



## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for the warm welcome and kind conversations that I have had with many of you. I'm really pleased to have finally started as Headteacher. It's been a great week of introductions and I'm especially pleased with how our wonderful Year 7 students have settled in. I think they may know their way around better than me!

This is going to be the first of our weekly newsletters. Each Friday we will email, and place on the website a very brief round-up of information from the current week and notices for the following week.

I'm really looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible on Wednesday during an introductory meeting and question and answer session (details on the website), please don't worry if you can't make it. I wish you all a very restful weekend.

Paul

## Dates For Your Diary:

- Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Sept – School photographs
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Sept – 6pm – Introductory meeting with Paul Skipp with parents of Yrs 7-9 students
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Sept – 7pm – Introductory meeting with Paul Skipp with parents of Yrs 10-13 students
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Sept – Yr7 Information Eve
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Sept – Yr8 HPV Girls 1<sup>st</sup> immunisation

## School Start Time

A warning bell will sound at 8.40am. Students are expected to be in their classrooms, sat down and ready to learn by 8.45am. After this time only Wingfield Road entrance is open to students. Any students arriving after this time must report to reception and sign in before going to their first lesson.

## Reporting Absence

If your child is absent from school please can you contact the school by either;

1. leaving a message on Gateway
2. email the school on [absence@jogschool.org](mailto:absence@jogschool.org)
3. telephone and leave a message on the school's absence line on 01225 762637 and selecting 'pupil absence'.

## Extra curricular activities

This term the PE Department will be running extra-curricular clubs each week in the following sports: Girls Football, Netball, Rugby, Hockey and Badminton.

Everyone of all abilities and ages are welcome. Further information can be obtained from the PE department.

## Welcome back to year 9

This term sees them embark upon their GCSE journey. I wanted to take this opportunity to provide a few tips on a successful transition into their exam subjects.

- 1: Take the pressure off, by being prepared the night before for the lessons next day.
- 2: Plan ahead for projects, resources, ingredients etc.
- 3: Regularly chat about their course, be aware of deadlines and exam dates.
- 4: Re read and revisit key skills throughout the next three years, as this will embed learning and again avoid pressure in exam season.
- 5: Reading, this is such a fundamental skill for all exams. The more frequently you read, the more competent you will be in exams when tackling questions.

Year 9 have time to grow and I wish them every success for this year

Mrs S Scott – Head of year 9

Students in years 7 & 8, do you fancy coming along to STEM club on Thursdays from 3.15-4.15?

These sessions will start next week and will be held in H1.

Please remember to name all items of uniform, including shoes, trainers and PE kits etc.

## So what's drama up to?

We are putting on a WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION, titled 'Verona High'.

It's an exciting opportunity to get involved in something different and fun, to meet and work with a variety of students and staff!

Auditions will be Tuesday 18th 3:15-5:00. Prepare a chorus of your favourite song (can be sung as a pair!) For Year 7s and 8s there is a drama club, every Tuesday at lunchtime in the Drama studio. Look forward to seeing you!

## Careers @ JoG

Welcome back to the new term! I would like to introduce myself as the Careers Support Adviser for The John of Gaunt School providing impartial careers advice and guidance. I will be available at parents' evenings to help with any questions around your child's key educational transition stages. I am happy to arrange meetings in school if appropriate as well as answer questions via e-mail. I have a room in Chiltern block next to the library and am in school every day, 9.00 - 2.45 pm.

## Careerpilot

[www.careerpilot.org](http://www.careerpilot.org) is a useful source of information with a specific Parent Zone, including

FAQs such as:

What are my choices for my child at 16?

What are the benefits of University?

What financial support is available to my child at college

What is an apprenticeship and where does my child find one?



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## WEEK 2 MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
COD & SALMON FISHCAKES WITH A TOMATO SAUCE	HOMEMADE COTTAGE PIE Minced beef in a rich gravy topped with fresh mashed potato	WELSH ROAST PORK WITH SAGE & ONION STUFFING BALLS	CHICKEN CURRY Chunks of chicken in a home-made tomato & coconut sauce	BATTERED FISH or BREADED CHICKEN STEAKS
QUORN SAUSAGES IN BBQ SAUCE	VEGETABLE LASAGNE Seasonal vegetables in a home-made tomato sauce layered with pasta sheets & topped with a béchamel sauce	CAULI FLOWER & BROCCOLI BAKE Fresh Cauliflower & broccoli topped with a creamy cheese sauce	QUORN CHILLI CON CARNE Quorn in a mild chilli sauce	SLICE OF MARGHERITA PIZZA
SOFT NOODLES	CRUSTY BREAD	ROAST POTATOES	RICE	CHIPS
STIR FRY VEGETABLES or MIXED SALAD	VEGETABLE OF THE DAY or MIXED SALAD	FRESH SEASONAL VEGETABLES GRAVY	VEGETABLE OF THE DAY or MIXED SALAD	BAKED BEANS PEAS MIXED SALAD
FRESHLY MADE SANDWICHES, BAGUETTES, WRAPS AND DELI ROLLS WITH A VARIETY OF FILLINGS ALL HOMEMADE FROM £1.40				
JACKET POTATOES WITH VARIOUS HOT AND COLD FILLINGS FROM £1.60				
HOT PASTA WITH A CHOICE OF TWO SAUCES £1.60				
A SELECTION OF HOMEMADE CAKES, YOGHURTS AND FRESH FRUIT				