

John Spendluffe Technology College

Acting Headteacher



With the summer holidays now in the past, it is time to welcome back our students to their studies and set the scene for the year ahead. We celebrated the success of our Year 11 students in August with a busy results day and wish them well as they start their post-16 courses or apprenticeships. We are sure that they will face many exciting challenges as they progress towards their chosen careers. We look forward to hearing more of their successes in the future.

The rigours of the new specification GCSEs were well known to our out-going Year 11 and now it is time for our new Year 11 students to reflect on how they will approach the demands of these examinations. It can also be a difficult time for parents as they watch their sons and daughters complete tasks and assignments, prepare for tests and try to unravel the needs of each question that they are given to complete. However, we believe that together we can support our young people to

approach the year with resilience and confidence so that no challenge is too great and success follows success.

A new academic school year is always a time, of course, to look ahead and I am sure our new Year 7 students are doing just that. It will feel very different to be the youngest in the school again but the next five years will fly by. Making the most of your time in school, learning about yourself and your strengths and talents is both exciting and daunting. With staff supporting them to settle into JSTC I am sure that they will very quickly make a positive contribution to school life and excel in their studies.

Our new pastoral system is now in place ready to support all students to make the required progress towards their targets grades. Staff within the progress year teams have been working hard to prepare the systems that will support the leadership of good behaviour, attendance and academic achievement. Students will also

benefit from the daily interaction with their tutor and, for parents, the tutor can offer sound advice and guidance to address any questions about everyday matters in school.

The term ahead will bring many exciting opportunities - whether these are in connection with extra-curricular activities or taking part in an outstanding lesson. I would encourage our students to take an active approach in school to ensure they leave us with the best outcomes possible.

As we move through this first term I am sure students will want to endeavour to aim high!

I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable summer break and we look forward to working with all our students and parents in the next academic year.

Joyce Shorrocks



Medicines in School



Please leave all medication (including paracetamol) at the Main Office clearly marked with your child's name and dosage instructions.

Asthmatic children should carry their inhaler with them at all times but we ask that you also leave a spare inhaler with the Main Office.

Please note: no other medicines should be carried by students within school.



French Watersports Trip 2018

This summer 36 students and five staff attended the traditional summer watersports trip in France.



The weather was beautifully warm and sunny throughout. This was very much appreciated as we slept under the stars in the picturesque

Ardeche gorge. The river itself was in excellent condition with many of the rapids providing much excitement and fun.

Back at base in Lou Valagran we tried raft building, kayaking, trekking, high ropes, problem solving archery and best of all; mountain biking. Evenings were spent sampling the local culture in Vallon Pont d'Arc, quizzes, disco and fun games.

A brilliant time was had by all and we look forward to returning in Summer 2020.



Attendance & Punctuality



Attendance is an important factor we all need to consider. It is proven that positive outcomes are more apparent to those who attend school the most, this is why we will continue to work closely with students and parents to solve any barriers to good attendance. This term the attendance team want to focus on punctuality and the importance of avoiding being late. Tutors and Progress Leaders are monitoring latecomers and following up on students who sign in after the gates have been locked. Students should not visit local shops before school as this can cause them to be late: if parents can support us in getting the message across that would be helpful for us all!

JSTC's target for all pupils' attendance is to have a **minimum of 95%**. Where there are health issues or difficulties there are support structures in place to assist students in school. Students who are absent from school will be asked to catch up with the work missed and avoid falling further behind. As you will have read previously, the government deem those students below 90% as being "persistently" absent, therefore it is expected that the school takes necessary actions and appropriate measures to ensure improved attendance. A student's bright future and post-16 college application depends on it.

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

British Council International School Award success for JSTC!



JSTC has been awarded the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom.

The International School Award celebrates the achievements of schools that do exceptional work in international education. Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need for life and work in today's world.

John Spendluffe Technology College's international work includes projects with schools in Japan and Spain as well as dedicated global classroom activities.

One particular activity saw JSTC pupils and pupils from the BST school in Tokyo, Japan involved in designing and producing guide books for their respective local regions with translations from English in Japanese and vice versa. Below are some samples of the completed work.



Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

Congratulations to Megan Clark in Year 11 who gained the Award for best D of E participant in their D of E expedition. Staff felt Megan showed the right blend of teamwork and leadership in her group. She demonstrated fine camp-craft as well as navigational skills. We were most impressed by her consistently positive attitude even when faced with difficult challenges!

Do you have any spare outdoor kit that can be used for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award or Year 7 camp? We are happy to take any unwanted waterproof clothing, walking boots, sleeping bags and rucksacks, as well as any other miscellaneous kit you no longer need. Please contact Mr Marriott to arrange bringing it to school or collection - thank you!



School Term & Holiday Dates 2018-2019

Autumn Half Term 2018	School closes Friday 19 October & re-opens Tuesday 30 October 2018
Christmas 2018	School closes Thursday 20 December & re-opens Monday 7 January 2019
Spring Half Term 2019	School closes Friday 15 February & re-opens Monday 25 February 2019
Easter 2019	School closes Friday 5 April & re-opens Tuesday 23 April 2019
May Day 2019	Monday 6 May 2019
Summer Half Term 2019	School closes Friday 24 May & re-opens Monday 3 June 2019
School Closed	Monday 17 June 2019 - Year 5 Day (Provisional)
Summer Holiday 2019	School closes Friday 19 July 2019



Curriculum Enrichment Passport

To celebrate the school's commitment to Personal, Social and Health Education we are launching a new school based award for Years 7-9.

The Passport is a series of challenges, visits and participation taken outside the normal academic curriculum.



Its purpose is to promote each

student's development as a member of our school community and help them understand their part in society as a whole.

Parents can help by talking to their child about the Curriculum Enrichment Passport and supporting them in completing the challenges.

Information Parents can access automatically:

Assessment reports - sent three times a year, two summary and one full reports.

Attendance and Behaviour reports - sent three times a year at the end of each full term.

Access to e-portal - allows login to the school behaviour system to track how your child is working at school; if you require further information please contact the Main Office.

Learner Agreement - sets out the responsibilities of school, students and parents, available on the school website and in your child's planner.

Student planner - has information about uniform, student learner agreement and targets.

Parents' Evenings - details are on the school website and your child will bring letters home prior to each evening.

Events - details go on the website and specific letters will be sent home.

School Photo Day

Friday 5 October 2018

Years 7, 9 & 11 for individual photos
and Year Groups for Years 7 & 11



Free School Meals

The process for applying for Free School Meals has changed.

NEW CLAIMS ONLY: if you are making a new claim for Free School Meals you need to be in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Please apply via www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals and follow the instructions on the website. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Main Office and for more information, please contact Lincolnshire County Council on 01522 782030.

HOWEVER, if you are already receiving Free School Meals you do not need to re-apply.

Important: Once you have applied, tell your school if you receive an entitlement.

Park & Stride

Parents must not drop off or collect their children by car using Hanby Lane, the school car park or bus turning circle. Parents should use South Street Overflow Car Park (over the bridge) which is now free parking all day.

However, if a parent has an appointment at school, or has been asked to collect a sick child, then we are happy for them to drive into the school car park and use one of the visitors' parking spaces.

We are concerned for the safety of pedestrians and road users, especially at peak times.



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Academic Success
Students make good progress and are supported and encouraged to reach their full potential

Wider-Curriculum opportunities
Thriving Duke of Edinburgh Scheme, plus the award-winning Young Enterprise and Rock Challenge events

Consistent Success
Judged as **GOOD** and **OUTSTANDING** by Ofsted for over 10 years

Improvements in Facilities
Over £1.25 MILLION invested since JSTC became an Academy in 2011. An additional £750k of further developments planned before 2020 (including a new classroom block)

Ofsted GRADED GOOD **Ofsted GRADED OUTSTANDING**

John Spendluffe Technology College
OPEN EVENING 2018
Monday 24th September - 5:00pm to 8:00pm

OPEN MORNING 2018
Monday 24th September - 9.30am - 10.45am

* Please note - Headteacher's talk to parents is at 6:00pm and repeated at 6:45pm *