

Welcome



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Year 8 Information Evening September 2026

Year 8 Team



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Achievement Leader: Mrs K Holton

ALA: Mrs Trinder

SLT Link: Mrs D Bailey

Form Tutors

8J = Mr Morgan

8F = Mr Joyce

8K = Mr Animashaun

8H = Ms Horsted and Mrs Parker

8N = Mr Sibbald

8D = Mr Grimes

Year 8 Form Time Schedule



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YEAR
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Day	Activity
Monday	Monday Memos/Assembly (W1)
Tuesday	Assembly
Wednesday	Reading
Thursday	The Big Question
Friday	Line Up/Reading

Developing the Whole Child



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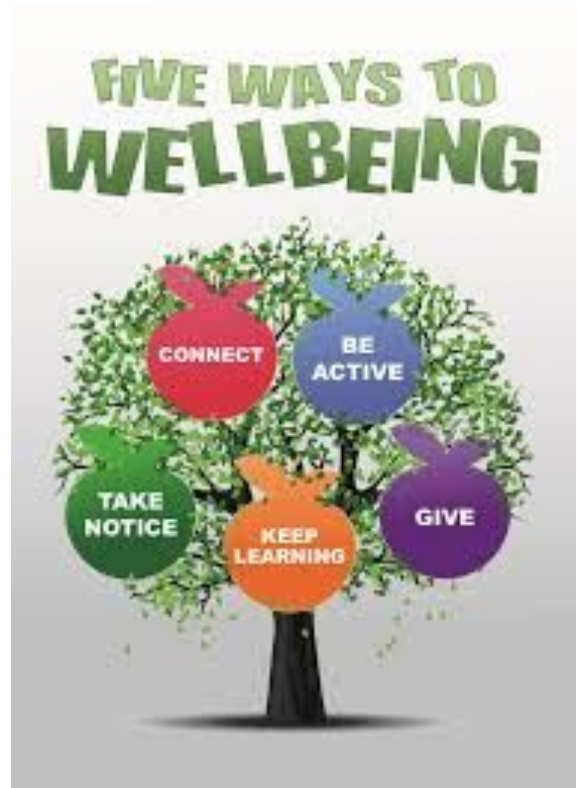
Our hope is to draw out every students potential..... not just academically.

Developing the students to transform society beyond the gates using their gifts and talents

‘Don’t be afraid to change the world’

Pope Francis Word Youth Day 2023

Balance is important to be successful in learning.



Highlights and opportunities beyond the classroom!



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Open Evening Tour
Guides - 6th October
Y8 Sleepover in M Block
- 20th-21st November
Gym & Dance - 9th/10
December
School Show - w/b 1st
Feb
Work shadow - 2nd
March



- Try a new sport
- Start learning an instrument
- Take on a student leadership role
- Take part in a concert/performance/assembly
- Improve your attendance
- Take part in Gym and Dance
- Take part in House Activities
- Be a member of Year/School Council
- Join an extra-curricular activity
- Read a book
- Explore Youth Ministry
- Be positive
- Enter a competition
- Challenge yourself, learn something new, take a risk
- Put your phone away
- Be kind
- Talk to someone
- Make a new friend
- Lead others
- Trust God

High Expectations



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Uniform

Attendance

Behaviour

Phones

Wear Our Badge with Pride!!!



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Line-ups!

Uniform reminders:

- No socks to be worn OVER tights
- No shirts untucked/top buttons done up
- No rolled up skirts (knee length)
- One lower lobe STUD earring in each ear
- **NO nose studs are allowed**
- Blazers worn at all times - jumpers are in addition to blazer, NOT instead of!
- Make-up should be natural in appearance - eyelashes!

Equipment - Chromebooks



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- Chromebooks must be charged daily.
- If there is an issue with the chromebook, students need to report this.
- Any questions about chromebooks, including what to do if you need to purchase a new one - please contact Ms Gorton in student services.
cgorton@jfk.herts.sch.uk

Attendance Matters



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Punctuality



Students should be in school
no earlier than 8:30am and
no later than 8:45am.
Registration starts at 8:50am.

