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Wednesday 4 June 2025
7 – 9 pm





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Welcome



<http://www.jghsparentcouncil.org>



Agenda

- Focus on Maths teaching at JGHS - Miss Dolan, CL Maths
- Report and updates from the Parent Council,
- Discussion of issues with particular relevance to S1-S3
- Headteachers update, including reports on Short Life Working Groups - Neil McCallum
- Q&A





Focus on Maths teaching at JGHS

Miss Dolan
Curriculum Leader for Maths



Report from the Parent Council

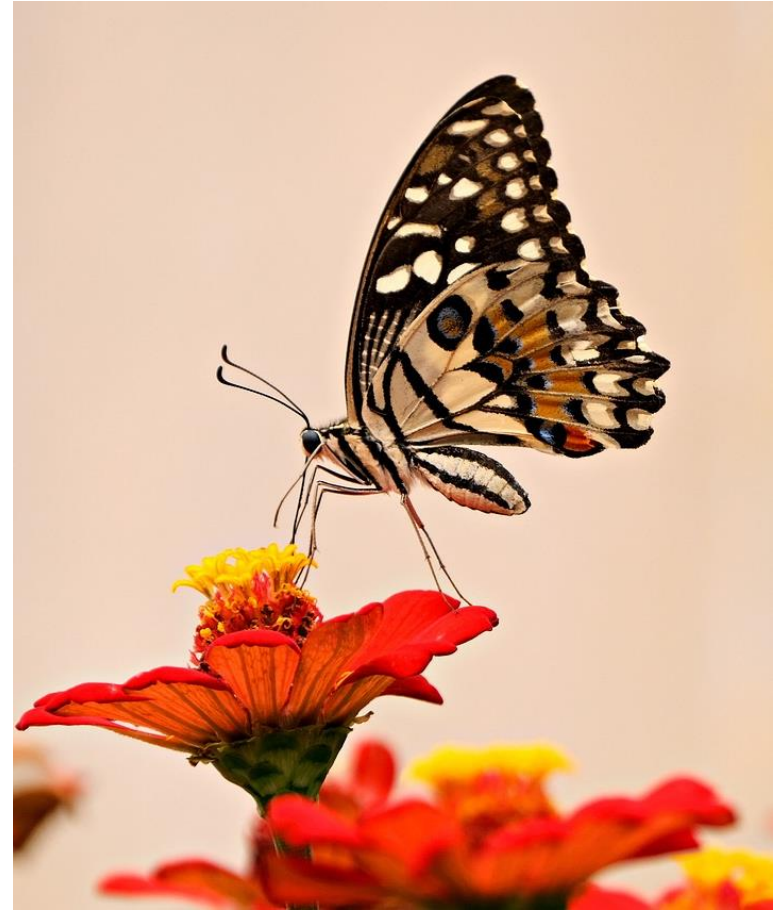
Hilary Snaith, co-chair



Information about PC meetings

Meeting minutes and recordings of online meetings are available on our website:

