

JFAN Connector 7th November 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back this week as we begin the second half of the autumn term. We started with a whole-academy assembly where I revisited our core values of Aspiration, Respect, and Responsibility —principles that continue to shape our culture and support a positive return to learning. I'm pleased to share that students have made a fantastic start. Their enthusiasm, focus, and commitment have been evident across the academy, and staff have worked hard to ensure everyone feels supported and ready to return to learning. This week also marked an important moment of reflection as I led our Remembrance assemblies in preparation for our two minutes' silence next Tuesday. It was a privilege to welcome local author Robert Pike, whose work on WW1 veterans—especially those who were former pupils of our school—has helped us connect more deeply with our history and honour those who served (See article below for more details.). I will be representing our school, with some students, at the Newport Remembrance Service on Sunday (10.30am). A reminder that Friday 28th November is an INSET day, and students will not be in school on that day. And finally, thank you

to all the parents who joined us for our SEND Coffee Morning—it was a pleasure to meet with you and share in such valuable conversations.

Mrs Warwick

Academy Principal



1 - Remembrance Assembly

Working in Partnership with Parents and Carers



Parent Partners

Please find below a summary of the discussions that took place

Discussion Focus

We started by developing a 'mission' statement for Parent Partners.

We will/We have

The thoughts and views of the Parent Partners have been reviewed over half-term and a draft mission statement is ready to be shared at the next meeting where it will be reviewed and finalised ready to share with the wider community and used in future meetings.

Discussion Focus

Parents Evening Feedback

We will/We have

The Parent Partners shared some invaluable insights regarding how we could

Discussion Focus

Homework

We will/We have

Following the feedback on homework, Mrs Hampson has produced a homework leaflet for parents which will be sent home next week. We will continue to have this as part of our improvement plan this year.

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

Homework

A homework information booklet will be sent home with your child next week. It outlines what is set, why it is set, when it is set and which platforms are used for different subjects. Thank you so much for the valuable feedback either via the Parent Partners forum or from the online questionnaire, this will be shared with the whole staff team. Please be aware that if your child is struggling with homework, B7 is open every lunchtime for the completion of tasks and to get any assistance that they might need.

Student Survey

All students have been sent a 'Pupil Survey' from our trust, Anglian Learning Trust. Please can all parents and carers encourage their child to complete this survey. Students have been sent an email and appropriate details. This survey closes on Friday 21st November. Thank you for your support.

Suffer and Serve

It was a pleasure to host local historian and Old Newportonian Robert Pike, along with his wife, at the Academy this week. Mr. and Mrs. Pike had the opportunity to meet with Mrs. Warwick and two of our sixth form students in the Great Hall.

Mr. Pike is the author of Suffer and Serve, a poignant book detailing the stories of the 18 young men and 1 staff member from Newport Free Grammar School who lost their lives in the First World War.

If you have a relative who served during the First World War and would like to learn more about them, please reach out to Mr. and Mrs. Pike, who can assist you with your research.

The book is available for purchase at the Saffron Walden Tourist Office or can be ordered by emailing repike1916@gmail.com or carriepike11@gmail.co

Thank you

This week, we were incredibly fortunate to receive a piano donation from Mrs. Clift-Hamilton in the History department. Additionally, local removal company Pretloves generously offered their services by delivering it to the school at no cost. We are immensely grateful, and the piano now holds a prominent position in the Great Hall.

https://www.pretloves.com/



2 - Mr and Mrs Pike



3 - Pretloves staff and the new piano



4 - Christmas Card competition

PE and Sports Co Curricular News



Handball Club

It was fantastic to see 29 students attending the first Handball session after school on Wednesday with England Handball coach Annica Farley! The club is open to all students in Years 7 and 8 every Wednesday from 3.15-4.15pm, offering a great opportunity to improve skills, stay active, and enjoy the sport with friends.

Everyone is welcome, whether you're a beginner or an experienced player!

