

# #JLA NEWS

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## Love is in the air



On Thursday the 13th of February sixth formers, with the assistance of Miss Tranter and Miss Gleeson, sold flowers to raise money for the Amsterdam trip.

Joseph Leckie Students displayed their caring and thoughtful nature by buying flowers for friends and family to express their thanks and appreciation. In total over £200 was raised. The money will ensure those students attending the Amsterdam trip in enrichment week, can have the best possible experience.

## Tour de Leckie

On Friday the 7th of February, JLA students represented their houses by competing in a sustainable transport relay.

The students attended Wolverhampton University and competed to see who could cycle the furthest in one hour. All groups managed over 25km, but the overall house winner was Zodiac!

Staff also took part in a staff competition to support the students, with Mr Gilbert being the staff champion.



Did you know....?

In the academy's reception, we have a diary which dates back to the opening of the academy. It outlines the daily life of the school during World War II.

# Teacher Feature

In my role as Assistant Head and French teacher at Joseph Leckie for the last 1.5 years, it has been an immense pleasure to become part of a team and an Academy that cares so greatly about the future and well-being of its students. Being able to contribute towards shaping students' future careers and lives is an immense honour and pleasure.

Outside of school life, I've just reached the 34 week point of pregnancy with my first child, so life is pretty hectic at the minute. It is obviously a source of incredible excitement and extreme nerves, I'm not sure which more of though! I also love to travel (that may have to wait for a few years!) and have a guilty passion for reality TV.



**Mrs L. Price: Assistant head and French teacher**



10 Year 10 Gifted and Talented students were given an amazing opportunity to visit Oxford University and Hertford College where they received a tour and interactive sessions with existing students. Talks were given to students regarding student life, were able to ask questions and were also given experiences of what lectures are like.

The students acted as great ambassadors for the Academy. A big thank you to Nathan and the Oxford Pathways team for their guidance and knowledge sharing of the different aspects of Oxford University.

## BBC NEWS

On the 17th of January 2020, Reef Television, in association with the BBC and West Midlands police, came into the academy to deliver a talk to our year 9 students. The talk was part of a 15 part documentary series for the BBC called Critical Incident, which will be aired later this year. The students were able to talk to police officers and emergency service workers about the impacts of knife crime while in the line of duty. The students were a credit to the academy and we are proud of their contribution to this important social issue. There is no confirmed date yet, but the program should be aired in May.

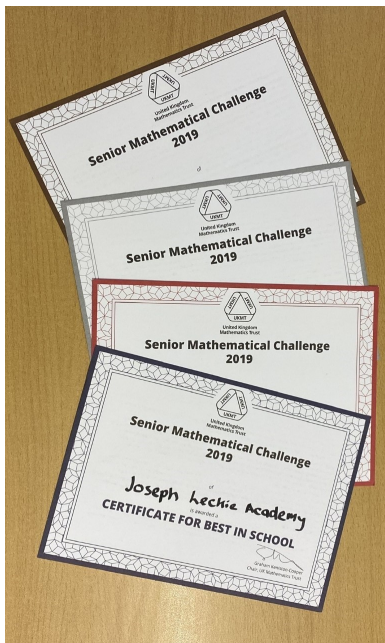
## Gifted and Talented





# SMSC

To commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day on 27th January, and the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp, Mr Giles launched a House Competition where students were tasked with creating a memorial flame to remember the lives of those who were murdered during the Holocaust. He received many fantastic entries with the very best making up a new display in his classroom.



## Sixth Form - Maths

In January, Sixth Form mathematicians took part in the UK Mathematics Trust Senior Challenge. This involved the students using basic mathematical techniques to solve a number of interesting, and very challenging, problems with 90 minutes. The very best students are awarded with either a bronze, silver or gold certificate. The Maths department were very proud of all students who took part, especially the three students who received a bronze certificate and the three students who received a silver certificate. Well done!



## Fantastic Food

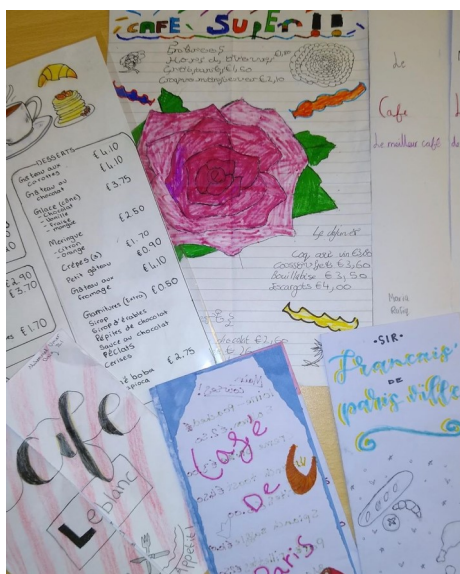
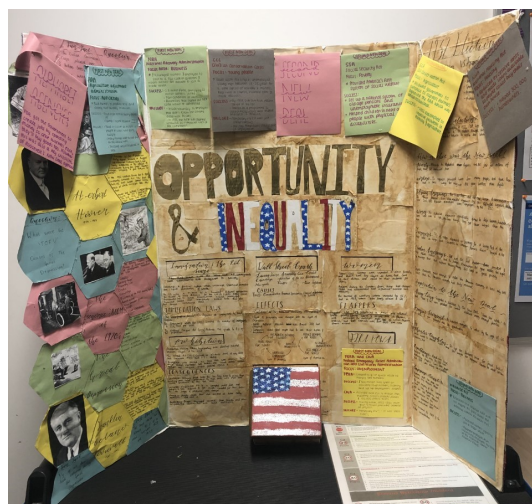
The first Year 8 Food Technology practical of the year, and decade, saw our budding bakers bake bread by the basket load! The Food Technology department were very impressed and proud of their results.

### Teacher Trivia....?

Which member of staff broke their foot by falling over during a game of football?

# Lessons in Leckie

Mr Barron was amazed this half term when two of his Year 9 students created a display piece based on what they have been learning about so far this year. The display includes definitions of key words, explanations of important concepts and outlines the main dates from what they have been learning about so far. Keep it up!!!



## Fabulous French

The MFL Faculty organised a house competition for Year 7 which involved students creating menus for a café completely in French! Lots of fantastic entries were submitted with the lucky winners being announced in a Year 7 assembly.

Who knows, maybe we could see a French and Food Technology **crossover** for a house completion. Or should we say, **croiss-over**...

## What's on?

Joseph Leckie offer a range community services and venue hiring.

### Tuesdays

Ladies and children : 6:00pm—6:45pm

Dads and Children: 6:45pm—7:30pm

### Wednesdays

Dads and children: 5:30—6:15pm

Ladies and Children: 6.30pm—7:15pm

Ladies only: 7:15pm—8:00pm

**£1.80 Child Fee**

**£2.80 Adult Fee (18+)**



### Upcoming events at JLA

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.

- 25th of March year 7 parents evening
- Break up for Easter half term on the 3rd of April.