

JFAN Connector 19th December 2025



Principal's Message

Dear JFA Community,

As we come to the end of this term and prepare for the festive season, I want to take a moment to reflect on what an incredible start to the year it has been. Every day, I find myself feeling prouder of our academy and the remarkable young people and dedicated staff who make up our community.

The final few weeks of this term has been filled with memorable moments: winning sporting competitions, our wonderful Christmas concert, the Year 7 carol service, a fantastic Christmas

dinner, exciting house events, and the awards ceremonies where so many students were recognised for their hard work and achievements both inside and outside the classroom. These occasions truly showcase the talent, dedication, and spirit that define our school.

At the start of the year, we launched our three core values: **Aspiration, Respect, and Responsibility**. I am delighted to see these values reflected throughout our school—in the way our students learn, support one another, and contribute to our community. We should all be proud of what they have accomplished and the bright futures they are building.

None of this would be possible without the commitment and care of so many people. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who plays a part in developing our young people: our teachers, pastoral staff and non-teaching teams, volunteers, our parent partners and PTA, and of course, parents and carers. Your support and dedication make all the difference.

As we look forward to a new year full of opportunities, I wish you all a joyful Christmas and a peaceful, happy New Year.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs D Warwick

Principal, Joyce Frankland Academy



1 - Christmas Card design competition



2 - Christmas Card design competition



3 - Award winners



4 - Award winners



5 - Church service



6 - Church service



7 - Church service



8 - Christmas Concert

Anglian Learning



As CEO of Anglian Learning, the school Trust which supports your child/ren's school, I would like to share some key highlights of the work we have undertaken in the last few months. These activities have benefitted the pupils, workforce and communities of our Trust.

Firstly, I was delighted to attend our [Platform 25 exhibition](#) in Cambridge which brings together artwork from each of our secondary schools. As usual, the quality on display was impressive and many congratulations to all pupils whose work was exhibited. My thanks also to the art teachers across our Trust for their support of the exhibition, which was open to members of the public.

We also launched Anglian Learning's long-term strategy, which has three main areas of focus: Belonging by Design, Great Schools and Connected Communities. Next term, I will share with you more information about this strategy. We have already started to drive forward in each area, including the launch of webinars to support parent, carer and pupil wellbeing as part of Belonging by Design and working in partnership with the Foundation for Young People's Mental Health. More details can be found [here](#).

We have been supporting the development of our school estate, using government funding to invest in EV chargers, refurbishing numerous classrooms, toilets and play facilities and, most ambitiously, working alongside the Department for Education to start the remodelling of Sawston Village College.

In January, we look forward to welcoming four new schools to our Trust, with one being Soham Village College. The school's vision and values align well with Anglian Learning's, making them a perfect fit for our community. We look forward to learning from each other and inviting their pupils to take part in our Trust-wide events in the coming months and years.

I wish all families a restful break and thank you for your continued support as we work together. For more information on our Trust's activities, please visit our website www.anglianlearning.org, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Jonathan Culpin, CEO



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Food Bank Collection



Thank you so much for your generous donations for our food bank collection. We collected an amazing 276 items of toiletries, dried food and canned goods which our year 7 students delivered to the Church on Wednesday when they attended the Christmas Service. Congratulations to **Caius** who were the house that brought in the most items.

Thompson: 37

Trappes: 22

Frankland: 15

Banstead: 60

Caius: 67

Morden: 50

Saxie: 25

The goods will now be passed on to Streets to Homes in Harlow to help people who find this time of year a struggle.



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 8-12th December

Year 7 94.27%

Year 8 85.31%

Year 9 87.83%

Year 10 87.70%

Year 11 86.43%

"Each day you attend is a gift you give yourself!"

"Keep unwrapping success, one day at a time!"

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](#).