Boys Rugby

It's been a fantastic week of rugby as our Year 8, Year 10, and Year 11 teams represented the school at the Bishop's Stortford and District Rugby Tournament, held over at Leventhorpe School.

- Year 10 were crowned District Champions, showing outstanding teamwork, determination, and skill throughout the tournament.
- Year 11 finished 3rd overall in a highly competitive group, with the top three teams
 closely matched in ability and points an impressive effort from the boys who played
 with great spirit and determination.
- Year 8 finished 4th, demonstrating excellent promise and teamwork for the future a brilliant effort from all involved!

A huge thank you and well done to every player who represented the school with pride and sportsmanship this week.

Players of the Tournament:

• Year 11: Louis L

Year 10: Jacob M

Year 8: Alfie M-C

Your effort, attitude, and performances have been exceptional — congratulations!

Finally, **good luck to our Year 9 team**, who will take to the field next Monday for their district competition. We're all behind you!

Girls Hockey

Our Year 7 Hockey A and B teams travelled to Herts and Essex School this week for a fantastic afternoon of competitive hockey.

- The A Team put in a brilliant performance to secure a 2–1 victory, showing excellent teamwork, passing, and determination throughout. Player of the Match: *Harriet C* for her tireless effort and composure on the ball.
- The B Team played with great spirit and enthusiasm but were defeated in their match. Player of the Match: *Holly P* for her commitment, skill, and positive attitude from start to finish.

A huge well done to all our Year 7 players for representing the school so well — you should be proud of your performances and teamwork on the pitch!



5 - Year 10 Rugby

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 20-24th October

- Y7 97.56%
- Y8 94.86 %
- Y9 91.92 %
- Y10 89.50 %
- Y11 92.49 %

[&]quot;Each day you attend is a day to advance!" "Your consistency is something to be proud of!"

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.

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 <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...



Sunday 9th November Remembrance Service St Mary's Newport
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
Thursday 11th December Parent Partnership Group
Friday 19th December - End of Autumn Term



an exhibition of artwork from Anglian Learning secondary schools and sixthforms

10 - 22 November 2025

Michaelhouse Café, Trinity St, Cambridge, CB2 1SU Featuring artwork from: Bassingbourn Village College

Bottisham Village College

Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport Linton Village College

The Oakes College Cambridge

Sawston Village College

Stour Valley Community School





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









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.



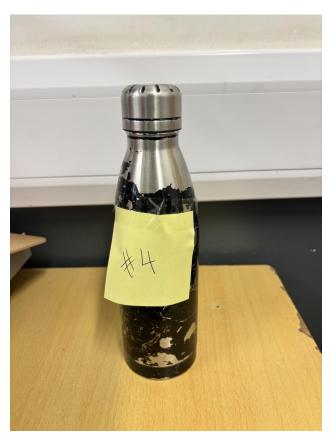




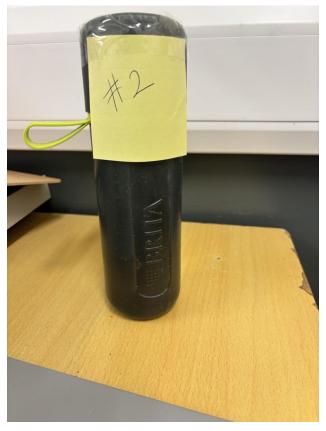


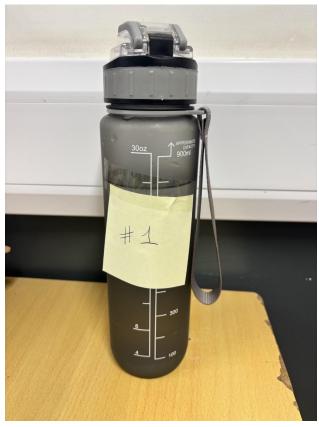




























Safeguarding Team



Role:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Deputy DSL(s)

Named safeguarding governor

Chair of Governors

Trust Safeguarding Lead

School Online Safety Lead

School Prevent Lead

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Margaret Sherwin

Nigel Poad

Camilla Saunders

Lee Gamble

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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