



JFAN Connector 5th December 2025

Principal's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, I have been truly overwhelmed by the generosity and support of our wonderful community. In just one week, we have had parents donate our beautiful Christmas tree, give up their time to decorate the Great Hall, provide stunning new Christmas decorations, and support us to launch an amazing garden project that will benefit our school for years to come. These acts of kindness remind us of the strong partnership we share between home and school, and how much we can achieve together. I am also looking forward to welcoming our Parent Partners next week for our second meeting—thank you for your continued commitment to working alongside us. A huge thank you to all the Year 8 parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening this week. Your positive feedback means so much to our staff. It has certainly been a busy and exciting week, and next week promises more festive cheer with our Christmas Dinner!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Warwick

Principal, Joyce Frankland Academy

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Jess and Rob Andrews of Alsa Wood Farm for their very generous donation of our beautiful Christmas tree and to Susannah Van Staten, Charlotte Columbus and Kathryn Moxley who not only donated decorations but also came in to dress the tree with Mrs Warwick. Thank you all so much for your generosity .





Working in Partnership with Parents and Carers



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

The agenda will cover the following topics:

- Feedback on changes to the Year 8 Parents' Evening
- A careers presentation
- Finalizing the Parent Partner Mission Statement

Please complete the form [here](#) to confirm your attendance and submit any questions you may have.

Year 7 have kick started the Christmas festivities this week. They have been designing Christmas cards for the community and 7 Saxie have done a fantastic job of decorating Mr Kennedy's Christmas tree.





Christmas Concert

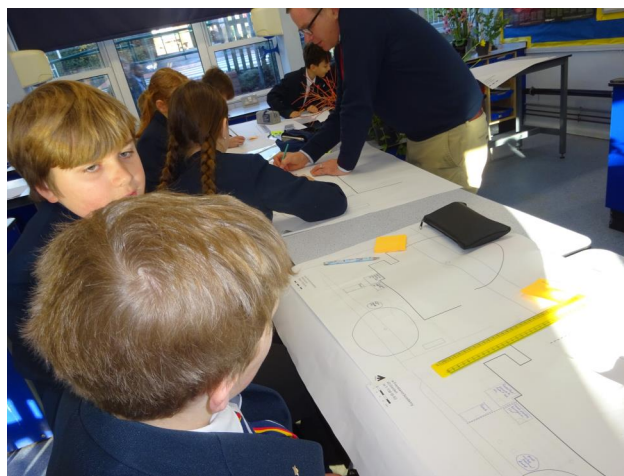
The Performing Arts Christmas Concert is taking place on Thursday the 18th of December. We have over 60 students performing this year and the wonderful PTA will be there with a selection of Christmas goodies to purchase. Please reserve a ticket using this [link](#) or the QR code below, the event is free but we will be collecting donations on the door and via ticket source.

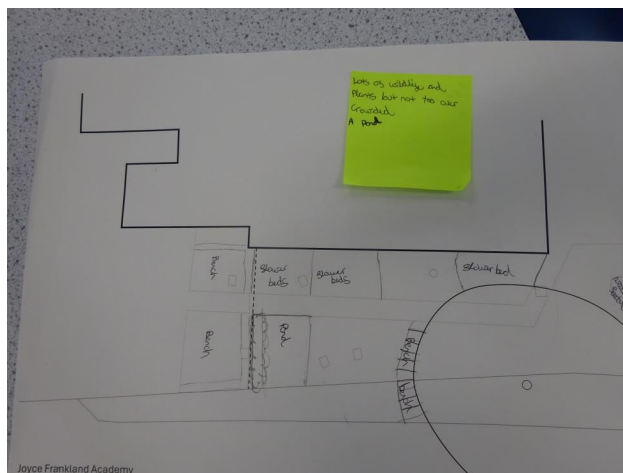
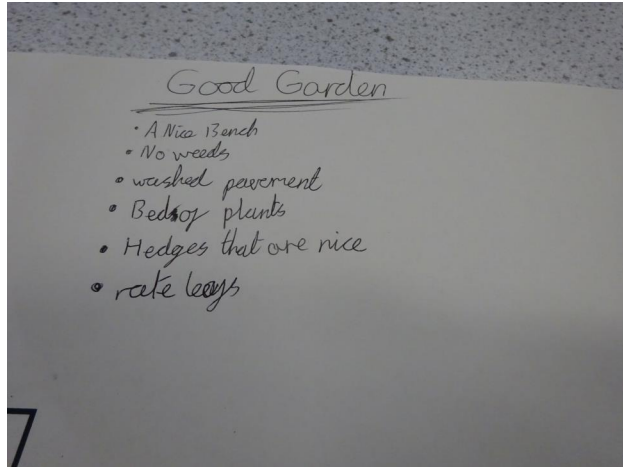




