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JPSA

John Port Spencer Academy

Newsletter

Celebrating Joy, Progress, Success & Acting with Care and Kindness

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

As I write this, I am still reflecting on what a tremendous success our Sixth Form Open Evening was last night. It was truly wonderful to see so many families, prospective students and members of our community attending, creating such a vibrant and positive atmosphere throughout the evening.

We have already received some incredibly positive feedback from visitors. One comment particularly captured the spirit of the evening:

"The school looked wonderful, and the thought and effort invested in the displays and presentations were clear throughout. The number of sixth form students willing to give up their time and speak so passionately about the school and their subjects is testament to the support put in place for them, and they were all a credit to the school and themselves. The photography, textiles and fine art spaces were particularly impressive, with such a high quantity and quality of student work on show."

Visitors also commented on the dedication of our staff and the welcoming culture of our school:

"Although open evenings take place late in the day and often involve challenging weather and dark evenings, the staff worked together so thoughtfully to showcase the school. The warmth and care felt by the sixth form students at JPSA came through clearly and left a very positive impression."

I could not be prouder of our students, who represented the school with confidence, maturity and enthusiasm. Their willingness to share their experiences and speak so positively about life at JPSA reflects the strong relationships, support and opportunities that exist within our Sixth Form community.

Thank you once again to our staff, students and families for helping to make the evening such a memorable occasion. It was a wonderful showcase of all that makes JPSA special, and we look forward to welcoming many of our visitors back in the future as members of our Sixth Form.



With Kindest wishes,

Laura O'Leary
Principal



Scan the QR code for our Sixth Form Prospectus:



Joy Progress Success Act with care, kindness, respect and integrity

Key Dates

Autumn Term

Thurs 15th Oct	Year 11 & Year 13 Raising Achievement Evening
Mon 19th Oct	Year 7 & Year 8 Flu Vaccinations
Tues 20th Oct	Year 9 & Year 10 Flu Vaccinations
Thurs 22nd Oct	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening (Online)
Thurs 22nd Oct	Year 11 & Year 13 Alton Towers Scarefest Trip
Fri 23rd Oct	Year 11 Flu Vaccinations
Mon 26th - Fri 30th Oct	**Half Term**
Mon 2nd - Fri 13th Nov	Year 11 & Year 13 Mock Exams
Weds 4th Nov	Ski Trip Information Evening
Fri 6th - Sun 8th Nov	Ingestre Hall Residential Arts Trip
Thurs 12th Nov	Parent Forum
Thurs 19th Nov	Maths Inspiration Trip, KS4 & KS5
Thurs 26th Nov	Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening (Online)
Fri 27th Nov	**INSET DAY**
Tues 8th & Weds 9th Dec	GCSE Art Mock Exams
Thurs 10th & Fri 11th Dec	GCSE Textiles & Photography Mock Exams
Thurs 10th Dec	Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening (Online)
Thurs 10th & Fri 11th Dec	Year 9 World of Work Day
Tues 15th Dec	Year 10 'A Christmas Carol' Theatre Performance
Weds 16th Dec	Christmas Concert
Thurs 17th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Thurs 17th Dec	Year 13 Presentation Evening (2026 Leavers)
Fri 18th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 18th Dec	**End of Term - 12.30pm finish for students**



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YEAR 11 & YEAR 13

RAISING ACHIEVEMENT EVENING

- This event will help parents to support their child with exam strategies.
- Heads of Subjects in Maths, English and Science will also be speaking about how to revise for core subjects.
- There will be a selection of revision guides to purchase.
- See email for more details and how to book.

Thursday 15th October

5.00pm - 6.00pm

Chatsworth Hall (Y11)

EC1 (Y13)





Newsletter Feedback

We welcome feedback on our Newsletter, please complete the form below or scan the QR code:

[School Newsletter Evaluation Survey]



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Joy



What an incredible week at JPSA!

This week, our students have been awarded an amazing **7,436** Achievement Points, recognising their hard work, positive attitudes and commitment to learning. A huge well done to everyone who has contributed to this fantastic total!

Year 7 topped the Achievement Point leaderboard this week with an impressive **2,292** points! What a fantastic effort from the entire year group.

Golden & Platinum Tickets

Our colleagues continue to consistently recognise students for demonstrating our school values, with over 900 Golden and Platinum Tickets awarded this half term so far! Thank you to all colleagues for celebrating the many successes of our students every day.

