



# JWS Update

21 October 2022

## News

"For last year's words belong to last year's language  
And next year's words await another voice.  
And to make an end is to make a beginning."  
-from 'Little Gidding' by T. S. Eliot

As a school we are excited by the prospect of making a change to our rewards system. After half term we will share with students how they will be rewarded based on our eight-character virtues. As a school community we are moving forward together, we are all working hard and are committing to forming good character habits in which to fall back on. We were thrilled to reflect upon and share our progress with parents at our Parent Forum on Wednesday evening. We were also very thankful to all the parents that attended our Parents Day. It was wonderful to see you and we hope you found the day informative. With that, we hope you have a joyful and restful half term break.



The Sixth Form are organising a Halloween Cake Sale and raffle on Monday 31 October with all proceeds being donated to the charity Mind. We would appreciate your help by bringing in cakes and biscuits on the morning to the Sixth Form Centre.

Why Mind? For 70 years, Mind have been committed to helping young people who suffer from mental health problems. Within 2020-2021 they supported over 405,000 people.

Mind have multiple methods of contact which are all listed on their website. Some are:

Ring HOPELINEUK on [0800 068 4141](tel:08000684141) or the [Samaritans](#) on [116 123](tel:116123) OR Text YM to [YoungMind's Textline](#) on [85258](tel:85258)

## Uniform

As the winter draws in, we would encourage students to wear a grey knitted jumper. Please be reminded that skirts need to be tailored or pencil skirts of a reasonable length ie. Just above the knee and not tight jersey material skirts and for health and safety issues, acrylic nails are not permitted. There will be a full uniform check after half term.

## Remembrance

Poppies will be on sale at school in the lead up to Remembrance Day, 11 November 2022.

## Christmas Jumper Day

We will be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day on 9 December students will be invited to wear a Christmas jumper with their uniform. Blazers will not need to be worn on this day only.

## Lockers

Lockers are available for equivalent of £6 per year with a £5.00 deposit that will be returned at the end of year 11. If your child would like a school locker, please email [accounts@jws.bham.sch.uk](mailto:accounts@jws.bham.sch.uk).

## Attendance

Attendance at school really matters not only for academic success but also for building relationships with peers and teachers. Please support us in achieving high attendance for your child and inform us of the reason for any absence to school using the attendance telephone number: 0121 378 6564. A reminder that John Willmott School cannot authorise holiday leave during term time. Please be advised that doing so may result in penalty charges.

## A huge Well Done to the Three top attending forms of the year so far

7 Courage



9 Service



8 Kindness



'Potential into Reality'

## Punctuality to School

Good punctuality to school is important for all students, letters have been sent to parents and carers of those students whose punctuality is of concern.

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days' worth of teaching lost in a year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 mins	6.9 days
15 mins	10.3 days
20 mins	13.8 days
30 mins	20.7 days

Poor punctuality can lead to your child...

- Missing the beginning of vital lessons
- Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day
- Learning bad habits which could affect their employability and life chances in the future

## Virtues and Virtues Champions

Over the last two weeks we have focused on our virtues of Respect and Courage.

Each week our heads of year nominate a 'Virtues Champion' - a person in their year group who has gone above and beyond to demonstrate our virtue of the week.

Thank you to our Virtues Champions for leading the way in practicing Respect and Courage

	Year 7 Champion	Year 8 Champion	Year 9 Champion	Year 10 Champion	Year 11 Champion
<b>Respect</b> 	Callum H, for always respecting his peers and teachers.	Oliver P for always demonstrating respect to his peers, staff and when representing the school in older teams.	Jakhadi M, always demonstrates respect to staff and students.	Shivraj, always demonstrating upmost respect for staff and students alike.	Jayden H, always demonstrates respect for himself and towards others.
<b>Courage</b> 	Layla for overcoming hard times and displaying great courage.	Shay for having the courage to intervene when his friends had a disagreement.	Georgia H for showing strength in character and having the courage to not loose who she is.	Takese for showing courage when faced with a difficult situation.	Meg, for showing perseverance in times of difficulty.

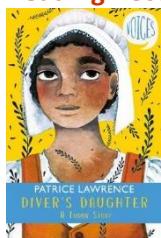
## Safeguarding

If you have a concern that any student is being harmed or is at risk of harm, you can contact school reception and ask for a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). Alternatively, or in the case of school being closed, if you are worried about the safety or welfare of a child or young person you can contact Birmingham children's advice and support line on 0121 303 1888. In cases of emergency call 999.

## The SHARP system

You can report any incidents of concern within the school or local community using the SHARP system which is located on the school website.

## Reading Recommendation



A Mozambique girl and her mother living in Tudor London travel to Southampton when they hear of a shipwreck that has been discovered with the possibility of sunken treasure aboard.

Award-winning author, Patrice Lawrence, continues this exciting new series that explores authentic and moving accounts of the life of British immigrants throughout history.