



THE JUBILEE ACADEMY

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Summer Term 2026

WELCOME TO ISSUE #28

Welcome to the latest edition of The Jubilee Gazette in which we are pleased to update you on what has been happening at The Jubilee Academy.

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MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It was great to see the Year 11's settled and working well in their summer GCSE examinations.

We have had a very busy term. Some of the students have been rewarded for their positive behaviour and attendance through our rewards assembly, positive phone calls and post cards home.

A survey completed by our student ambassador group (student voice) showed a significant number of our students felt safe and supported at school. We have introduced a new member to our school community, and she has been amazing in helping to provide a calm, reassuring and therapeutic space for students. I am referring to our pet tortoise 'Lettuce'.

We are proud to be part of



THRIVE, a trauma informed practice to support our learners.

As we approach the summer holidays, I would like to thank all students, parents, carers and other stakeholders for being on the journey with us at TJA in helping to provide the best support for our students. I hope you have a wonderful summer holiday and return in the new term refreshed and ready for the challenges ahead. Please be safe over the holiday period and we look forward to seeing in September 2026.

Warm Regards,

Marlon Boothe (NPQH)

NEWS & UPDATE

Our Year 11 students have now completed their GCSE exams and we are incredibly proud of the dedication and determination they have shown throughout the exam season. They approached each challenge with resilience and a positive attitude, giving their very best in every subject. Their hard work and commitment over the past few months have been commendable. We look forward to celebrating with them on results day and wish them every success for the future."



We were delighted to celebrate our Year 11 Graduation together, marking the end of an important chapter in our students' school journey. It was a wonderful afternoon filled with pride, reflection and celebration. A special thank you to our inspiring guest speaker who shared words of encouragement and motivation as our students prepare for the exciting opportunities ahead.



We were pleased to welcome Chris Preddie OBE, UK-based youth worker, motivational speaker and spoken word artist known for his work with young people affected by or at risk of gang involvement, violence, and substance misuse. He has collaborated with Compass Elevation, a specialist provider who already supports some of our students and families.



INTRODUCING



LETTUCE

Lettuce our Mediterranean tortoise brings comfort and calm to The Jubilee Academy

A very special member of The Jubilee Academy community is making a big difference to students and staff alike. *Lettuce*, the academy's pet tortoise, has quickly become a much-loved companion, bringing comfort, calm, and plenty of smiles wherever she goes.

Lettuce plays an important role in supporting the wellbeing of the school community. Students often enjoy spending time with her, whether that is observing her gentle movements, helping with her care, or simply taking a quiet moment in her company. Staff have also found that Lettuce provides a welcome source of relaxation during busy school days.

Research has shown that interaction with animals can help reduce stress and anxiety, and Lettuce certainly seems to have that effect at The Jubilee Academy. Her calm nature encourages students to slow down, regulate their emotions, and develop a sense of responsibility through caring for another living creature.

Student Wiktoria said, “she makes me feel calm and happy and I like spending time with her when I am feeling anxious”.

Whether she is exploring her habitat meeting with our students or admiring visitors, Lettuce continues to have a positive impact on daily life at The Jubilee Academy. She may move slowly, but the difference she makes to the wellbeing of our school community is truly remarkable. Lettuce has become a valued member of our academy family. She provides a therapeutic presence for students and staff and helps create a nurturing environment where everyone feels supported.

SAFEGUARDING

Nothing is more important to us than our students' safety. If you have any concerns about your child or any other child at The Jubilee Academy, please contact us.

Students are issued a Safeguarding Handbook when they join TJA letting them know who to contact to for support. For more information on Safeguarding see our website: www.thejubileeacademy.org.uk/safeguarding.

We are contactable during the holidays. If you have any Safeguarding concerns, please contact us. Call 0203 096 1221 or email Safeguarding@thejubileeacademy.org.uk

Our Pastoral Team are:



Ms Jermy
Pastoral Manager/ Safeguard Officer



Mr Odimayo
Learning Mentor

Our Safeguarding Contacts are:



Ms Rockell
Designated Safeguard Lead



Mr Artrey
Deputy Safeguard



Ms Forrester
Deputy Safeguard



Lead Governor for Safeguarding
Mrs R Cozens

UPDATE FROM SAFEGUARDING/PASTORAL

Below is a list of the outside agencies we use to support our students.