Weekly Golden Ticket Draw Winners

Congratulations to this week's lucky winners:

Emilia R - Year 10
Seren A - Year 8
Thomas W - Year 8
Isla D - Year 12
Christina Y - Year 9
Lucy H - Year 11
Ralph L - Year 11
Travis M - Year 10
Emily B - Year 7
Aneel N - Year 7



Each winner will receive the coveted JPSA Jump the Queue Pass along with some fantastic goodies, including everyone's favourite prize... a rubber duck!

Don't Forget!

Every Golden Ticket and Platinum Ticket collected is automatically entered into our end-of-half-term prize draw, where students could win a £10 voucher.

We are also looking forward to celebrating our End of Half-Term Rewards Breakfast, where students who have earned enough positive points will receive their JPSA Reward Badges and Certificates in recognition of their hard work, positive attitude and commitment to school life.

With only a few weeks to go until the end of half term, there's still plenty of time to earn points, collect tickets and secure your place at our Rewards Breakfast. Keep up the great work!



Progress



Well done to this week's leaders!





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Success

Key Stage 3 students create a range of delicious dishes.

Our Key Stage 3 students have been extremely busy making a range of delicious dishes.

Year 8 have designed and made healthy pizzas -- making their own bases and sauces and choosing healthy toppings that link to current healthy eating guidelines

Year 9 have made some lovely mini Quiches demonstrating their pastry skills

Year 9 have also made some lovely Chilled Lemon Flans - learning how acids are a coagulate

Well done to everyone!










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Harvest Collection

The Student Leadership Team are organising a whole school collection for Harvest for the YMCA. Charity leads Will and Grace have been busy delivering assemblies about the YMCA and the Harvest Collection.

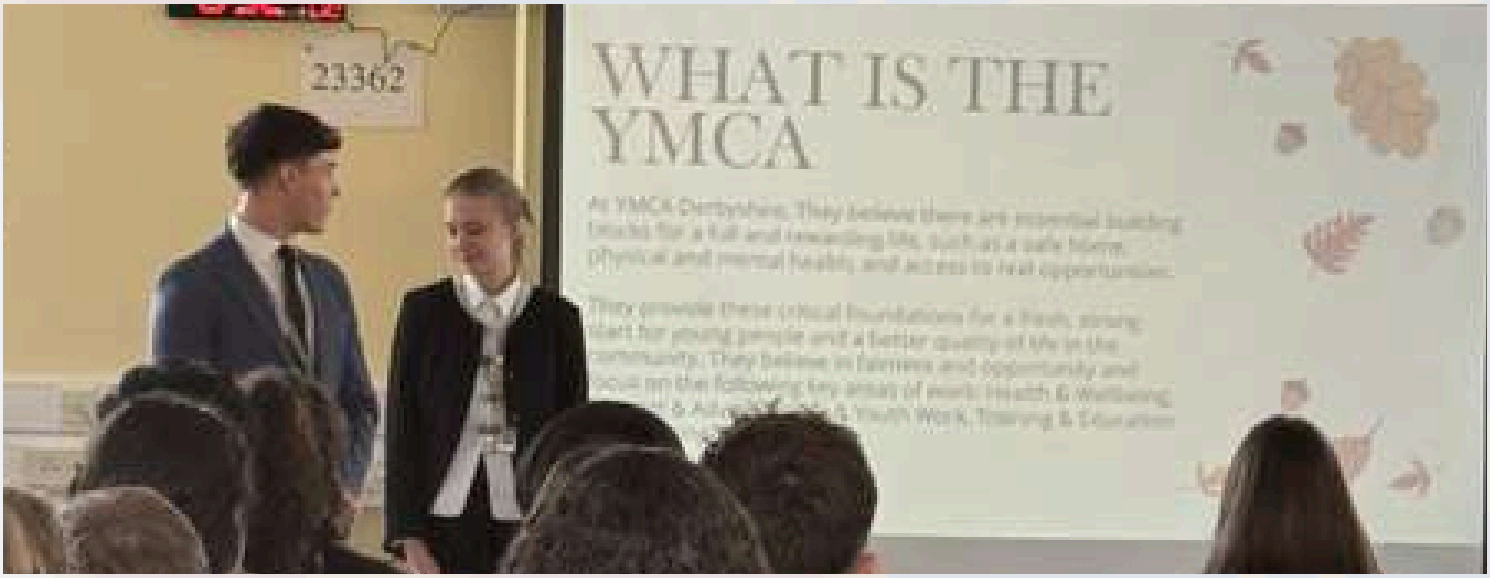
Donations can be either an item from the YMCA wish list or a pound donation. They can be donated at either A hall or the Sixth Form block by Monday 19th October 2026.