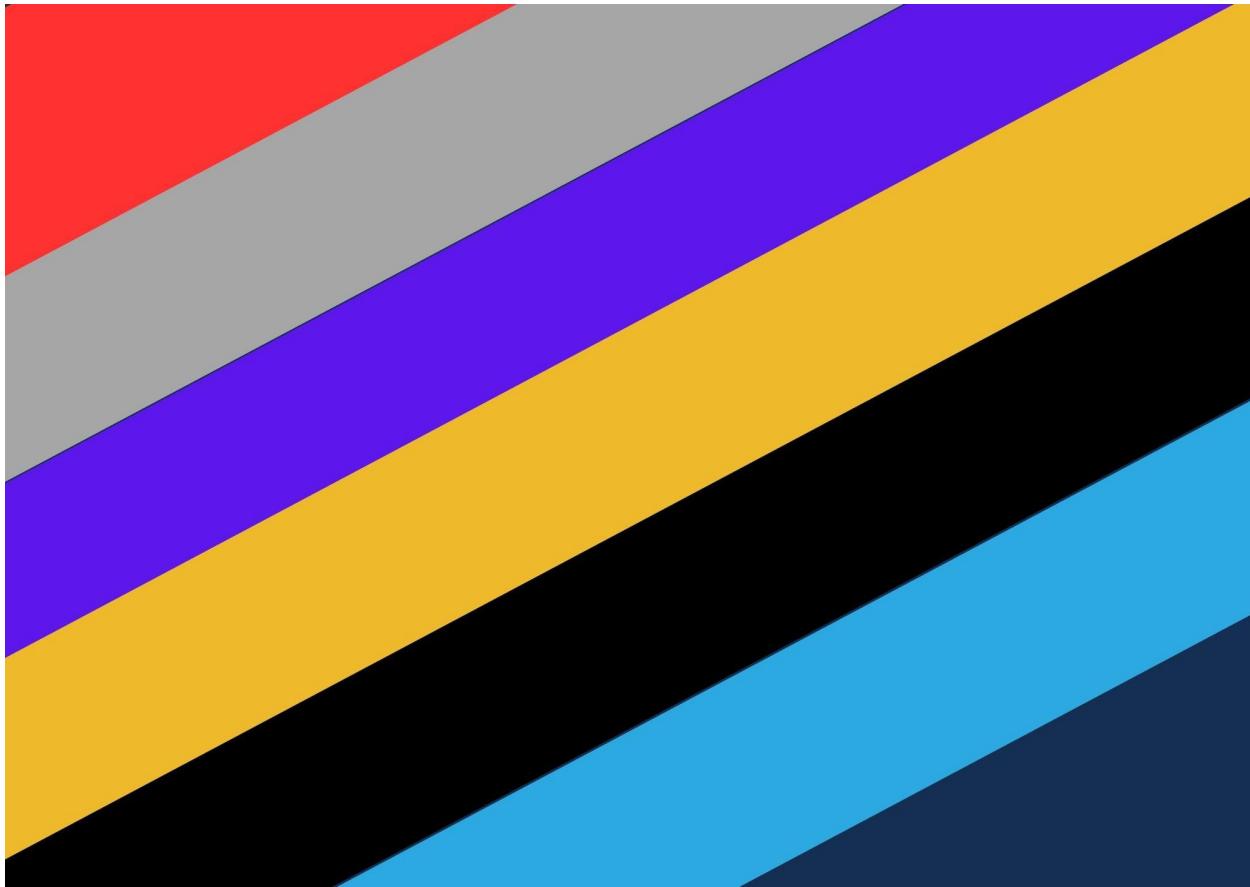
Careers



Careers Carousel

We are hosting our annual Careers Carousel for Years 9, 10 and 13 on 15th January. If you or your employer would like to present at the event please contact Iford@joycefrankland.org for further information. The brief outline of the event is; A day where students visit talks in small groups alongside their year group peers, focusing on careers in sectors, education providers and local employers/employees. Talks are 20 minutes long with 10 minutes Q&A at the end for students to help understand the choices that lay ahead.

House Points



Weekly house points

140 Banstead

128 Caius

60 Frankland

82 Morden

124 Saxie

116 Thompson

92 Trappes

Autumn Term House Points

167 Banstead

154 Caius
106 Frankland
110 Morden
140 Saxie
148 Thompson
126 Trappes

Congratulations to Banstead who the winners of the House Cup this term!! The points will now reset for the start of the Spring term.

Dates for the diary coming up...



Monday 5th January Term starts

Thursday 8th January Year 9 Parents Evening

Thursday 15th January Years 9, 10 and 13 Careers Carousel

Thursday 22nd January Year 11 Parents Evening



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.

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)

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.

Save the Dates

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

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

Designated teacher for Children in Care and children previously in care (CiC) Lee Gamble

Senior Mental Health Lead

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Nigel Poad

Camilla Saunders

Lee Gamble

Dan Langley

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



Can you help us?

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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.

Old newspapers for the Art department

Vacancies



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

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.









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