

Welcome



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Year 9 Information Evening September 2026

Who's Who



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Key staff

Achievement Leader	Mrs R Bugg
Achievement Leader Assistant	Mrs Trinder year9@jfk.herts.sch.uk
SLT Link	Mrs D Bailey

Who's Who



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Form Tutors

Form	Tutor
J	Ms Casserly & Ms O'Conner
F	Ms O'Leary & Ms Scibillia
K	Ms Turner
H	Ms Escott
N	Mr Wesley
D	Ms Rooney

Form Time Structure



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Day	Checks	Activities
Monday	- Equipment Check - Uniform Check	- Daily Act of Worship - Monday Memo' - Silent Sparx Reading - 10min
Tuesday	- Uniform Check	- Daily Act of Worship - Silent Sparx Reading - 10miin - Theme of the week activity/discussion
Wednesday P1 checks	- Uniform Check - Conduct cards - Chromebooks	- School Assembly (Year 9 & 10)
Thursday	- Uniform Check	- Daily Act of Worship - Silent Sparx Reading - 10min - The Big question - week 1
Friday Year assembly (week 1)	- Line-up	- Daily Act of Worship - The Big Question discussion - week 2

Highlights of the year

First Give

TRIPS 2026/27

House colours

Call to serve - 20 - 22 Apr 27

There will be an Options Evening on **Tuesday 9th March 2027**, where parents/carers and pupils will have a chance to talk to Subject Leaders about the different subjects they can choose for GCSEs.

More information about this will be shared in the coming months.

St Marks Awards



High Expectations



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Uniform

Attendance

Behaviour

Phones

Wear Our Badge with Pride!!!



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Uniform reminders:



Line ups

- 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 white socks worn with trousers
- **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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GUIDE TO IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY EXPECTATIONS



**PUNCTUALITY
IS KEY.**



**Arrive on time to school
and to every class.**

Every minute counts
for learning.



**AIM FOR 95%
ATTENDANCE
OR HIGHER.**



**Strong attendance is
essential for academic
success.**



Our goal for
all students.



**REPORT ILLNESS
& LATENESS
PROMPTLY.**



**If your child is ill and has to
stay at home or will be late,
please let the school know
as soon as possible.**



**Contact the
school office.**



**MAKE ROUTINE
APPOINTMENTS
AFTER 2:30PM.**



**Schedule routine doctor
or dental appointments
outside of school hours
where possible.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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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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Getting things right

- Positive signatures on conduct cards
- Positive emails home
- Canteen pass
- Hot Choc



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Inspire - Achieve - Serve

Year 9: Canteen Pass

Issued to:

On (date):



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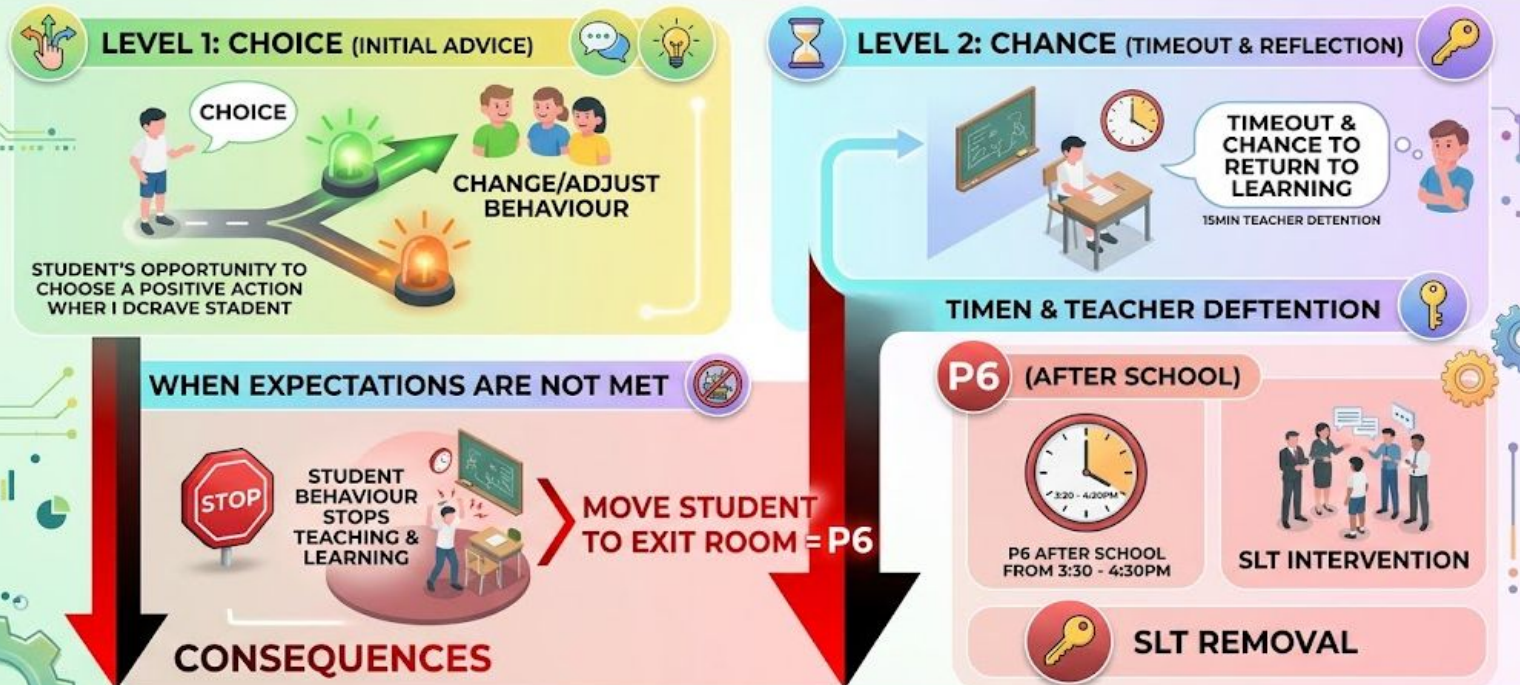


