

The Excellence Programme

Autumn Term 2020

SECTION I: LECTURES AND EVENTS

THE AUTUMN 2020 JLx SESSIONS | Y7-U6

JLx is a series of 15-minute highly informative sessions each run by a different department, which aim to share with pupils some exciting aspects of their disciplines. Locations of talks will be confirmed in advance of the talks and will take place to allow all year groups to attend while maintaining their year group bubble.

Day, time and location	Department	Talk title
Monday 14 th September 1.15pm	Politics	Is there a UK Constitution?
Tuesday 29 th September 1.15pm	Art	Motivation - the key to success
Wednesday 14 th October 1.15pm	Biology	The Art of Biology - The importance of illustration.
Thursday 12 th November 1.15pm	RSP	'The One or The Many?' Ethical Priorities
Monday 23 rd November 1.15pm	English	The American Dream- A Journey to Disappointment
Tuesday 8 th December 1.15pm	Economics	Thinking about Zuboff's Age of Surveillance Capitalism

JOHN LYON ACADEMIC SOCIETY | Y7-U6

A series of academic talks by pupils

Tuesday 6th October & Wednesday 18th November – 6pm

At each Academic Society event, five John Lyon boys will be presenting 5-10 minutes academic talks on a topic of their choice. This is an opportunity for boys to develop their presentation skills, and to learn from their peers about a variety of topics.

If you wish to give a talk please email Excellence@johnlyon.org expressing your interest and the title of the talk you would like to give.

One week prior to the meetings, you will receive the list of talks as well as details about how to join the remote meeting.

SECTION II: COMPETITIONS

DRAMA COMPETITION | Y7-U6

Monologue Challenge

Deadline for submissions – Friday 16th October

Challenge Write an original monologue with a view to it being performed on stage. The monologue can be about anything at all and can be presented in any style or form.



Submission format: It must be written in the first person, be typed onto one side of A4 with a maximum font size of 12.

In addition, students may also record themselves performing their monologue or submit a voice recording in the style of a Podcast. The recording must be between two and four minutes.

Winning criteria: Prizes will be awarded on creativity, characterisation and content

Winners: One prize for each of the following categories: Y7-Y9, Y10 & Y11, Sixth Form

NB: The recording does not have to be the same student who wrote the monologue, it can be anyone they choose, although they may of course choose to perform it themselves.

How to submit? Submissions need to be sent electronically to Mr Felgate at LHF@johnlyon.org

For further information please email Mr Felgate at LHF@johnlyon.org

BUSINESS COMPETITION | Y10-U6

Student Investor Challenge

Deadline for entries - Monday 5th October

This is a competition in which pupils get an opportunity to explore the stock markets and gain experience in buying and selling shares.

To enter Students will need to have a team of 4.



Deadline for entries: Please contact Mr Boylan by Monday 5th October

Successful students: will enter the national finals in which the winning team will be rewarded with a trip to New York.

For further information please contact Mr Boylan
DPB@johnlyon.org

ART COMPETITION | Y7-U6

House Art Competition

Deadline for submissions – Tuesday 3rd November

This year our House Art Competition is based on a work of Art which reflects “Memories of Recent Times”



Entries: Need to be visual: Drawing, Painting, Print or Photography.

Guidance: Consider issues which are personal, local or global.

Submissions: Need to be linked to the theme and your interpretations of it. Please submit a high-resolution photograph of your entry to the Art Department by the deadline.

For further information please visit the Art Department

STEAM CHRISTMAS COMPETITION | Y7-U6

Rudolf Balloon Race

Deadline for submissions – Monday 7th December

This year's winter challenge is to design a balloon that will travel as far and as fast as possible along a string. A bonus will be given for making the balloon festive looking.



Entries: Design a balloon which is as aerodynamic as possible. and can be released to travel along a string

Guidance: Think about making the balloon as aerodynamic as possible by adding items on it such as wings. Make sure the balloon can be unsealed easily, ready for the race

Submissions: You need to build three models of your balloon, so that we can make sure the race results are reliable

Racing: The race will take place in the BCH, and we will time how long it takes the balloon to travel across the BCH, and what the maximum distance it can travel

Further details of the race will be emailed nearer the time, to make sure we comply to updated Covid regulations.

FLASH FICTION | Y7-U6

Deadline for submissions – Thursday 10th December



Flash Fiction submissions should be no longer than 200 words. Pupils should write a short story or description with a central character, who has a demanding and traumatic job. Ideas in *War Photographer* by Carol Ann Duffy can be used for inspiration.

Masterclass on writing Flash Fiction led by Mrs Trafford, for all those interested in entering the competition on Tuesday 10th November at 4pm via MS teams.

For further information email MLT@johnlyon.org