Sensory Garden

This week we were very fortunate to have a visit from a professional landscape architect who came in to help design our new Sensory Garden. The Sensory Garden is to be built adjacent to our main school reception over the coming weeks. The aim of the garden is to provide a calm and educational space for all the school community to enjoy. Twenty students from years 7 to 10 were selected to take part in the design session having demonstrated an interest and insight into what our students would want from this space.





Eco Garden

Students were working hard at the Eco Garden club this week with Mr Kennedy.



Black History Month Competition

The History Department have been very impressed with the wonderful entries for this year's competition. It was very difficult to choose the winners! Well done to everyone who took part. First place goes to Harry W, closely followed by Sid J in second. Highly Commended entries from Anna B, Olivia H and Freya B-S.



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 24th to 28th November

Year 7 97.10

Year 8 94.53

Year 9 90.95

Year 10 89.37

Year 11 92.99

"Each day you attend adds up to big success!"

"We appreciate your steady commitment!"

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

118 Banstead

106 Caius

54 Frankland

76 Morden

102 Saxie

94 Thompson

80 Trappes

Dates for the diary coming up...



Tuesday 9th December Whole School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 11th December Parent Partnership Group

Wednesday 17th December Year 7 Carol Concert

Thursday 18th December Christmas Concert 5.00 pm

Friday 19th December - Non uniform and End of Autumn Term school closes at 12.25

Monday 5th January Term starts

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

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

Uniform Pop Up shop

The Pre Loved pop up Uniform Shop will be back this Saturday morning at the Newport Farmers Market, Village Hall (0930-12:30) - donations also accepted here or drop off at the main school reception. Come and speak to a member of the team at the market if you are a family who may need access to additional support.

Christmas Festive Drinks

We are hosting a Christmas Festive Drinks evening at the Coach and Horses next Tuesday the 9th from 6.30 pm. Please join us for a cosy festive fundraiser with mince pies, music and lots of Christmas cheer. Feel free to wear a Christmas jumper or festive attire. £10.00 per person to include a festive refreshment and a mince pie. RSVP to the PTA

We look forward to seeing you there.

Vacancy

We are looking to hire a part-time secretary, please get in touch if you can spare a few hours a month and would like to chat more about the role and what's required.