Behaviour - Choice, Chance, Consequence



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STUDENT BEHAVIOUR POLICY: EXPECTATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES



FOSTERING A POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Mobile Phones

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



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

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

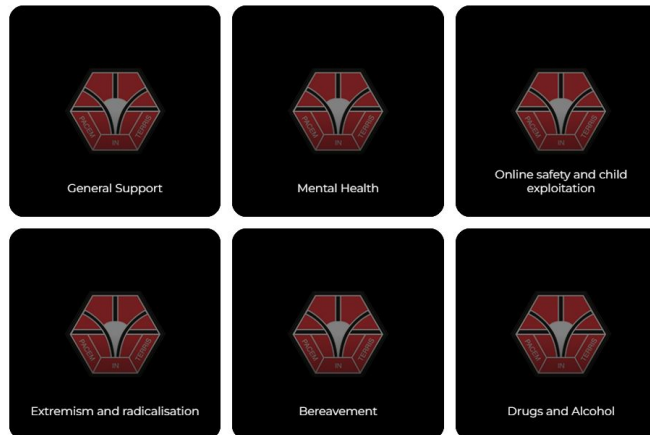
Year 7 - Mrs E Burley (Achievement Leader) and Mrs C Murray (Assistant)
SLT Link - Mrs D Bailey

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



Safeguarding Team



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Safeguarding team (If you have an urgent concern about a child please contact us on staysafe@jfk.herts.sch.uk)

If you feel a child is in immediate danger or are a child who needs immediate support, you can contact Hertfordshire directly by calling 0300 123 4043.

Worried?

Problem?

We can help!

The Safeguarding Team



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



Year 9 PSHE

Where can I get help at school? Your form tutor Mr Sitkowski
Mrs Trinder
Mrs Jevon (Pastoral Support Coordinator)
staysafe@jfk.herts.sch.uk
Any trusted adult

Ten: Ten Relationships and Sex Programme Parent Portal Details

Login: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>
Username: opp-jfk-01 Password: rse-parent-purple

PSHE Contact details
Mrs Holton
kholton@jfk.herts.sch.uk
Instagram @jfkpshe

Spring Term

Relationships and Sex
- fertility and contraception
- consent
- healthy relationships

Summer 1

Physical Health
Drugs and alcohol - law, effects

Summer 2

Mental Health
- coping strategies
- the importance of sleep

Autumn 1

Relationships
- Healthy and unhealthy relationships
- Banter vs bullying

Autumn 2

Whole School Anti-Bullying Week
Living in the wider world
First Give Project

Useful websites

<https://barclayslifeskills.com/>
<https://natwest.mymoneysense.com/home/>
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>
<https://www.hertsmindnetwork.org/>
Vaping - <https://www.dsmfoundation.org.uk/>
Online safety - www.thinkuknow.org.uk

- Relationships
- Living in a wider world
- Relationships and sex
- Physical health
- Mental health