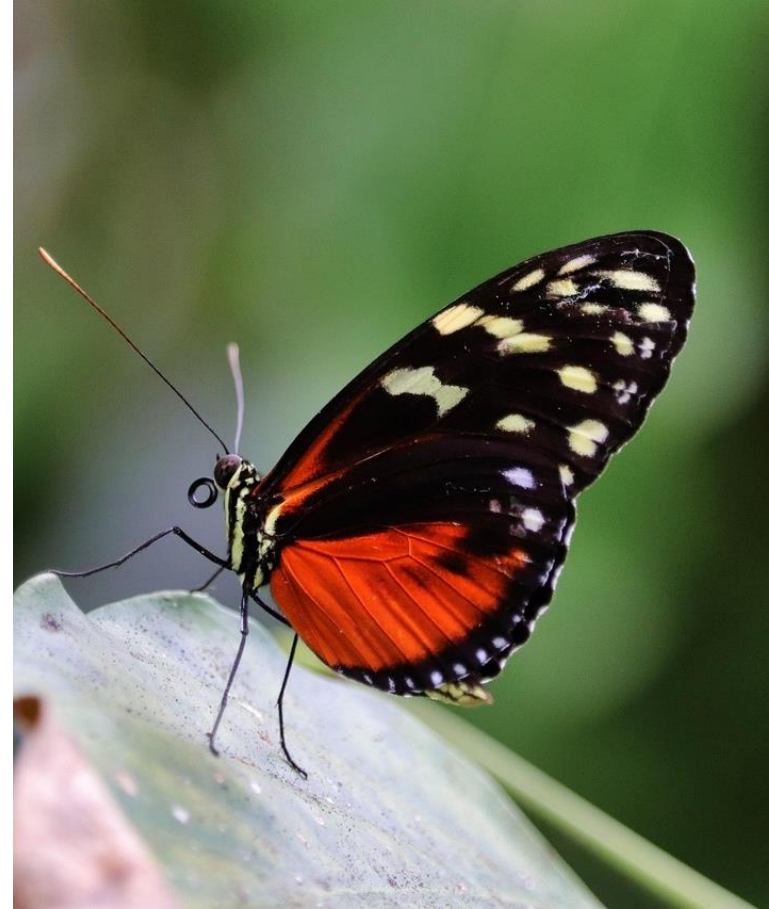
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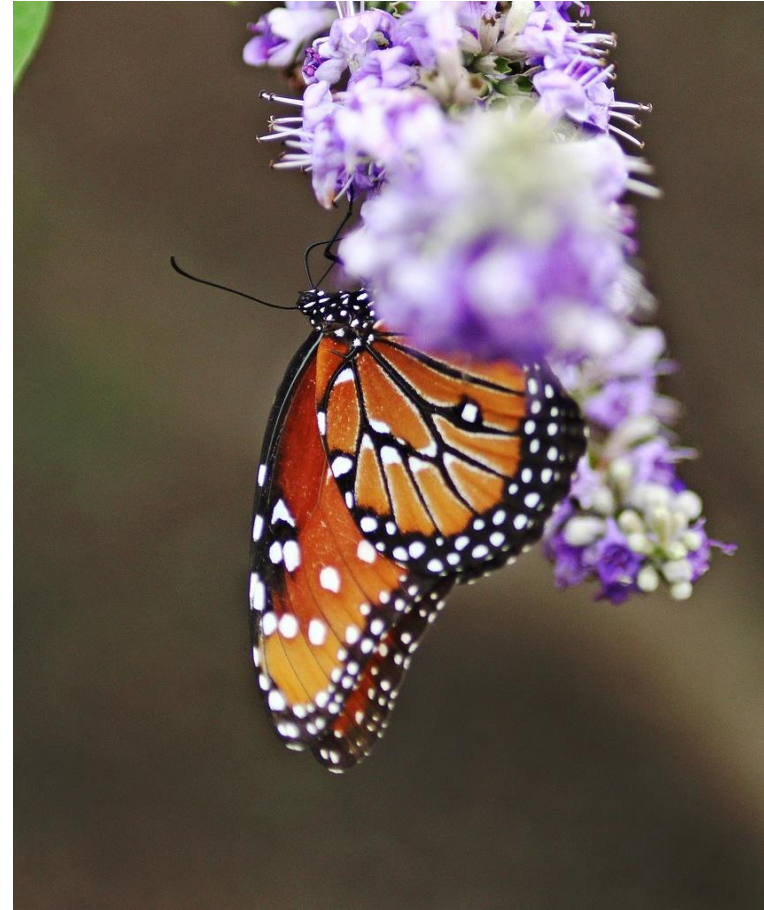
Parent Council 2024/25

- Co-Chair – Tiziana Basciani
- Co-Chair – Hilary Snaith
- Vice-Chair – Liz Hilton
- Vice-Chair – Sam Ross
- Secretary – Padraic Kinsella
- Treasurer – Kirstin Leighton
- Refreshments – Julita Burgess
- Comms Officer – Kate Pinault





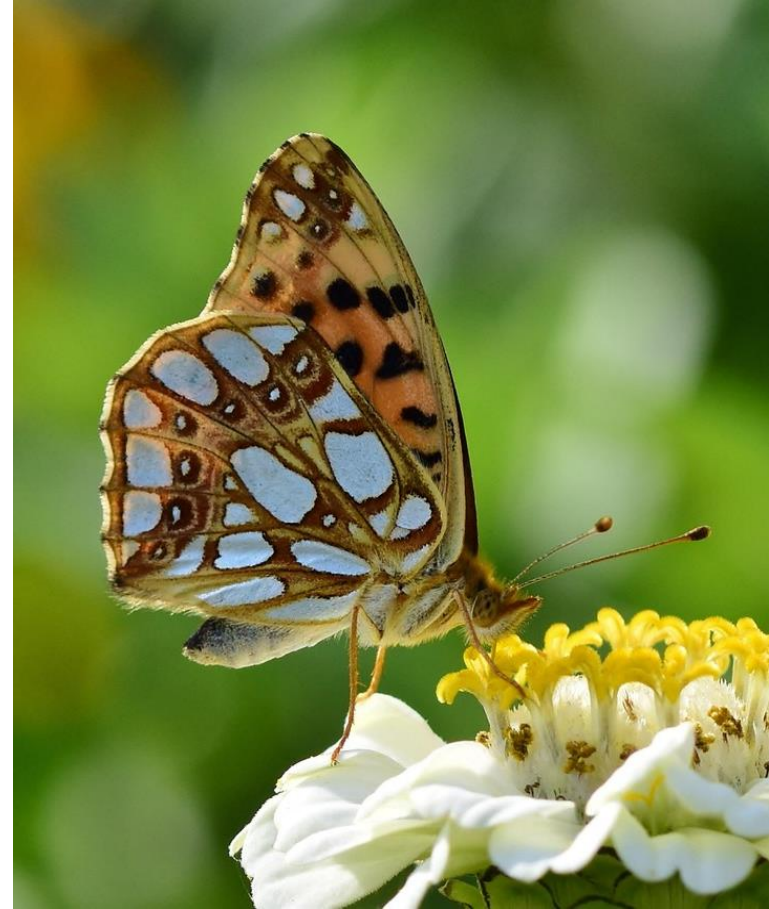
Thank you!!





