



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really looking forward to welcoming your child into our school community and are delighted they will be joining us in September. Last Monday, the Prime Minister announced delaying the next phase of easing restrictions; as a result, the guidance for schools has been updated. We therefore, wanted to share a number of updates with you.

### **Induction Day (6 July) – Cancelled**

Unfortunately, in line with government guidance we will not be able to run this induction day. With over 200 students joining us from 24 different primary schools across Trowbridge and beyond, we are very mindful of the potential risks to bubbles within primary schools. However, we are planning to run this day early in September before other students return to school (further information below).

### **Year 5 and Year 6 JOG Summer Camps**

This year we have teamed up with Active Trowbridge and a whole host of local organisations to offer your child a fantastic summer experience. Places are limited, so initially the camp will be for students in current Year 6 who will be attending The John of Gaunt School in September, along with any Year 5 students. This is a great opportunity for children to have fun and to get to know some more people that will be starting at JOG. The camps will include Archery, Graffiti painting, Human Table Football, Fire lighting workshops, Laser Tag, dance, drama, sports, a climbing wall, music and so much more, and the very best thing is that every day is totally FREE!

The camps run for two weeks:

**Monday 2nd August - Friday 6th August**

**Monday 9th August - Friday 13th August**

Booking is available here:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ActiveTrowbridge/Coaching/Camp?courseID=b33a983b-dcfa-4fc7-9178-5c0c72a61ac6>

### **SEN Enhanced Transition**

A range of enhanced transition have already taken place, however, if your child has not joined any of the events and they have additional needs please contact our SENCo Mrs Marshall [vmarshall@jogschool.org](mailto:vmarshall@jogschool.org)

### **Open Day, Every Day**

We believe it is really important for parents to see the school on a normal working day. In fact, we would encourage you to do this because we know you will be impressed! If you have any siblings in Year 4 or 5 that would appreciate a tour please let us know. Email [snichols@jogschool.org](mailto:snichols@jogschool.org) to arrange a time.

### **Year 6 Information Webinar**

We would like to invite you to an information webinar before your child starts school in September. This will be an opportunity for you and your child to listen to key information and ask any questions. It will take place on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm**. Please simply click on this link to join:



[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_N2NhYTA1OWMtZjBlMy00ZGJLWEyYzMtOThkNWJiN2EzMzE0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22d0204c47-c1a1-4017-833a-6f64632d7bc5%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2257ef35a0-6334-4f36-b095-6577bbaa1e2c%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3a%22true%7d&btype=a&role=a](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_N2NhYTA1OWMtZjBlMy00ZGJLWEyYzMtOThkNWJiN2EzMzE0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22d0204c47-c1a1-4017-833a-6f64632d7bc5%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2257ef35a0-6334-4f36-b095-6577bbaa1e2c%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3a%22true%7d&btype=a&role=a)

### **Meeting with Primary School Teachers**

Over the last term, JOG staff have visited staff and students in a range of our local Primary Schools. These have been really useful and it has been wonderful to meet some of the children joining us in September.

### **New Induction Day**

Our new induction day will be on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**. This will still be a day when our new students will have the school to themselves. It will be a day when they can get to meet their tutor, get to meet other people within their tutor group, start to make new friends and get to know their way around the school.

### **Inset Day**

On **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September** the school has an Inset day, this means only staff will be in school, however we would like to give you and your child the opportunity to visit the school and for you to have a walk around it. This will be useful as it will help your child familiarise themselves with the layout and the buildings, it may also help with any anxiety before they start the following day. You are more than welcome to sign in at reception and join us anytime between 3pm and 4pm

### **PGL Outdoor Adventure Trip**

We want to give you some advance notice, and something for the children to really look forward to. We have now booked a trip away for our new year 7 students. As many of you know, we like to take the children away in the first term, so they can build friendships, build their confidence and have fun! Students will have the opportunity to go away for three days (two nights) in their tutor groups, with half the year going away at once. Trip 1 for tutor groups 7A-7E, will take place from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September. Trip 2 for tutor groups 7F-7I will take place from 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> October. The trip will cost £99 (the school will pay the other half). Letters will be distributed when children start school in September and a deposit of £30 will be required by 8<sup>th</sup> September. I hope this advance warning is useful.

In September we will also plan a further information evening for parents. At the moment we do not know whether this will be in person or live, however we will let you know details in September. We are really looking forward to your child joining us and whilst we are disappointed not to be running our usual transition day in July we hope this range of other opportunities will go some way to supporting them. If at any stage you have any further queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With kind regards,

Paul Skipp  
Headteacher