- “Talk it out” Counselling Service
- Compass - Substance Misuse Support
- Stop Smoking Cessation Programme
- Mosaic – LGBT
- Harrow Horizons – Wellbeing and mental health
- Samaritans
- Synergy
- Brooks – Sex health & relationships
- KOOTH
- Educational Psychologists
- Ignite – Support for young people

RSHE

We have covered a variety of topics this term in RSHE. Topics we have looked at include careers, laws surrounding work and money.

We continue to work with Brook Education also covering topics including Online Safety, Consent, Healthy Relationships and Self Esteem.

If you would like more information about Brook you can visit their website on www.brook.org.uk.

This term we had the opportunity to work with Watford FC. They delivered a 6-week programme for teenage boys designed to support them around leadership, respect and positive responsibility. The programme was delivered thorough discussion, reflection and football based activities. The programme focused on working towards a Sports Leaders Level 1 qualification. The programme culminated with participants coming together to commit to positive behaviour through the #PLEDGE2RESPECT message.

INCLUSION & SEND

At the Jubilee Academy we pride ourselves as an inclusive school. Our staff and students represent a very diverse cultural and ethnic background. As part of our core principles, we thrive to deliver a warm and supporting environment which is welcoming for all.

Inclusion, equity and diversity shape the culture at The Jubilee Academy. We work together as a family and value the contribution made by our team and is a testament of who we are as a school.

Staff, students, parents/careers and our partners are vital collaborators in helping to deliver our aims and vision. As part of the wider vision on inclusion, we are delighted to open our new sensory room which will be open in the new school year.

IMPORTANT DATES 2026

School Trip – Tuesday 14th July 2026

Sports Day – Wednesday 15th July 2026

Last day of term – Thursday 16th July 2026



TERM DATES 2026

Autumn Term 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 – Friday 23rd October 2026

Year 7&8 return 12.30pm on Thursday 3rd September 2026

Year 9&10 return 8.50pm on Friday 4th September 2026

Year 11 to return at 12.30pm on Friday 4th September 2026

Half Term Monday 19th October 2026 to Friday 30st October 2026

Monday 2nd November 2026 to Friday 18th December 2026

Inset day: Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Inset day: Thursday 3rd September 2026 Morning session only

Wellbeing day: Thursday 17th December 2026

Occasional day: Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term 2027

Monday 4th January 2027 – Friday 12th February 2027

Half Term Monday 15th February 2027 – Friday 19th February 2027

Monday 22nd February 2026 – Thursday 25th March 2027

(Good Friday 26th March 2027, Easter Monday 29th March 2027)

Inset days: Monday 4th January 2027.

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12th April 2027 – Friday 28th May 2027

Half Term Monday 31st May 2027 – Friday 4th June 2027

Monday 07th June 2027 – Thursday 22nd July 2027

Post planning day: Monday 12th April 2027

Inset days: Tuesday 13th April 2027.

Well-being day: Wednesday 21st July 2027

Post planning day: Thursday 22nd July 2027

GALLERY

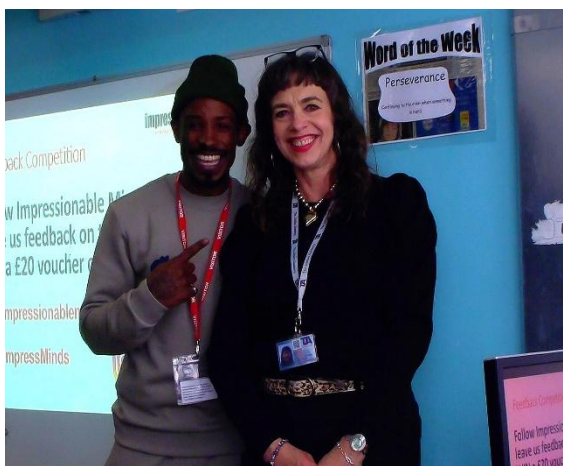


MR REAVLEY CEO AND MRS MANDERSON, OUR GUEST SPEAKER WITH ONE OF OUR YEAR 11 LEAVERS.





WATFORD FC TRAINING PROGRAMME



CHRIS PREDDIE WITH MS JEREMY, OUR SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

A full list of dates can be found on our website:
www.thejubileeacademy.org.uk/school-information/term-dates



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