Our Harvest Wishlist:

- ☐ Instant noodles/noodle pots
- ☐ Rice pots
- ☐ Microwave rice
- ☐ Tuna snack pots
- ☐ Tinned tuna
- ☐ Cereal (up to 700g boxes)
- ☐ Coffee
- ☐ UHT milk
- ☐ Sugar
- ☐ Custard
- ☐ Tinned fruit
- ☐ Baked beans
- ☐ Tinned vegetables (carrots, peas, sweetcorn)
- ☐ Tinned potatoes
- ☐ Tinned tomatoes
- ☐ Brown sauce
- ☐ Tinned meat meals
- ☐ Tinned soup
- ☐ Cooking sauces (jars)
- ☐ Snack pot porridge
- ☐ Kitchen roll
- ☐ Toilet roll
- ☐ Washing powder / gel
- ☐ Eggs
- ☐ Self-raising flour
- ☐ Golden syrup

There are some items we don't need / cannot accept

- ✗ Fresh veg
- ✗ Bags of Dry Pasta
- ✗ Bags of Dry Rice
- ✗ Household cleaning products
- ✗ Medical products
- ✗ Tinned lentils and pulses
- ✗ Used toiletries



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WE ARE RECRUITING YOUNG VOLUNTEERS!!!

THE FOLLOWING OPPORTUNITIES ARE OPEN AND AVAILABLE :

14-17 year olds and Duke of Edinburgh placements on **Fridays 5-7pm**

Over 17 years (excluding Duke of Edinburgh) on **Sundays 6-8pm**

Under 16 years must be accompanied by a parent/carer

Volunteering opportunities are limited and all candidates will be invited to an informal interview during October half term

If you are interested please email
Burtonhope.rachelo@gmail.com

The John Port Community

John Port Spencer Academy

Get involved with the Student Council



Want to have your voice heard and help make a difference in our school?

The Student Council is a great opportunity to share ideas, represent your fellow student's and get involved in making a positive impact within our school community.

You will be able to work with both students and staff to discuss the things that matter to you, help to improve our school and get involved in student voice.

Whether you have a big idea, want to raise an issue or just want to get involved, we want to hear from you.

If you'd like to be considered for the role please complete the google form by Monday 12th October.
Don't miss this opportunity to get involved and make your voice count.

Student Council Application Form





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The John Port Experience

⚽ Introducing our new Year 7 Boys' Football Team ⚽

It's been a fantastic start to life at John Port, with the team showing real promise in training before going unbeaten in their first tournament:

🏆 3 wins | 1 draw
⚽ 7 goals scored | 0 conceded

The team are being led this season by three outstanding Year 12 students — Josh, Archie and Jacob — under the guidance of Mr Parkes.

A very promising start from our newest footballers. We look forward to seeing them continue to develop and represent John Port with pride throughout the season.

Good luck, boys! 💙⚽



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Careers



This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

Listen to this newsletter

World Space Week is an international celebration of science and technology, and their contribution to the betterment of the human condition. The United Nations General Assembly declared in 1999 that World Space Week will be held each year from October 4-10. These dates commemorate two events:

- October 4, 1957: Launch of the first human-made Earth satellite, Sputnik 1, thus opening the way for space exploration
- October 10, 1967: The signing of the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activites of States in the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies.

In this session, NASA Flight Controller Amy Dill will be talking about her experience at Mission Control, what it's like to help astronauts while they are in space, the role of rockets, and what skills are needed to work in the space sector.

Astro Pi Mission Zero is a free, beginner-friendly challenge from ESA and the Raspberry Pi Foundation. In under an hour, participants write a short Python program that displays an image or animation on an Astro Pi computer aboard the International Space Station. The program also reads live data from the Astro Pi's colour and luminosity sensor to set the background colour, so the artwork responds to real conditions in space. No previous coding experience is needed, and no physical kit is required.

Space - the final frontier, now closer in reach than ever before. Companies worldwide are looking to the skies with the hope of exploring, and being one of the leading stars in the space sector. But, what do they need to get there, and how does the Civil Aviation Authority come into this? Join this Sprint with the Civil Aviation Authority, and use your skills to understand the process of preparing a spacecraft launch licence application, and, with the help of expert professionals, you'll understand key aspects around exploring space.

In this captivating Subject Spotlight, Paul Sant presents: Computer Science: Space explanation, AI and beyond. He explains what computer science is, fundamental skills for a computer scientist and how computer science has revolutionised industry. Paul then talks about why AI is the future for learning, considers the failings of AI, and discusses the impact of AI on society in the modern age. Paul discusses the role of computer science in the fascinating case study of the Mars Rover, which failed and crashed in 1999.

