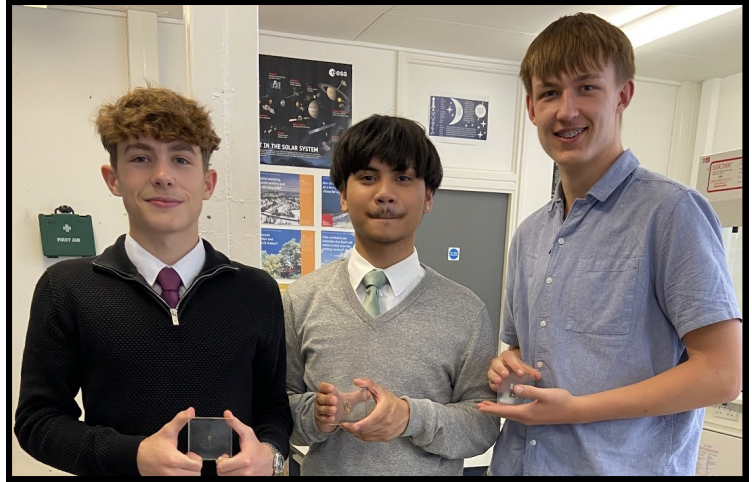


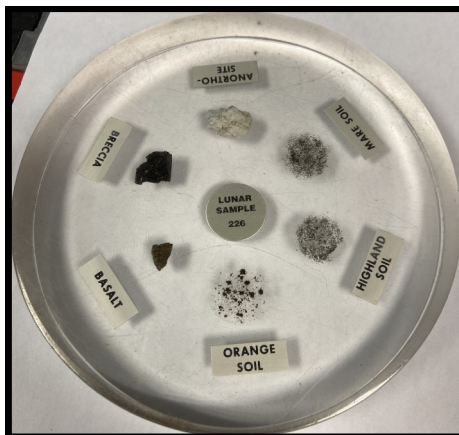


JFK BORROWS THE MOON



Just before half term, over 200 students had the opportunity to get their hands on rare samples of moon rocks and meteorites which were truly out of this world! They were given the unique opportunity to touch a piece of a space rock not of this Earth as they handled genuine meteorites and Moon rocks.

These rare samples were provided to school through a project called 'Borrow the Moon' by the UK's Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC). The samples were collected from the six manned Apollo missions which successfully landed on the moon between 1969 and 1972. Students also enjoyed learning about moon conspiracies and how the theories were well and truly debunked. A truly inspirational and memorable experience for our students and staff alike !





DUKE OF EDINBURGH - SILVER



Last term, we had the pleasure of accompanying 21 of our Year 12 students to the Peak District as part of their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award. This expedition served as their practice journey in preparation for the qualifying expedition scheduled for July.

Each group spent approximately seven hours per day navigating through the Derbyshire Dales, developing their map-reading and route-planning skills. All groups were equipped with GPS trackers, allowing staff to monitor progress and ensure safety. In instances where groups took a wrong turn, they quickly recognised the error and successfully corrected their course, demonstrating resilience and independence.

Evenings at the campsite provided students with the opportunity to unwind. They enjoyed playing card games, socialising, preparing their own meals, and engaging in games of football.

I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to the dedicated staff members who generously volunteered their time to support this expedition. Their commitment was instrumental in making this experience possible. A heartfelt thank you to Miss Digby, Mr Morgan, Miss Bell-Doyle, and Callum Moore.



Miss Casserly – DofE Coordinator



ART

Year 7 Clay



This week the Year 7's have started making their 3D cake sculptures from their chosen design in response to Pop Artists and Pop Art characteristics.





PE



County League Athletics Results 5

U14 Girls - 2nd
 U16 Girls - 2nd
 U14 Boys - 4th
 U16 Boys - 4th

Hertfordshire Schools County Championships

Good luck to all our athletes competing in the Hertfordshire County Championships tomorrow.

