

JFAN Connector 21st November 2025

Principal's message

Dear Parents and carers

We are truly in the flow of the second half of the autumn term, and the weather has certainly reminded us that winter is here. This week, we have spoken with students about continuing to wear their uniform with pride. On colder days, we ask them to ensure they are wearing the correct school jumper and to bring a coat. While we do not expect students to keep their coats off at all times inside the building, we do ask that they remove them during lessons and place them neatly on the back of their chairs. Hats and similar items should also be taken off indoors to help maintain a smart and respectful learning environment. On Monday, we will be sending out a letter with details about our Christmas dinner, followed later in the week by a second letter outlining the rest of our Christmas events. I would like to extend my thanks to Mr Grindrod and PC Braden for delivering our Anti-Bullying assemblies this week (see below). Their contribution has been invaluable in reinforcing our commitment to a safe, respectful and supportive school culture. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our Year 8 parents

to Parent Evening on Thursday. Following feedback from parent partners, we have made some adjustments to the evening to ensure it runs smoothly and meets the needs of families. Finally, a quick reminder that students are not in school on **Friday 28th November**. On this day, staff will be working collaboratively to further develop our aspirational curriculum, ensuring that it continues to challenge and inspire all students.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Warm regards

Mrs Warwick

Principal, Joyce Frankland Academy

Anti-Bullying Week 2025 Monday 10th - Friday 14th November

Every November schools throughout the United Kingdom take part in Anti-Bullying Week and we at Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport are doing so too. This is an opportunity to spotlight bullying and consider the steps we can take together to stop it. This year the theme is: Power for Good.

To support this theme, we delivered an assembly to each year group, involving a local Police officer to deliver some key messaging and highlighting our 5 ways of reporting through the "Addressing Unkindness at JFAN Together" posters.

As a parent or carer, you are a vital piece of the puzzle in tackling bullying. To help you in this role we have attached the Anti-Bullying Alliance Parent/Carer Support Pack, with guides and suggested activities to complete this week.

Student Survey Reminder

All JFAN students have been sent a survey email direct from 'Edurio'; this survey focuses on their learning experience and wellbeing. To support our students to complete this, we have placed a reminder, as a homework, on SIMS. We would very much appreciate your support in ensuring your child accesses the email and completes this survey by the close of this Friday, 21st November. Thank you in advance.



ADDRESSING UNKINDNESS AT JFAN TOGETHER

1. ASK FOR HELP FROM THE NEAREST ADULT IF YOU ARE BEING BULLIED!

If you are being bullied, or you feel unsafe because of the actions of someone else, tell the nearest adult immediately. Remember there are always adults on duty at break and lunch.



2. TELL YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER

If something happens in a classroom that has made you upset or anxious you must tell the teacher immediately. They are there to support you and they will deal with the issue.

3. TALK TO YOUR TUTOR OR TRUSTED ADULT

If you have an ongoing concern with someone being unkind talk to your tutor or your trusted adult; they are here to help



4. SPEAK TO YOUR HEAD OF YEAR

Your Head of Year is ready to listen and support you with whatever you need help with.



5. SEND A REPORT FROM HOME USING OUR REPORTING SYSTEM 'WHISPER'.

If something has happened during the day that has worried you, or you are being bullied, you can report this by using "Whisper'. Parents can do this with you or on your behalf.

Text: 07860 021 323 JFA21 (+ your message) or visit: https://swgfl.org.uk/whisper/jfa21/

Aspiration

Respect

Responsibility



1 - Year 7 assembly with PC Braden



2 - Year 7 assembly with PC Braden

Year 13 Students Engaging with the Community

Lily and Phoenix, both Year 13 students, are actively involved in the Yopey Befrienders scheme, visiting the Care Home in Newport every week. This fantastic initiative brings benefits not only to our students but also to the residents. They recently had a fun morning assisting the residents with some arts and crafts projects.





House of Lords Visit

Mrs Daveta and Mrs Warwick were pleased to accept an invitation to attend a networking event at the House of Lords last week. This was a fabulous opportunity to continue our educational links with TLC, engage with their inspirational guest speaker Sarah Johnson and spend some time with professionals from schools across the country.



3 - Mrs Daveta and Mrs Warwick at the House of Lords

Following an inspection this week we are pleased to announce that Innovate, our caterers have maintained their 5* Food Hygiene Rating.