Late Gate every morning



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Attendance Matters

HOW CAN WE WORK TOGETHER ON ATTENDANCE?

COMMUNICATION & MEDICATION

YOUR CHILD IS ILL



PLEASE LET THE SCHOOL
KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
if your child is ill and has
to stay at home.

UNDER THE WEATHER BUT CAN GIVE IT A GO



PLEASE LET US KNOW.
We can monitor them
& contact you if they
need to go home.



NEED MEDICATION TO ATTEND



INFORM MRS DOYLE
(STUDENT SERVICES)
and hand medication in
for use during the day.



KEY CONTACTS FOR SUPPORT



MRS
HOLTON



MRS
TRINDER



MRS
DOYLE

OVERSEE ATTENDANCE.
Contact any of them for
support and guidance.

ATTENDANCE
= SUCCESS



SUPPORTIVE ACTIONS & PLANNING

BACK TO SCHOOL MEETINGS

WITH STUDENTS
whose attendance
has dropped.



PARENTAL MEETINGS & CALLS



CALLS IF OFF A FEW DAYS
to support an early return.

MEETINGS IF ATTENDANCE
FALLS, to help you support your
son/daughter.

ROUTINE APPOINTMENTS



MAKE DOCTOR/DENTAL
APPOINTMENTS AFTER 2:30PM
where possible. We understand
for non-routine ones.



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Attendance Matters

THE IMPACT OF ABSENCE: MISSING SCHOOL MEANS MISSING LESSONS



Student Attendance (%)	Number of Days Off School a Year	Number of Actual Lessons Missed
95% 	 10 days absence	 50 lessons missed
90% 	 19 days absence	 95 lessons missed
85% 	 29 days absence	 145 lessons missed
80% 	 38 days absence	 190 lessons missed
75% 	 47 days absence	 235 lessons missed 

A MESSAGE FROM STUDENT SUPPORT & ATTENDANCE SERVICE: EVERY DAY COUNTS!



High Expectations - Behaviour



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Celebrate Success (notice getting it right)

- *'Valued' Behaviour*
- *Homework*
- *House points/SPIRIT points*

When things go wrong

- *'Detrimental' Behaviour*
 - *Loss of Learning*
 - *Period 6*
 - *Late Detentions*
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Mobile Phones



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**IMPORTANT REMINDER:
MOBILE PHONES**

**OUR EXPECTATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Years 7–11 ("Never Seen, Never Heard"):
From the moment students enter the school gates until the end of the school day (including break and lunchtimes), mobile phones and digital equipment (including smartwatches) must be switched off and kept out of sight inside school bags.

MOBILE PHONES – IF YOU GET IT WRONG!

1 FIRST OFFENCE		First Offence: The phone will be confiscated immediately by staff and passed to the relevant Achievement Team. It will be logged and kept securely until the end of the day, when the student may collect it.
2 SECOND OFFENCE		Second Offence: The phone will be confiscated and logged. The Achievement Team will contact home to warn parents/carers that a subsequent offence will require them to collect the device. The student collects the phone at the end of the day.
3 THIRD OFFENCE		Third Offence: The phone will be confiscated and logged. Parents/carers will be contacted and required to come to the school reception to collect the device. It will not be handed back to the student.
SUBSEQUENT OFFENCES		Subsequent Offences: The phone will be confiscated, and the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) will intervene. A formal parental meeting will be called, and further behavior sanctions (such as handing the phone in each morning, isolation or suspension) may be applied for persistent defiance.

**Refusing to hand over a phone will result in a removal to reintegration**

If your child needs to contact you during the day they **must** see a member of staff who will make contact is necessary.

