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# FALCON TIMES



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EXCLUSIVE NEWS

## Do you really care about the environment?

Do you litter? Do you think you're being kind to the environment? If you litter, you are harming the environment. Plants and animals are part of the environment and we eat those to keep us alive. If we are damaging them, it limits our supply. Even dropping something such as a crisp packet, can kill an innocent being. A hedgehog or small bird can crawl into it to eat the little crumbs left over and suffocate or not be able to escape. It's like a mouse trap but worse. How would you feel if you saw some lovely smelling cake in a shed, went to eat it and get stuck in there? Imagine you were screaming and crying for help but you were too small to be heard. How would you feel?

Littering also contaminates water. Eventually we will run out of fresh water a lot faster than if there was no litter floating around. Have you ever heard of the litter island that is 700,000 square kilometres? This litter island, otherwise known as Henderson island, cannot be cleaned as there is way too much rubbish on it; This litter comes from the islands around the pacific. The plants and fish that inhabit this island are dead beneath it because there is no sunlight to help them grow. This not only hurts the animals, but people have to pick up after you to help the environment.

Think of this next time you throw something on the ground.



'The litter island' in the South Pacific

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Your school needs you! Do you want to change something about the school? Do it! Want to make a difference? Do it! Join student leadership! Email Kate at [13katemoody@jogschool.org](mailto:13katemoody@jogschool.org) OR have a look at the timetable on page 5.



## Chinese New Year 2018!

Chinese New Year is an important Chinese festival known in modern China as the Spring Festival. The festival starts during February half term - 15th to the 21<sup>st</sup>. It is the most important and longest of all Chinese festivals, celebrated in Chinese communities worldwide. Chinese New Year activities include:

- Making offerings to household deities.
- Wearing new clothes, particularly in red.
- Hosting a large banquet for family and friends.
- Taking part in lion and dragon dances, as well as festive parades featuring acrobatic demonstrations, beating gongs, and clashing cymbals

This year the Chinese's Zodiac Symbol is the dog. The Chinese New Year Zodiac Symbols go around in a twelve-year cycle. The festival is dated back to 4,000 years of history and is a time for families to get together and host banquets.

## Bird watching assembly with Mr Gray!

Mr Gray's assembly on bird watching was amazing and showed what bird watching had to offer; such as the beautiful walks it takes you on and the exercise it gives you.

He also went into detail on when and how he got into bird watching and in addition, he showed us his amazing drawings of the birds he saw when he was extremely young.

In conclusion I thought it was a brilliant assembly for everyone and now I myself want to get into it and I would recommend talking to him about it if you would like to do it too.

## EXPRESS YOURSELF!

There has been a great deal of discussion amongst the new year sevens recently about their appearances around school. Areas of this discussion have included being allowed to have hair cut below a crop three, being able to wear makeup in any year group and to be able to dye your hair any colour. To get more information and see the issues from a staff prospective, we at The Falcon Times interviewed a cross-section of the school community.

### Miss Wall - Cover Supply

**"I don't think the rule of year sevens wearing makeup should be lifted as at such a young age children should be making the most of having lovely skin and not covering it up"**

### Chloe Lee - Year 7 Student

**"I think that year 7s should be allowed to wear makeup with natural and nude colours, but not excessively. I do not think that those with excessive makeup should be punished because it is part of their identity."**

### Charlie Sweetman - Year 7 Student

**"I believe that Year Seven students should be able to style their hair and wear makeup so they are able to express themselves and have an identity of their own."**

### Lottie Lee - Year 7 Student

**"I think that year 7s should be able to wear makeup to express their individuality and it is important that we are free to be able to do and be what we wish."**

How do you feel about the school rules on makeup and the styling of hair? Email us and let us know your opinion at our JoG newspaper: [jognewspaper@jogschool.org](mailto:jognewspaper@jogschool.org) !



## ATTENTION: Calling all West End Wannabes!

The John of Gaunt expressive arts department and Year 7 & 8 Drama club are delighted to announce their upcoming performance of the West End classic, 'Aladdin' – this time an original interpretation, written and acted by the students themselves.

Drama teacher, Miss Regan, has confirmed that the show is to be brought to the John of Gaunt stage sometime within the summer term (dates to be confirmed) exclusively for readers here at the JoG Newspaper.

The wonderful writers and performers of the club have promised a vibrant and exciting show full of colourful characters (old and new!), incredible talent from our KS3 plus some side-splitting humour, a treat for all who come and see!