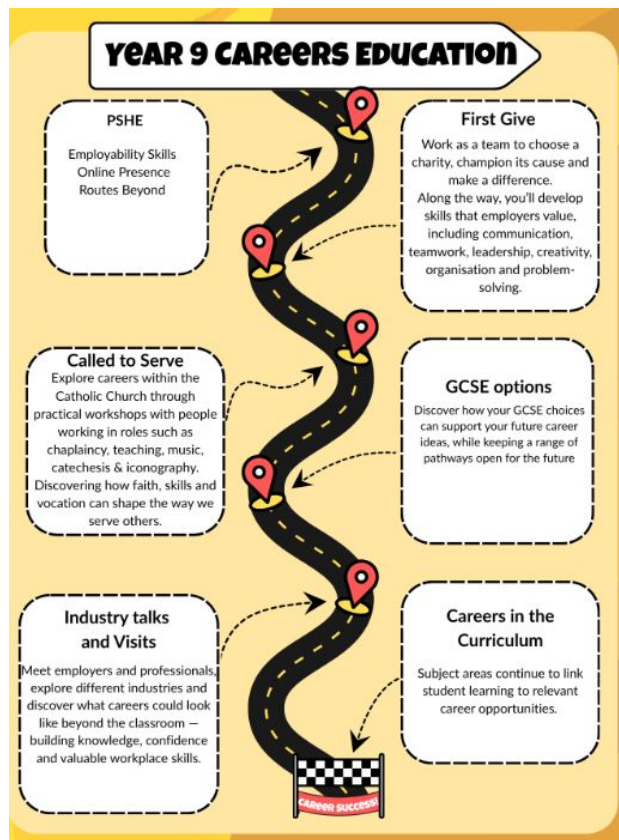
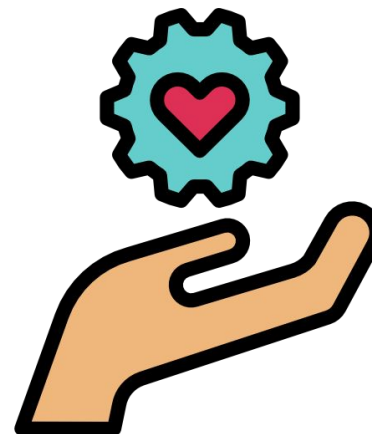
Opportunities to Grow



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Y9 RAG Reports and Intervention Process.

Y9 RAG REPORTS: INTERNAL MONITORING



INTERVENTION PROCESS: A SUPPORTIVE MEASURE

THE YEAR TEAM WILL BE IN TOUCH IF INTERVENTION IS NEEDED

This is to support your child.



Developing the Whole Child



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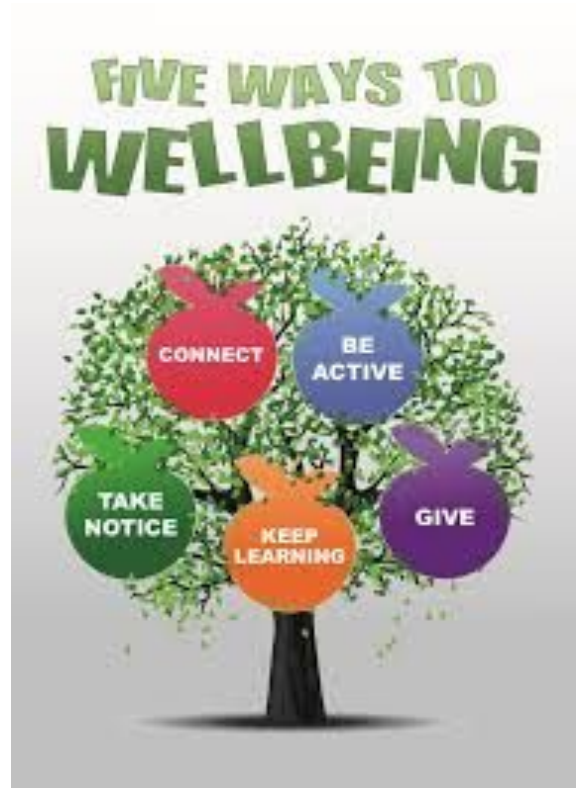
Our hope is to draw out every students potential..... not just academically.

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

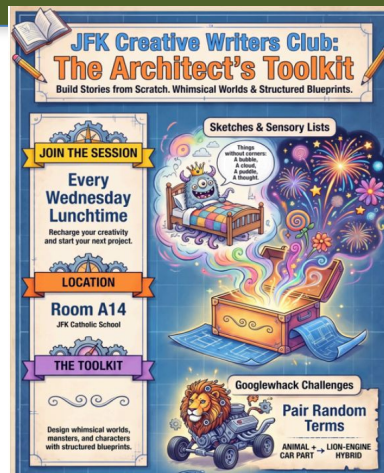
‘Don’t be afraid to change the world’

Pope Francis Word Youth Day 2023

Balance is important to be successful in learning.



Beyond the Classroom



Key Dates



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Tuesday 6th October 2026 - Open evening (volunteers)

Tuesday 9th February 2027 - Parents evening

Tuesday 9th March 2027 - Into KS4 options evening

March - Choosing GCSE options

Questions



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