JOB OF THE WEEK

Planetary Scientist

A planetary scientist studies the origin, evolution, and physical characteristics of planets, moons, asteroids, and other bodies in the solar system. To access this role, you often need to earn an undergraduate degree in physics, geology, astronomy, chemistry, or planetary science. You will need strong abilities in mathematics, computer programming, data analysis, and scientific problem-solving.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

The UK space industry directly employs around 55,550 people, with employment growing by nearly 7% in a single year (2022/23).

When supply-chain and wider supported jobs are included, the sector supports around 137,000 UK jobs.

Source

If you have any questions or need support, please email RLowndes@johnportspencer.org.uk

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The UK Parliment Work Experience programme is ideal for students who want to gain more experience in the world of work. This programme is delivered remotely via Waypoint, a platform provided by SixtyLearn, enabling more young people to gain insight into careers at Parliament. This programme gives you the chance to explore Parliament as a workplace, try realistic tasks inspired by real roles, get personalised feedback to help you grow, and learn about the teams that make Parliament happen!



Free webinar for Year 12 and 13 students and parents: What Top Universities Are Really Looking For. Former Head of Careers Kate Grace will discuss how admissions tutors read personal statements and what builds a truly competitive application. It runs Wednesday, 30 September, from 7 to 8 pm. Slides and a replay will be sent to everyone who registers.



If you are interested in applying for the RPC Solicitor Apprenticeship and would like to find out more, you can attend their virtual insight evening which will run from 5 pm – 7.30 pm on Wednesday 14 October 2026. It's a fantastic opportunity to gain an insight into their work and clients, get to know their people, hear about the apprenticeship study course from The University of Law and ask their apprentices first-hand about their experiences. Their early talent team will host the event and will be on hand to answer questions and provide advice on how to apply.



The National Cyber Force is a partnership between defence and intelligence, responsible for operating in and through cyberspace to counter threats, disrupting and contesting those who would do harm to the UK and its allies, to keep the country safe and to protect and promote the UK's interests at home and abroad. Working in cyber provides you with the chance to use your skills to their full potential and play your part in keeping the country safe. The Government's agencies need both technical and non-technical people, with both providing their own individual knowledge and experience. By joining this insight event on Tue 20th Oct 4:30PM - 6:30PM, you'll learn about how you can get involved in vital work to keep the country safe.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

AstraZeneca is a global pharmaceutical company that researches, develops and produces medicines used by patients around the world. Young people interested in science don't have to become doctors: its early careers opportunities cover science, engineering, manufacturing, digital technology, data and business. UK routes include apprenticeships, work experience, undergraduate placements and graduate programmes, offering different ways to begin a career within healthcare and life sciences.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

LSE is a specialist university focused on social sciences. Courses cover areas including economics, politics, law, geography, international relations, sociology, management and finance. Its central London location creates opportunities to engage with businesses, government, charities and international organisations. LSE could particularly suit students who are interested in understanding how society, politics, economies and organisations work and enjoy discussing important global issues.