Working in Partnership with Parents and Carers



The next meeting will be on Thursday 11th December, this time with Mince Pies! Please complete a form here to confirm your attendance and submit any questions you may have.

PE and Sports Co Curricular news



Girls Hockey Success!

A huge well done to our Year 10 and Year 9 Girls Hockey teams who represented the school superbly at this week's District Hockey Tournament. The Year 10 team delivered a series of strong, disciplined performances and finished Runners-Up, showcasing excellent teamwork, determination, and composure throughout the competition. The Year 9 team finished 3rd overall, but the margins couldn't have been closer — if they had scored just one more goal in their final game, they would have been crowned District Champions. A brilliant effort and a sign of just how competitive and talented the squad is.

Both teams should be extremely proud of their attitude, skill, and spirit on the pitch.

A fantastic effort all round — congratulations, girls!

Year 11 Football

Our Year 11 Football team put in a committed performance in the Essex Cup but unfortunately exited the competition after a 3–0 defeat to a very well-organised and physically strong Forest School side.

Despite the result, the boys showed great resilience, teamwork, and character throughout the match. They should be proud of the effort and determination they displayed against tough opposition.

Well done to all involved — plenty of positives to build on for the rest of the season.

Saturday Rugby Fixtures Round-Up

On Saturday morning, our Year 7, Year 8, and Year 9 rugby teams travelled to play fixtures against Avanti and Birchwood, with all three squads showing fantastic commitment and team spirit.

Year 7

It was the first ever competitive match for our Year 7s, and they approached both games with brilliant enthusiasm, determination, and teamwork. A huge well done to all the players for representing the school so positively in their debut fixtures.

Year 8

The Year 8s faced two tough opponents. They were defeated by Avanti in a challenging opening match but showed incredible resilience in their second game, coming back from 3 tries down to draw with Birchwood. A superb display of character and belief.

Year 9

The Year 9 team put on a strong performance, defeating Avanti with some excellent attacking rugby. In their second match, they battled hard but were beaten by a powerful Birchwood side. Despite the result, the boys displayed great commitment throughout.

A big congratulations to all players involved — great teamwork, great effort, and plenty to build on for the season ahead.











4 - Year 9 and 10 Sports Leaders helped at the primary multi-skills festival, 90 pupils from Rickling and Elsenham primary schools

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 10-14th November

- Y7 97.2%
- Y8 94.66%
- Y9 91.60%
- Y10 89.53%
- Y11 92.77%

[&]quot;You're here—and that's where success begins!""Keep up the awesome attendance!"

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.

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.

House Points

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Weekly house points

94 Banstead

82 Caius

44 Frankland

58 Morden

82 Saxie

68 Thompson

64 Trappes



5 - **Congratulations** to Year 7 Morden for being awarded the cup for the year 7 house with the most achievement points.

Pictured are Dax and Delilah with Mr Morris, form tutor for Morden.

Dates for the diary coming up...



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

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 school closes at 12.30



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.



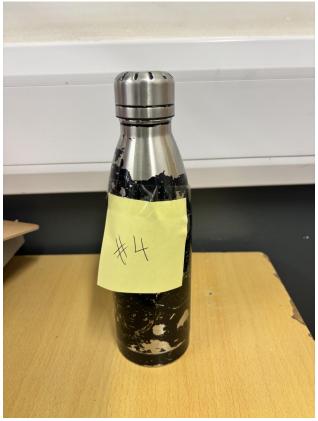




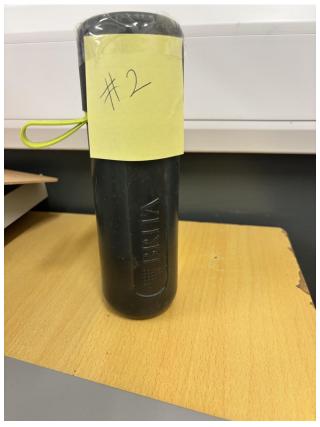


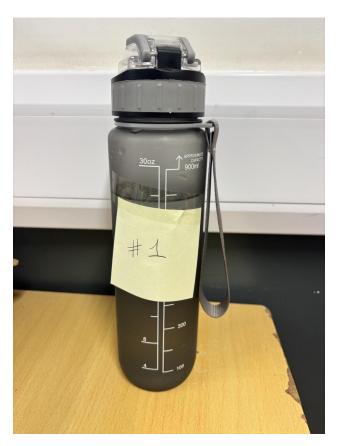




























Safeguarding Team



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



6 - 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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