Platform 25, the fifth instalment of the exhibition, saw over 40 artworks exhibited from 10 to 22 November by pupils across Anglian Learning's schools at Michaelhouse Café in Cambridge. The inspiring artworks, selected by our school's Heads of Art, covered a range of techniques and media, including painting and photography in both traditional and more abstract styles.

It was a pleasure to attend a special celebration evening with pupils and their families. I am deeply impressed by the exceptional quality of work this year and extend my gratitude to our educators, whose dedication to art provides an enriching environment where creativity thrives, allowing pupils to be bold and expressive in their artistic journey.

Duncan Cooper

Director of Secondary Education

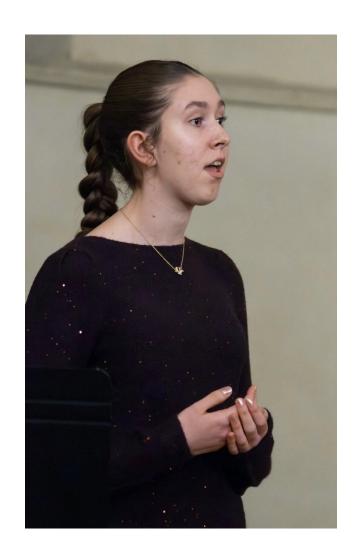












Attendance



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.

Attendance week 3-7th November

• Year 7: 97.31%

• Year 8: 94.60%

Year 9: 91.69%

• Year 10: 89.44%

• Year 11: 92.63%

"The best ability is availability!" "Thanks for bringing your best self today!"

Careers and Post 16

Uttlesford Careers Fair Tuesday 18th November at Saffron Hall

An invitation to all students and parents from Year 9-13 to attend the Uttlesford Careers Fair on Tuesday 18th November at Saffron Hall. The information is attached with a sign up link to book your time slot. There is also a specific SEND session being delivered to support students with and parents of SEND.

Post 16 destinations Open Evenings

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

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 <u>here</u>.

House Points

House points

Weekly house points

70 Banstead

66 Caius

36 Frankland

44 Morden

54 Saxie

56 Thompson

50 Trappes

Dates for the diary coming up...



Monday the 10th to Saturday the 22nd November Platform 25

Tuesday 18th November Uttlesford Careers Fair

Thursday 27th November Year 8 Parents Evening

Friday 28th November INSET Day - Academy closed to pupils

Tuesday 9th December Christmas Lunch

Thursday 11th December Parent Partnership Group

Thursday 18th December Christmas Concert 5.00 pm

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

 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





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.



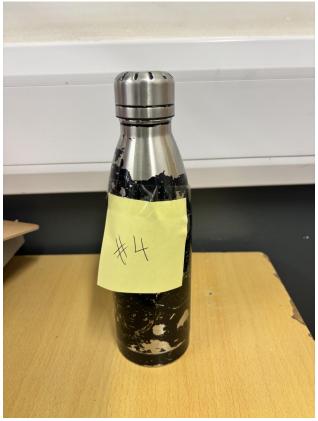




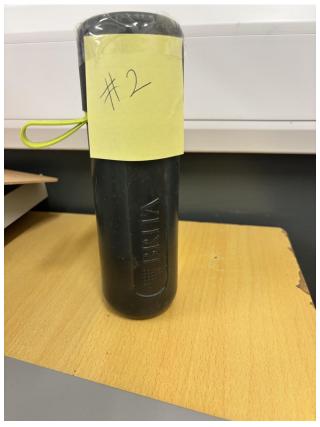


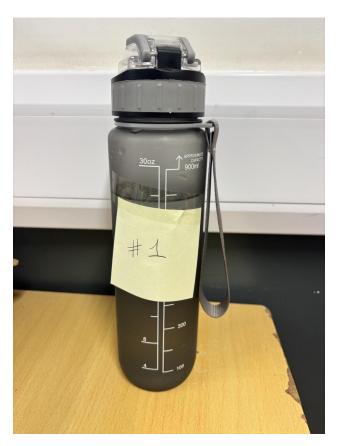




























Safeguarding Team



Role:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Deputy DSL(s)

Name and contact details:

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Dan Langley <u>dlangley@joycefrankland.org</u>

Emma Brockwell <u>ebrockwell@joycefrankland.org</u>

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



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

Donations

Can you help?

At times we are developing areas of the academy or are working on small projects that would benefit from particular items but can't always afford these from our schools budget. When these items are identified we will be putting in small notice in the JFAN Connector just in case any of our families may be getting rid of these items from home or would like to donate. Thank you for your consideration.

Reading Books - please keep donating any books that are suitable for our students and are in good condition; we can never have too many books! We would really like some more Guinness book of Records books.

IKEA Cube Storage Units (Kallax - the ones with the square sections you can put boxes in, any size or colour) - we are developing a few areas at the academy where these would be really useful.

Vacancies



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

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