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Outstanding Exam Results



Pictured: Mrs Devey, Head of year 11 celebrating another set of fantastic results.

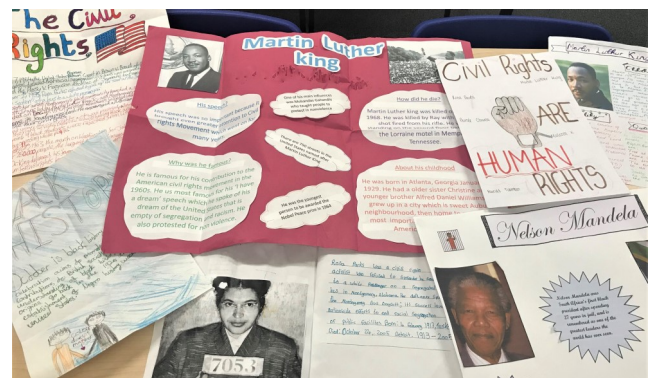
What an achievement for JLA students last academic year in producing our best ever GCSE results!

- 69.7% of students gained a grade 4 or above in English.
- 66.5% of students gained a grade 4 or above in Maths.
- 59% of students gained five grades 4 to 9 including English and Maths.

The academy has gained a progress 8 score of 0.44 which puts us as the third best school in the Walsall LEA, below our two local grammars. Well done to all staff and students on this success!

SMSC

October has been Black History month and here at JLA, we have been celebrating this through our social, moral, spiritual and cultural focus. We have had assemblies focusing on the wind rush generation and how that has impacted people and how black rights are an important part of the fabric within our society and the JLA community.



Pictured: Mr Barron's year 8 class poster work on Black History.

Did you know....?

Construction of the Joseph Leckie commenced in 1938 and was completed in August 1939 at a cost of £62,993.

Teacher Feature House Special

Zodiac: Mr Potter



My house aim is to ensure that students grow up to be good people rather than just academically intelligent as the two don't always go together.

Outside of school, I have a young daughter and a pet dog that keep me very busy but I still find time for my first passion, sport (my degree was Design Technology for Sport).

I love watching my favourite football team, Liverpool FC and spend my Sunday evenings watching the NFL.

Orion: Miss McKinley



I am the Orion House Coordinator and I have been teaching at Joseph Leckie Academy for over 5 years. I was born in Northern Ireland and moved to England over 6 years ago.

Interesting fact: In my early 20's, I met the Queen at the opening of a Royal Naval warship before its deployment.

As the head of Orion, I am proud to be a part of a team which consists of creative, hardworking, resilient, determined students and my ambition for this house is to build a close community. Regardless of winning first place or not, my personal goal is to get everyone involved because Orion is the house whose presence is always noted.

Outside of my day-to-day teaching (which includes Textiles, Graphic Design and Art & Design) I enjoy going to the gym and taking my Chihuahua Ivy for a walk. When I am at home, I like watching various TV series and Liverpool football matches.

Hercules: Miss Gleeson



I am a teacher of Geography and Psychology. I also am passionate about sport, especially hockey. As the co-ordinator of Hercules, I believe that determination and endurance are key qualities of students in my house.

Top five facts about me!

1. Guinea Pigs are the best animals ever
2. I am a vegetarian
3. I aim to travel in every country in the world in my lifetime
4. I am super competitive
5. Dance Moms is my favourite TV show

Perseus: Mr Taylor



As well as being Head of Perseus, which makes me feel immense pride, I am also a teacher of PE and have involvement in the Duke of Edinburgh award.

Representing Perseus and being responsible for the young people in this house is an honour and our ethos is to inspire and support all students within the academy and enable all student to express themselves in their own way, while maintaining good behaviour and polite manners.

Personally, I love sport and will have a go at anything which involves competition. I'm a very keen rugby player and my favourite football team is Manchester City. I also have a golden retriever called Erin.

Anti Smoking



On Wednesday 9th October, Year 9 completed work with Performance in Education on Smoking Prevention. The performance & workshop was very interactive and students really got involved. Students were asked opinions, thoughts, outcomes on a variety of situations and issues related to teenage smoking.

Mrs Etches, HOY9 said 'the performance was gauged at the right level for our students and it was good to see students getting so involved and learning about the dangers of smoking'



Sporting Success

Congratulations to all the Y8 boys who represented JLA at the Walsall Schools Rugby festival. Could we be looking at the next England squad for 2027? Keep up the great work boys!

Charity Events

WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



A huge well done to Alfie, Zainab and Nikiesha in year 7 who helped at Whitehall Junior School's Macmillan coffee event. A governor from the school attended and contacted Mr Khan to praise these students as a credit to JLA.

Dr Gardiner sings with the community choir in Walsall Called 'Sing Together' and on October 30th the choir recorded a live performance at the London Coliseum along with other choirs from around the country.

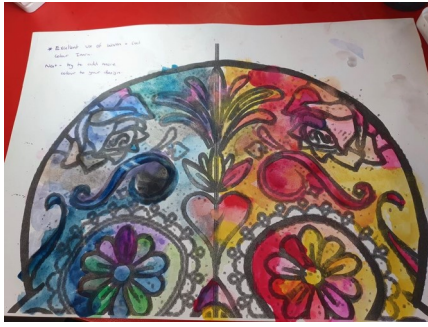
They are making a record with Leslie Garrett and Bryn Terfel Jones, to be released at Christmas (hoping for the number 1 slot!) The song, 'A place to call home' was written especially to raise funds for the homeless via the charity, Shelter and all proceeds from the song's release will be donated to them.

Teacher Trivia....?

Mrs Devey spends her free time fostering and raising money for Dogue de Bordeaux. She will be holding a fundraiser for these lovable giant breed dogs in December. Contact her to see what you can do to help!



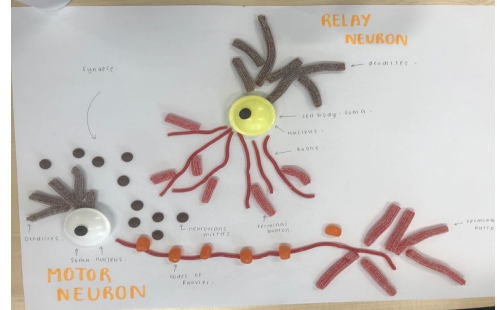
Lessons in Leckie



Imra in Year 8 has been focusing on Cool and warm colours using water colour paints. She has also been looking at using complimentary colours and blending techniques.

Imra is one of our severely sighted students, and her confidence of now using new techniques and media is proving a massive success for her.

GCSE Y11 Psychology Students created some fantastic models out of sweets on in lesson, to help them learn the three different types of neurons, how they interact and what happens at a synapse.



Star Students



Congratulations to our Design Technology 'Half Term Heroes', Adnan and Georgia. They have been recognised for putting in exceptional effort and producing excellent work. They can wear their D&T badges with pride!

On Wednesday 9th October, Year 11 students took part in practice job interviews at Walsall Rugby Club. Students conducted themselves fantastically throughout and many even got offered the job! This is regular event which the academy run to prepare our students for the real world. Local business owners come together and give up their time to interview students as if they were in a real interview. The students have again made us proud in their conduct and their sharp dress sense!



Upcoming events at JLA

- 20th November is year 10 table tennis competition
- 21st of November is year 11 parents evening
- 22nd November is the deadline for the anti-bullying poster campaign. Open to all years.
- 6th December is the deadline for the Christmas card design competition
- 10th of December is celebration of achievement evening.

If you would like to be featured in the next newsletter or have something worth sharing, get in touch with Mr Potter, Mrs Manning, Mr Giles or Ms Sarwar.