Contact Information

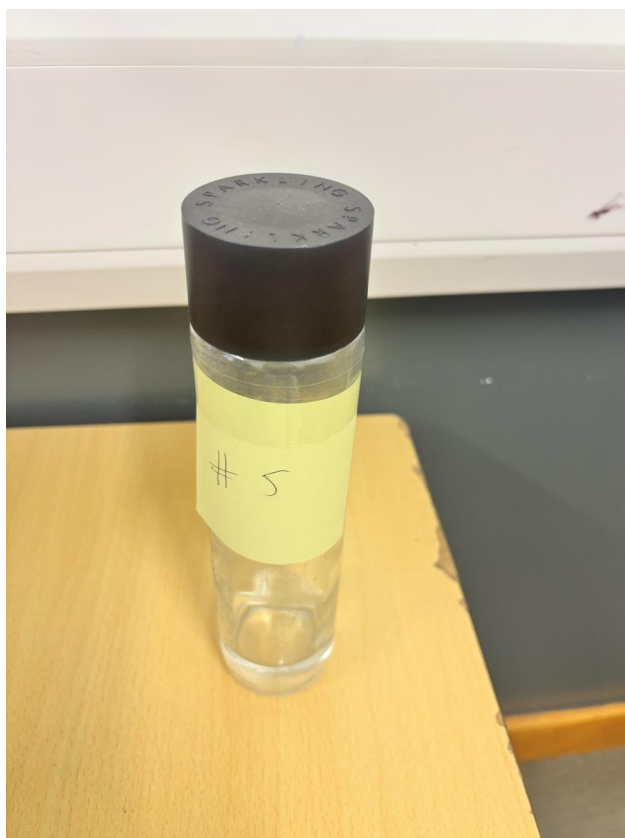
If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Kerinda or Kaymarie via the school email: jfaadmin@joycefrankland.org