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Safeguarding



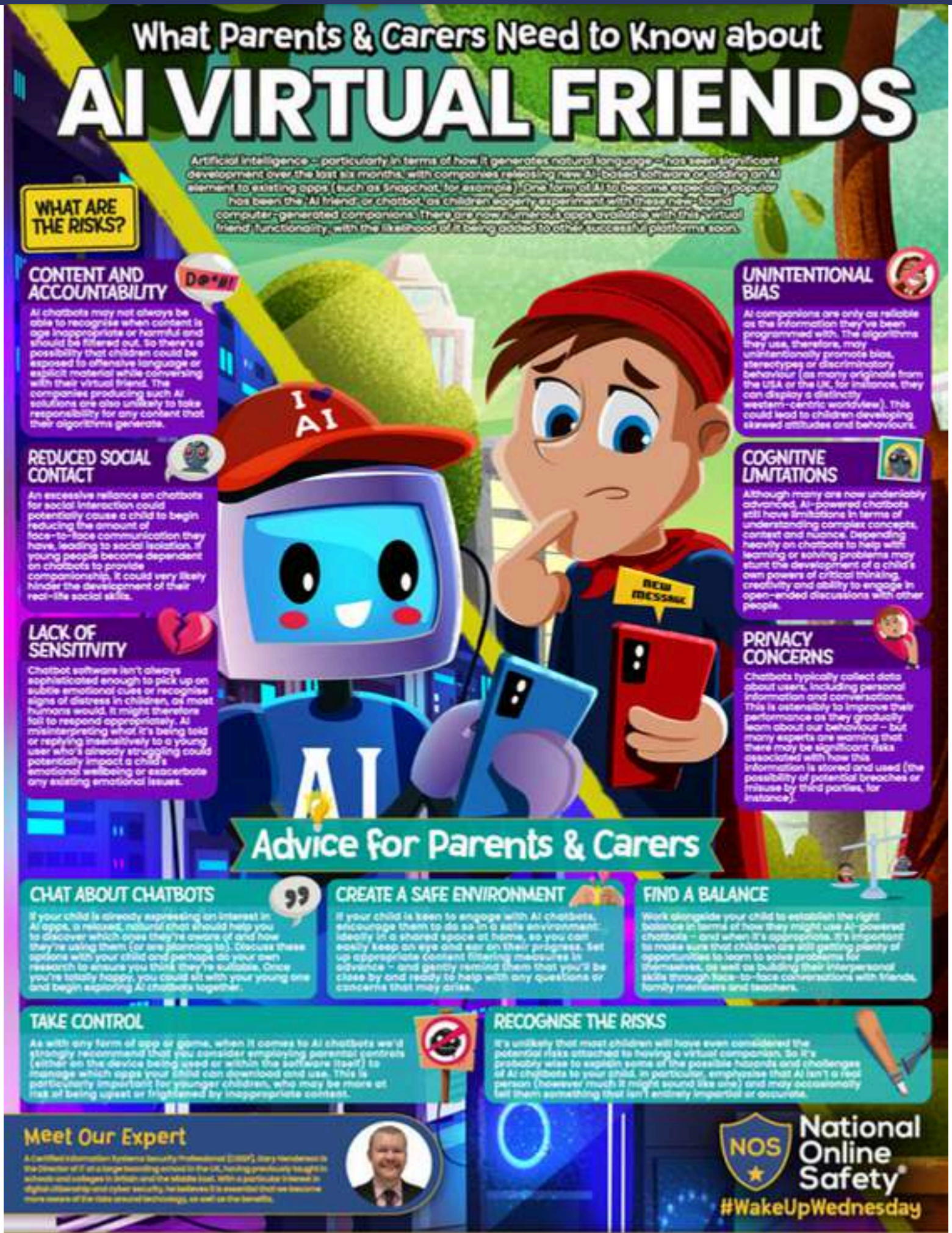
Safeguarding information is available on our website here:

https://johnportspencer.org.uk/safeguarding/



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Online Safety



Derbyshire Family Health Service

NHS
Derbyshire Community Health Services
NHS Foundation Trust

Public health nurse contact details

Whether your child or young person is in school or home educated, we can support with...



For parents/carers of 5-19 year olds in Derbyshire text us on 07312 263744

Available Monday to Friday 9am-4:30pm (except bank holidays)

We can also support young people aged 11-19 with all of the above as well as sexual health, drugs and alcohol support.

Young people aged 11-19 years in Derbyshire can text us on 07507 330025

Available Monday to Friday 9am-4:30pm (except bank holidays)

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derbyshirefamilyhealthservice.nhs.uk

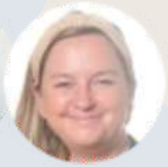
DerbysFamilyHealth

Who to Contact

General Enquiries - info@johnportspencer.org.uk
Sixth Form Enquiries/Attendance - Sixthform@johnportspencer.org.uk
Reporting Absences - Attendance@johnportspencer.org.uk
Arbor Enquiries - arbor@johnportspencer.org.uk
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What's On in the Local Area

REPTON YOUTH CLUB
THE DEN, MITRE DR, REPTON, DERBY, DE65 6FJ
ADMISSION: 0.50P

EVERY FRIDAY
4:30PM - 6:30PM
AGES 11-16

YOUTH CLUB!

BOOK YOUR PLACE

TRANSITION DAY
4TH SEPTEMBER
FOR NEW YEAR 7'S



Create, connect & have fun
New activities, new skills and a space to be yourself.

Delivered by Dizzy Heights:

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South Derbyshire District Council & Repton Village Hall

What's On in the Local Area

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Why choose us?

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- DBS-checked and safeguarding-trained teachers
- Opportunities to take part in shows and graded exams
- Opportunities to join our Competition Team

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ISTD Modern
Acrobatic Arts
Musical Theatre
Street Dance Club



CLASSES HELD AT HILTON SPENCER ACADEMY, HILTON VILLAGE HALL AND THE MEASE PAVILLION

General Classes
Adult Ballet
Adult Tap
Parent & baby class
Pre-school class

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Hilton School of Dance

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Enrol Here

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