Amelia Mihalcea	Tomi Kehinde
Annaliesa Ambridge	Gabi Centracchio
Max Clark	Esther Faponle
Ryan Hibberd	Trinity Bruner
Angel Ahenkan	Renee Ronan
Daniella Adenaike	Phoebe Molnar
Harry Deacon	Bella Spice
Angelina Ambridge	George Brooks
Sofia Briggs	Ava-Lee Sarosh-White
Tomi Bankole	Ciara Stack
Olivia Wilson	

Track and Field Regional B Finals

Good luck to our Junior Boys, Junior Girls and Inter Girls teams competing on Wednesday in the Track and Field Regional B Finals!

Miss Perry - PE Department



PE



WE ARE JFK PE

Next Week's Fixtures

Monday 9th June	County League 6 @ Woodside, Watford
Tuesday 10th June	3.30pm - Y7/8 Rounders @ Ashlyns
Wednesday 11th June	Track and Field Regional B Finals @ Woodside, Watford
Thursday 12th June	3.30pm - Y9/10 Rounders @ JFK

Sports Day - 26th June @ Jarman Park

Letters regarding Sports Day information will be coming out early next week!



Miss Perry - PE Department



LIBRARY



For the remaining weeks of the year I've introduced a Mix It Up challenge to encourage students to read books that they wouldn't normally choose. House Points are up for grabs each time they borrow a different type of book, with bonus points available if they read a book from each genre. Do encourage your child to read outside the (book) box!

I'm really looking forward to rolling out a trial of the brand new Library Ambassador programme which will happen later in June and start properly next year. It is open to anyone and I will provide training and a variety of tasks for those who are interested in taking part.

Finally, a plea for beanbags! If anyone has any good quality beanbags that they need to rehome, please get in touch with me via library@jfk.herts.sch.uk. I am hoping to reorganise the Library over summer and make more space for comfy seating but I need to source that comfy seating!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 9th June - Year 10 Work Experience Week
Monday 9th June - Year 7 Residential Trip
Wednesday 25th June - Year 11 into 12 Transition Day
Thursday 26th June - Sports Day
Friday 27th June – INSET Day, school closed to students
Tuesday 8th July - Sports Presentation Evening
Thursday 10th July - New Year 7 Day

WE ARE HIRING!

[Click here for the latest vacancy information](#)



FUTURE DATES

2025

Friday 27th June - INSET Day , school closed to students
Friday 18th July - Summer Term Ends , 1.30pm
Monday 1st September - INSET Day, school closed to students
Tuesday 2nd September – Year 7 and 12 only
Wednesday 3rd September - All Students Return



GOVERNOR RECRUITMENT

All Saints Catholic Academy Trust

The All Saints Catholic Academy Trust (ASCAT) is currently seeking to recruit Governors for a number of our Schools local Governing Boards, across the Trust, to ensure high standards of achievement for all children and young people in the school by setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction; holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

The Trust has vacancies for Foundation Governors; Co-opted Governors and Community Governors. This is an exciting opportunity to play a role in a vibrant and collaborative Trust that is in the process of expansion and development.

The role of Governor is incredibly rewarding and the benefits include:

- **Professional development**
- **Supporting the local and wider Catholic community**
- **Gaining insight into the Education Sector**
- **Management & Leadership experience**
- **Being able to have a significant impact on the Schools in the Trust**
- **Build your professional and personal network**

If you are interested in supporting our schools and Trust please contact Christina Reffold, Director of Governance and Compliance at governance@ascat.co.uk or complete the below form.

<https://forms.gle/9XHc98pgQCjgNfG7A>



TRIPS 2025 – 2026



Monthly Instalments are due on the *1st of each month for the following:*

GCSE Geography F/T, July 2025

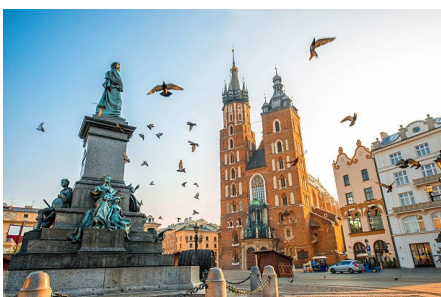
Berlin, October 2025

Ski Trip, February 2026

Valencia 2026



Taste of Italy February 2026 - Open to current Year 10 Food Science students and Year 9 students who are studying Food Science next year.





ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS 2025

At John F Kennedy Catholic school, we believe that student performance, behaviour and attendance are fundamentally linked. Our ethos is to maximise the full potential of each student and in order to achieve this, high attendance rates are essential.

Our expectation is that individual student attendance should not be below 95%.

Section 7 of The Education Act states that 'parents are responsible for making sure that their children, of compulsory school age, receive a suitable full time education'.

Section 444 of The Education Act clearly states that 'if a child is absent without authorisation, then the parent is guilty of an offence'. This is a strict liability offence - i.e. all that needs to be shown is a lack of regular attendance. Sanctions can include a fine of up to £1000.

Holidays during Term time

Authorisation of absence for Holidays during term time is at the discretion of the Headteacher and is granted only in exceptional circumstances.

Fines are enforceable for a child being absent from school without permission. This is currently £80 per child for each parent, rising to £160 if paid after 21 days.

Lateness

As stated in the school Attendance Policy:

- Students should attend school "full time" and they should remain in school attending all timetabled lessons. This means that students should arrive in time for registration. In practice school buses may be late and in this case students should sign in at Reception so they can receive their mark.
- Avoidable lateness beyond 10.00 am constitutes unauthorised absence and can legally be the basis of an offence by the parent/carer
- Those students who arrive very late (after 10.00 am) without a good excuse will not be credited with an attendance. Their absence will therefore be unauthorised and a different mark (U) will be used to distinguish them from those who are "unpunctual". Steps will be taken by the school with the support of parents/carers to correct those students who are persistently unpunctual



GENERAL NOTICES

Road Safety

Parents/Carers are reminded about the importance of road safety and we highlight a number of points you may wish to discuss with your child:

- The importance of crossing the road at a safe place.
Using either a zebra or pelican crossing where possible
- Avoid crossing behind parked cars
- Never run out into the road
- Be aware of your surroundings – take out earphones and stop talking with friends or on the phone when crossing the road
- Have reflective items on jackets or bag.
- If cycling, follow the same instruction and make sure you have lights on your bike and wear a helmet at all times.



Disabled Parking Zones

Please can we ask that the disabled parking bays located along Hollybush Lane be kept clear . They are marked on the path and are needed to be accessed by local residents.



JFK enjoys good relationships with our neighbours and local community. Please be mindful of driveways and access in Hollybush Lane and neighbouring roads if dropping off/picking up your child from school. **Please also try and avoid leaving your car engines running outside the school.**



GENERAL NOTICES

Appointments During School

Please try to avoid making medical appointments during the school day. If this is not possible, please alert the Year Team via email with a copy of the appointment letter/email/screenshot at least 24 hours in advance.

If your child does need to leave for a pre-arranged medical appointment please ensure that they are aware of the time and date of the appointment and are instructed to be ready in reception to be collected. There have been a number of occasions recently whereby the office staff have had to search for a student in order for them to be picked up.

Illness During the School Day

We have seen an increase in students calling parents prior to seeking medical attention at school. Any student feeling unwell during the school day should report to Student Services where they will be seen by a medically trained member of staff. Please do impress upon your children the importance of the school contacting home if it is required during the school day. It can cause parents unnecessary worry which we would like to avoid.

ABSENCE

If your son/daughter is going to be absent due to illness please telephone the school absence line by 9.00am on each day of absence.

Year 7 01442 229105 (year7@jfk.herts.sch.uk)
Year 8 01442 229124 (year8@jfk.herts.sch.uk)
Year 9 01442 229131 (year9@jfk.herts.sch.uk)
Year 10 01442 229132 (year10@jfk.herts.sch.uk)
Year 11 01442 229136 (year11@jfk.herts.sch.uk)
Sixth Form 01442 229137 (6thform@jfk.herts.sch.uk)

Students should bring a letter explaining their absence on their return to school.



