

# JWS Update



11 November 2022

## News

School communities are designed to be brimming with activity and life and last term has been absolutely defined by a palpable sense of energy and optimism. The inter-form competitions, basketball shoot-out, general knowledge quiz and 7-side football have been met with enthusiasm. There will be further opportunities for everyone to participate again this term. None of this would be possible without the commitment and leadership of staff. My thanks go to Miss DaSilva, Miss Finnegan, Mr Foster and all form tutors for their organisation of these events.

This week, Mrs Norton led assemblies on the theme of remembrance, reminding us of the importance of this annual act during the two minutes' silence at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month. Today was a joy to stand with the whole school community to remember those who have died in the line of duty. It was a very special moment.

John McCrae's famous poem, *In Flanders Fields*:

To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

We are excited about the amazing possibilities that lie ahead this half term! To find out more about school life, please follow us on twitter: <https://twitter.com/JohnWillmottSch>

## Post-16 Consultation

Last week we informed you of our consultation in relation to continuing with post 16 provision. We would like to receive your feedback in our online survey, which can be found [here](#).

## Careers

John Willmott School employ the services of a Careers Adviser, Mrs Yvonne Green. She provides impartial careers information, advice and guidance. Please do feel free to contact her with any Career or Further/Higher Education queries via: [Yvonne.green@jws.bham.sch.uk](mailto:Yvonne.green@jws.bham.sch.uk).

## Further Education – Year 11

Here is an excellent webinar from Adviza for parents/carers and students to find out about various options available after Year 11: click here <https://www.adviza.org.uk/past-webinars>

## Future Fridays

We are excited to launch our Future Fridays during form time where students will have the opportunity to learn about different types of careers, apprenticeships and pathways as well as learning about the labour market information within these different roles. If there are any employers/businesses that would be willing to share information with students, we would be most interested to hear from you. Please contact [enquiry@jws.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@jws.bham.sch.uk)

## Attendance

If your child will not be attending school you must notify our Attendance Team before 9:15am by one of the following methods:

Email: [attendance@jws.bham.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@jws.bham.sch.uk)  
Telephone: 0121 378 6564

Please ensure that you clearly state your child's name, form group and the reason for absence. Thank you

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

8 Discipline



7 Courage



9 Service



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## Virtues and Virtues Champions

Over the last two weeks we have focused on our virtue of Commitment and Service.

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 Commitment and Service

	Year 7 Champion	Year 8 Champion	Year 9 Champion	Year 10 Champion	Year 11 Champion	Year 13 Champion
Commitment	V Appleby	K Spargo	M Smith	R Harry	C Adams	J Rice
Service	E Corfield	A Harris	L Ryan	I Dobron	J Leatherbarrow	B Okechukwu

## Dates for the Diary

**Odd Socks Day - Monday 14 November:** We are encouraging students to come to school on Monday 14 November wearing "Odd socks" to support Anti- Bullying Week.

**Children in Need - Friday 18 November:** Students will be able to donate £1.00 to wear their own clothes for Children in Need.

**Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 9 December:** Students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper with normal school trousers or skirts and shoes.

## 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.

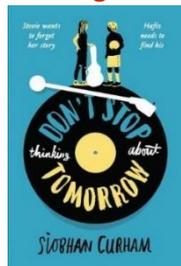
The UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC) have reported findings that more than a quarter of all girls surveyed have had some kind of experience of receiving a request for nude or semi-nude photos or videos. UKSIC says:

"Children can be groomed, coerced or encouraged into sexual activities online. This is known as self-generated child sexual abuse content, or first person produced images and videos. It's where sexual images or videos of children are captured via a webcam or camera-enabled device. There is no physical presence of the abuser and the child is often in their own bedroom or bathroom. Whilst these images can be the product of grooming, blackmail and coercion, they could have also been originally voluntarily produced by the child, but then shared with others without the child's full knowledge or consent. Any child with unsupervised access to the internet is potentially at risk."

The UKSIC has produced a checklist and resources about coerced online child sexual abuse to help parents understand this difficult topic and to support their children. The link can be found here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/online-issue/coerced-online-child-sexualabuse>

## Reading Recommendation



A British girl and a Syrian refugee find strength in each other to pursue their dreams for the future and overcome their present hardships. An uplifting story of unity, friendship and hope that highlights the important and topical issues surrounding young carers and young refugees, by the award-winning author Siobhan Curham.

## Book Donations

We are looking forward to launching our refurbished library. We have replaced the furniture and we are now in the process of stocking the shelves with a great variety of books. We would welcome any donations of quality fiction and non-fiction books. We are incredibly grateful for the donations we have already received.

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