



St John's
School Billericay

Newsletter

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LAMDA

SUCCESS!

Over a third of St John's pupils take LAMDA lessons.

This year's LAMDA results illustrate the hard work and determination that our pupils demonstrated when they were assessed in May. Miss Holt, Mrs Collier and Mrs Moore are incredibly proud of their achievements.

Out of 105 entries, 92 received a Distinction and all other entries were the highly regarded High Merit. Four pupils obtained 100% in their exams. Congratulations to all.

A warm welcome

Miss Taylor, our new Head of English, started this term and will be joined by Mrs Ryan and Mrs Ashdown in September. We are sure that our pupils will benefit from their support and experience.



A review of 2022 to 2023

As the academic year of 2022 to 2023 draws to a close we reflect on the vast number of activities, trips and experiences St John's pupils have enjoyed over the last year.

We wish to thank you for your support in donating items for the Billericay Foodbank as part of our Harvest celebrations and for your support of charitable events for the Essex Air Ambulance.

We also thank you for your support at events including KG and Junior performances, Spring Concert and the Billericay Schools Music Association (BSMA) Concert at the Towngate Theatre.

The Trinity term has been full of activity from GCSEs, our Upper 5 (Year 11) prom, sports days and the annual Senior School production of "We Will Rock You", which showcased the wonderful talent of our pupils.

We hope all our families have a safe and enjoyable summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

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Upper 4 (Yr 9) and Lower 5 (Yr 10) pupils attended the NHS and Social Care Career Expo 'Our People Your Future' at Anglia Ruskin University, Chelmsford. They explored the variety of roles within the NHS and had the opportunity to meet with a range of professionals.



General Information

Parent Portal Information

St John's uses the Engage Portal and App to communicate with our parents. On entry to the school we provide new parents with a portal invite letter. If you have not yet signed up to the portal or downloaded the app, it is important that you do, so vital messages are not missed.

Educational visits, year group messages, day to day communications, reports and invoices are all distributed using Engage.

If you have any problems logging in to the system please contact the school office, who will be able to assist you. We would also like to highlight that your personal details can be updated, so if you have changed your contact details recently please update your information.



Absence Reporting

If your child is unable to attend school we would like to remind you to call the school office by 9am at the latest and leave a voice message with your child's name, form and reason for absence.

Medicine Administration

For safety reasons, all medicine should be taken to the school office and a Permission to Administer Medication Form must be completed. Please ensure you collect the medicine at the end of the school day.

Absence Request Forms

If you know in advance of a planned absence, for any reason, an Absence Request Form must be completed and returned to the school office prior to the date of absence, for review by Miss Hobbs, Attendance Officer.



**Michaelmas Term commences
Thursday 7th September 2023**

We would like to thank you for your support and wish you a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

Michaelmas Term Diary Dates

Thursday 7th September	Start of Michaelmas term
Tuesday 19th September	School photography
Wednesday 20th September	School photography
Wednesday 27th September	Lower 3 (Year 6) Hindu temple visit
	Upper 5 (Year 11) Biology fieldwork
Saturday 7th October	Whole school Open Day 10am to 1pm
Friday 13th October	Upper 3 (Year 7) Danbury Outdoors
Tuesday 17th October	Year 6 (External pupils) Senior Taster Day
Thursday 19th October	Lower 5 (Yr 10) Drama pupils to watch Woman In Black
Friday 20th October	Break up for Half Term (reports distributed)

Back in stock



At the end of 2020 Olney Hats who had been supplying preparatory schools with wicker and felt hats since 1914 closed it's doors, having been unable to survive the effects of the pandemic. It has taken a considerable amount of time to find a new supplier but we are pleased to say that our new felt and wicker hats are now back in stock ready for Kindergarten pupils to wear in the Michaelmas term 2023.

PSC support Upper 5 (Year 11) Prom



On Monday 26th June our Upper 5 (Year 11) pupils celebrated the end of their GCSEs and their time at St John's with their prom at Pontlands Park Hotel.

Pupils were accompanied by members of our Senior School staff. The pupils enjoyed a three course meal followed by an evening of dancing.

A special mention goes to the St John's Parent Social Committee (PSC) who very kindly donated the funds to provide a photo booth that was enjoyed by everyone on the night. Thank you.