Public Health
England

Guidance from Public Health England

Diarrhoea and vomiting: exclusion period: whilst symptomatic
and 48hours after the last symptoms



[Is my child too ill for school?](#)

NHS advice about when to keep your child off school

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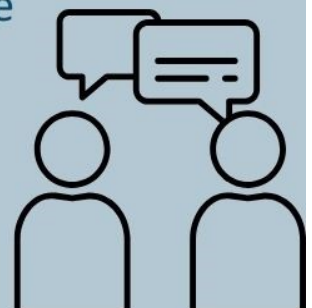
SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 26th June 2025

*For Parent and Carers of Children
with SEN or Disabilities*

At the Warners End Community Centre
Northridge Way, Hemel Hempstead
HP1 3QG

Any questions email: dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk



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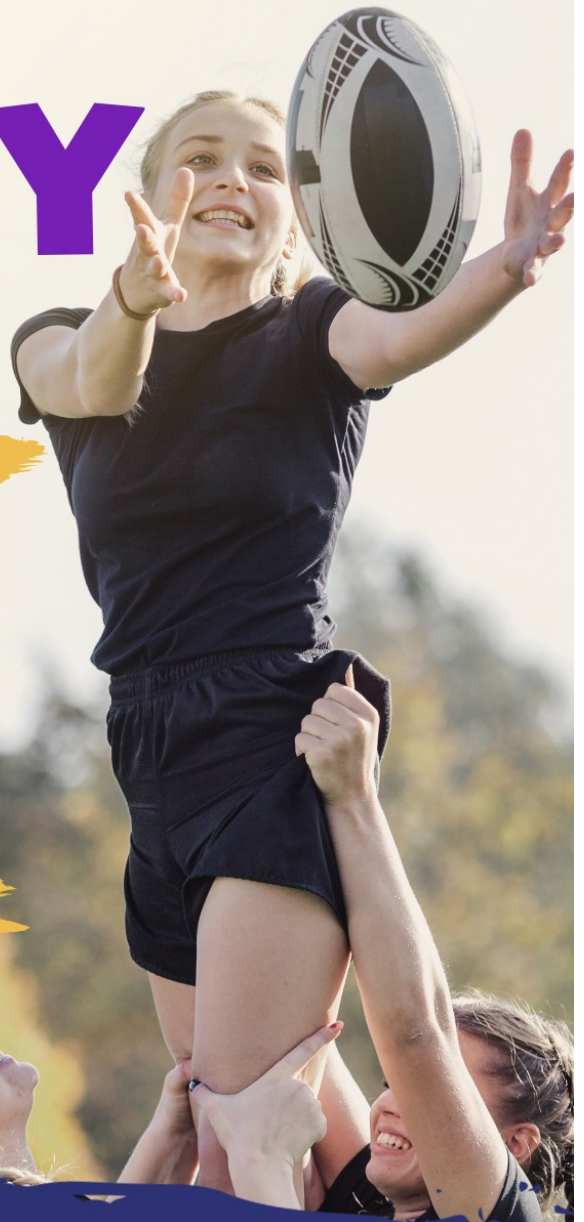
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Parent & Carer Support Summer Term 2025



FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire

All courses are 6 weeks with a break for half term 26th-30th May

TALKING TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **12-19**, covering:

- The Teen Brain: physical and emotional changes taking place and why behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.
- How to maintain your relationship with good communication.
- Understand risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.
- How to negotiate and reduce conflict.



Wednesdays

7.45 - 9.15pm

7th May to 18th Jun

Online Course: ID 759

Tuesdays

7.45 - 9.15pm

3rd Jun to 8th Jul

Online Course: ID 760

TALKING ADDITIONAL NEEDS

A 6-week group for parents and carers of children with any additional need aged **2-19**
Your child does not need a diagnosis.

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Develop strategies that really work.
- Reduce conflict and increase co-operation.
- Improve emotional regulation.
- Explore sensory needs.
- Increase your child's resilience.
- Manage different needs in your family.



Tuesdays

9.30 - 11.30am

3rd Jun to 8th Jul

Face to Face: ID 755

**Gade Community Room
Oakleaf Primary School,
Hemel Hempstead**

Tuesdays

8.00 - 9.30pm

6th May to 17th Jun

Online Course ID 756