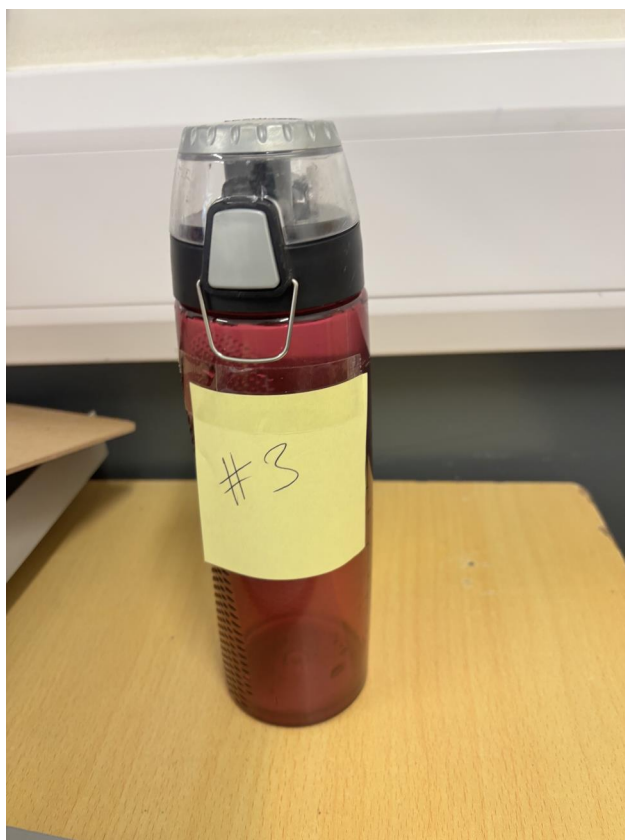
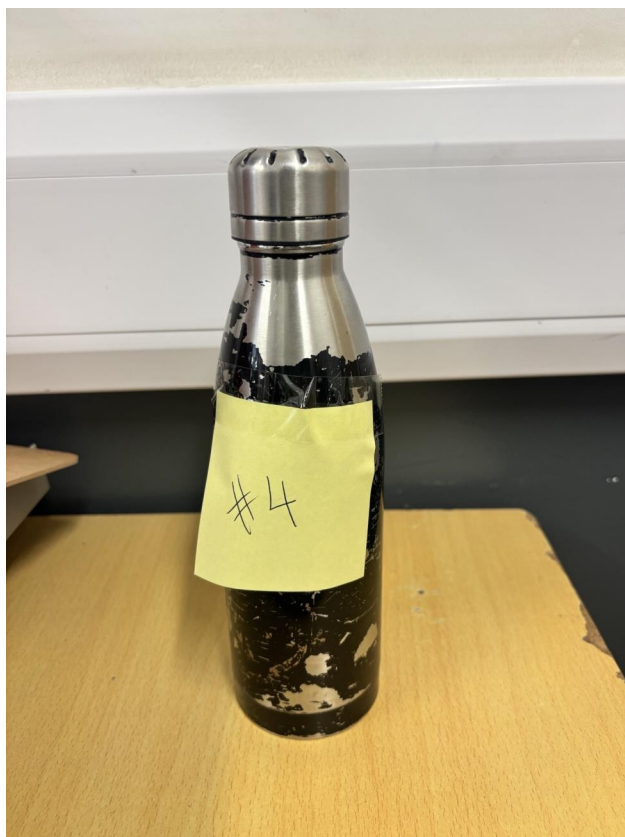
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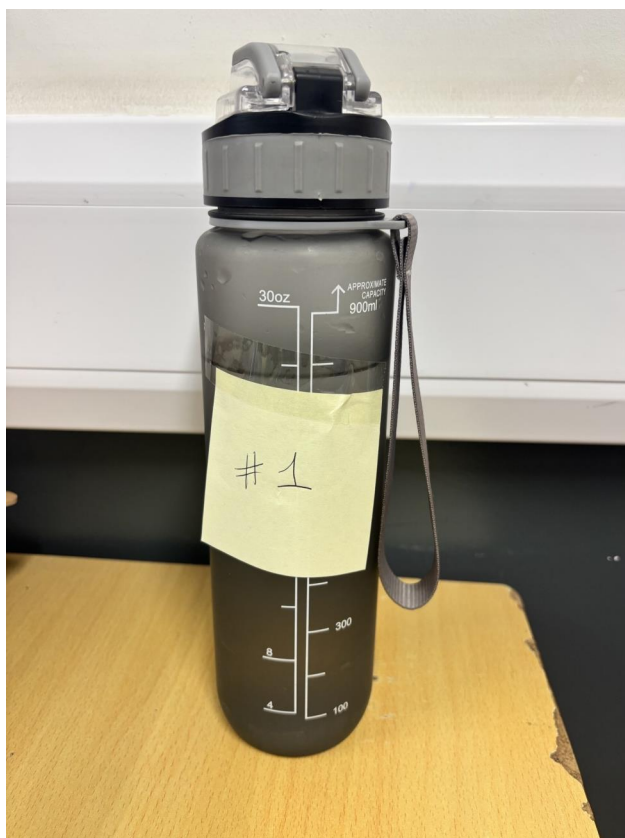
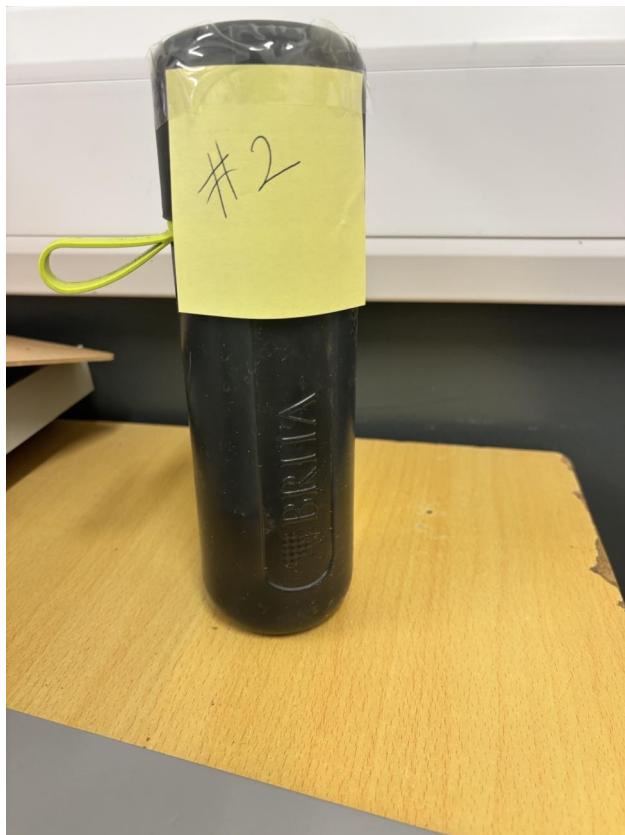
If your child/ren have lost any property, items of uniform or equipment please check the photographs to see if you recognise anything. Items will be stored in student reception ready for collection.