With keen hopes to begin rehearsals after the half-term break, the Drama Club are eager to recruit some more budding actors and actresses to star within the show, particularly those who are raring to get involved with pantomime!

If you're in years 7 and 8 and want to get involved, feel free to come along to the drama club on a Thursday from 3 – 4:15 and for those future Broadway stars who would like a main role, auditions are to be held on the Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. If acting isn't your thing but you'd still like to get involved, the club are looking for some great tech helpers to aid the department in everything technology and behind the scenes. For more information, email Miss Regan at [jregan@jogschool.org](mailto:jregan@jogschool.org).

So, grab your dusty magic lamps everybody and make sure to give them a quick rub because The John of Gaunt School is in for a magical ride!

### GET INVOLVED!

Are you interested in journalism? Or reporting on the school? Or simply just want to help? If you're interested in writing stories like the ones you have been reading today, come along the School Newspaper clubs! Tuesday lunchtimes for Year 11s, and Tuesday afterschool for any other years (all in L2). To get involved email: Miss Stork ([ESTork@jogschool.org](mailto:ESTork@jogschool.org)) Kate Moody ([13kmoody@jogschool.org](mailto:13kmoody@jogschool.org)) Or the newspaper email ([Jognewspaper@jogschool.org](mailto:Jognewspaper@jogschool.org))

### DRAMA CLUB

Miss Regan is happy to let us know that she is leading drama club in Gloucester drama room. Drama Club is an extremely fun environment and Miss Regan would like to have a larger group of students to attend drama club so she can host a play in the near future. Drama club is on a Thursday in the drama rooms. Regularly, you will be given a theme in groups to practice and show the rest of the club. However, in on one of our recent gatherings, we did improve which was one of my favourites.

### Calling all Creative Minds!

Do you write stories and poems in your free time? Show off your talents to our lovely English teachers Miss Harwood and Mrs Johnson; they're dying to hear your work.

Every Friday in L25, 3 - 4pm. The fun awaits!



# Do you want a job to start earning some cash?



**GOFISH's monthly free newsletter will offer you useful guides to support you in finding and getting a job**

To sign up to our newsletter please go to [gofishteam.co.uk/newsletter](https://gofishteam.co.uk/newsletter)

Many students may decide to get a part-time job to earn some cash and gain valuable experience. However, research has shown that since the 1990's teenagers with Saturday jobs have halved. It is becoming much harder to find and get these jobs! Local organisation, GOFISH, whose sole aim is to support people in preparing them for the World of Work, are offering a brand new free monthly eNewsletter to encourage and support young people in helping to find and getting their own local part-time jobs. To sign up to GOFISH's newsletter please visit [gofishteam.co.uk/newsletter](https://gofishteam.co.uk/newsletter)



Student Leadership (lunchtimes)	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Week 1	Year 8	Year 7	Year 9
Week	Year 10	Year 11	Full Board



## Expressive Arts Faculty - 2017/2018 Extra-Curricular Activities

Aspire, Create, Express



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunch Times</b> 1:05-1:35pm	<p>Strings - NMA in G1</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p> <p>Computer Room access for GCSE Music students</p>	<p>Choir - EST in G9</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p> <p>Computer Room access for GCSE Music students</p>	<p>Flute Group - NMA in G1</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p> <p>Computer Room access for GCSE Music students</p>	<p>Folk Group - EST in G9</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p> <p>Computer Room access for GCSE Music students</p>	<p>Hand Chimes - NMA in G1</p> <p>KS3 Keyboard Club - EST in G9</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p>
<b>After School</b> 3:15-4:15pm	<p>GCSE and A Level Computer Access - in G5</p> <p>Year 11 Acapella Singers - NMA/EST in G1</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p>	<p>GCSE Drama Rehearsals/Revision- GBR/JRE in D/Studio</p> <p>Yr 11 GCSE Art Support - MGI in C1</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p> <p>GCSE Music Support - EST in G5</p>	<p>Orchestra - NMA/EST in G1</p> <p>KS3 Drama Club - JRE in Drama Studio</p> <p>KS3 Art Club - HSN/CLA in C10</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p> <p>Computer Room access for GCSE Music students</p>	<p>GCSE Art Support - MGI/HSN in C1/C9</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p> <p>GCSE Music Support - EST in G5</p>	<p>GCSE Art Support - MGI/HSN in C1/C9</p>