Creating a Culture of Respect



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Think Kindness and Choose Respect

Manners

**Respect in the
Classrooms**

**Polite
Communication
/Body language**

Inclusive

Digital World

**Space to
Thrive**

Creating a Culture of Respect



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Treating others with dignity is the baseline of human connection. When we choose respect, we make room for everyone to flourish.

— Secondary School Culture & Wellbeing Framework

Modelling

Talk to School

**Recognise
Positives**

Home School Partnership



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We can only deal with what we know about

Support for Parents



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SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Pastoral support at JFK

Pastoral support is at the heart of John F Kennedy Catholic School. Every child matters and is a valuable member of our school community. The pastoral team are committed to supporting every student and helping them overcome barriers to succeed in all aspects of life.

This section of our website offers a wealth of information and support aimed at both students and their families.

Key members of staff:

Mrs D Bailey - Deputy Headteacher (Pastoral)
Mr M Jones - Assistant Headteacher (Safeguarding (DSL) and Student Welfare)
Mrs J Jevon - Pastoral Support Co-ordinator

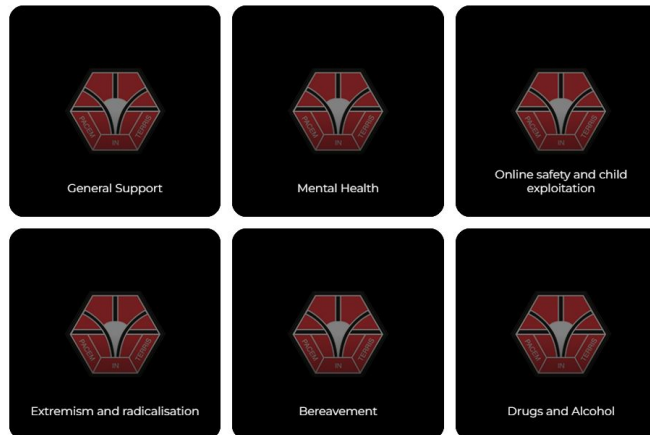
Year 7 - Mrs E Burley (Achievement Leader) and Mrs C Murray (Assistant)
SLT Link - Mrs D Bailey

Year 8 - Mrs K Holton (Achievement Leader) and Mrs K Trinder (Assistant)
SLT Link -

Year 9 - Mrs R Bugg (Achievement Leader) and Mrs K Trinder (Assistant)
SLT Link - Mrs D Bailey



USEFUL WEBSITES



Worried?

Problem?

We can help!

The Safeguarding Team

SPEAK



Mrs Jevon



Mr Jones

SHARE



Miss Freed



Mrs Holton

SOLVE



Mrs Whittaker



Mrs Bailey



Mr Palumbo

**Form
Tutor**

**Member of
Achievement
Team**

**Any
Trusted
Adult**

**Email
[staysafe@jfk.
herts.sch.uk](mailto:staysafe@jfk.herts.sch.uk)**

Help us to make sure everyone is safe and able to flourish

Safeguarding and Student Support



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- Students can speak to any member of staff
- Encourage all students to share any concerns they have about themselves or others
- In school support -
 - Form Tutor
 - Achievement Leader and Achievement Leader Assistant
 - PSHE Curriculum
 - Life Coach, Learning Mentor, Counsellor
 - Learning Support Department (Ms Hobbs SENDCO)
 - SEMH Teacher - Mrs Bugg
 - NHS - Mental Health Support Team

Reporting and Progress



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YEAR 8 ASSESSMENT TIMELINE

A guided schedule for
the academic year



YEAR 8 ASSESSMENT & REPORTING CYCLE



w/b 1st
1st

**MID-YEAR
ASSESSMENTS**

Feb 1st - Feb 7th



w/b 1st
1st

**MID-YEAR
REPORTS**

Mar 1st - Mar 7th



**END OF YEAR
ASSESSMENTS**

7th - 30th JUNE
(ALL YEAR 8 STUDENTS)