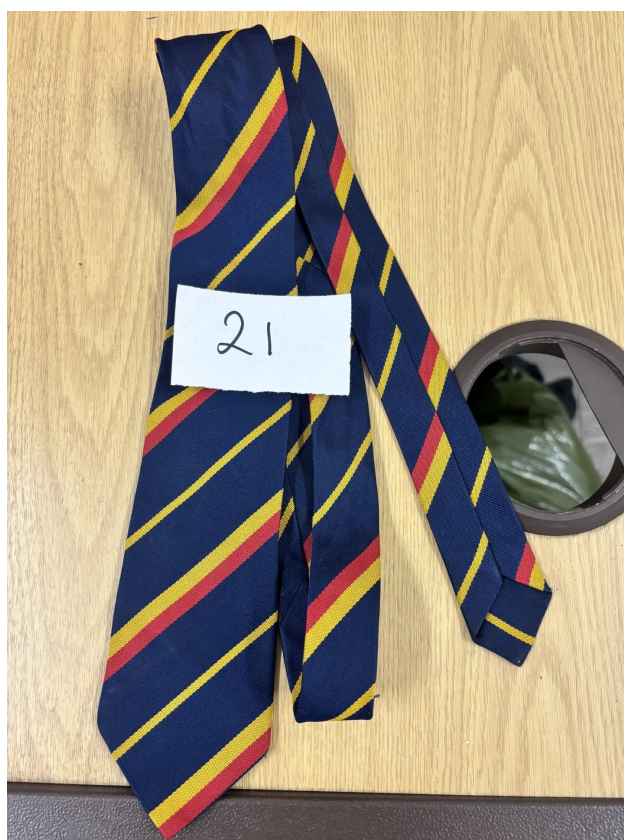


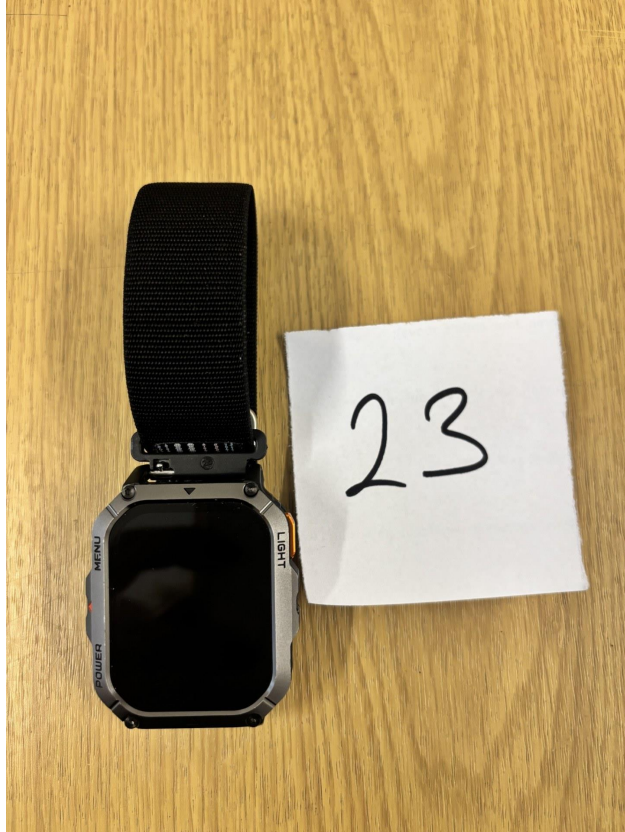














Safeguarding Team



Role:	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/)

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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