A detailed
timetable
will be sent
nearer the time



**END OF YEAR
REPORTS**

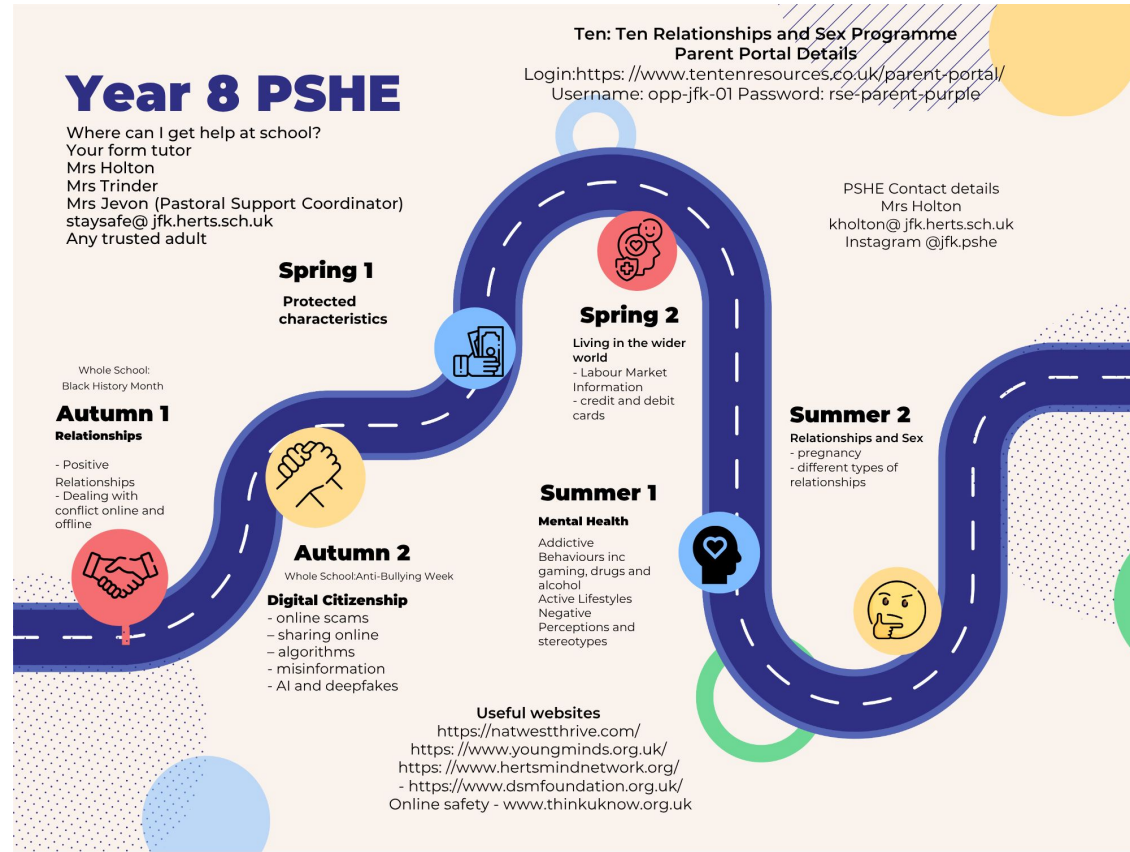
**19th & 20th
JULY**

Reports sent home to
parents/guardians

Reports sent **BEFORE**
SUMMER BREAK-UP

Key topics:

- Relationships
- Discrimination
- Living in the wider world
- Mental Health
- Relationships and sex
- Physical health



Key Dates for Year 8



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Dates	Events
Monday 14th September	6pm Y8 Information Evening - Hall
Tuesday 6th October	Opening Evening - finish at 12.35
Wednesday 7th October	INSET
Tuesday 20th October	Yr 8 HPV vaccinations
Friday 20th - Sat 21st Nov	Year 8 Sleepover in M Block
w/b 1st Feb	Y8 Mid-year assessments
Tuesday 2nd March	Work Shadow Day
Thursday 4th March	Y8 Parents evening

Questions



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