PVG checks by 1 July

1. The organisation works with children <18
2. The PC could **exercise power or influence** by making decisions of an operational or strategic nature that could have an impact on a number of children
3. The PC holds a position of responsibility in an organisation which has as one of its main purposes the provision of benefits for or to children
4. The contact with children (as described in 2 above) is part of the normal duties of the role.





Capacity and rolls



- Continued engagement with CEC councillors about impact of rising rolls at JGHS

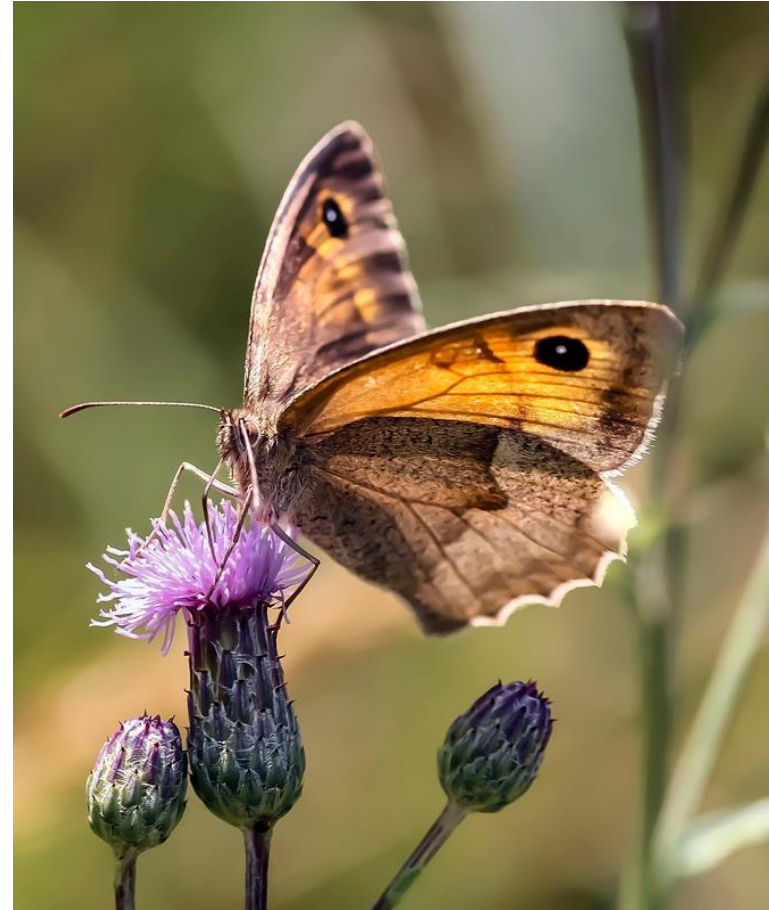
Capacity	Roll	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31	31/32
1855	1765	1865	1906	1910	1910	1895	1819	1782

- Annex (P7) in JGPS will be made available for JGHS, and space re-purposed in Malala building for practical teaching
- Following briefing for councillors about capacity at JGHS in May, have been told that temporary units at JGPS may also be made available in due course



Finances and Small Sums Fund

- Closing bank balance: **£2565.80**
- ParentPay balance: **£4374.94**
- **£3759** available in Small Sums Fund
- Eligible requests totalled **£2605.85**
- All supported
- Many thanks to Laura Bird, Vikki Plant and Kirstin Leighton for assessing applications





Small Sums Fund

Dept	Description	Cost (£)
Geography	Digimaps subscription	184
Gardening club	Seeds, seed potatoes and compost, anti squirrel protection	100
DnD Club	Handbook and playing materials for club members (70 pupils)	200
SfL	Young carer craft club materials	100
Modern Languages	Screen to provide additional learning resources and study materials	800
PE	Basketball kit for S1-S6, girls and boys - 20 full kits	1057
JGHS Netball Club	Balls and training bibs for netball club	164.85





JGHS Parent Council links with JG Trust

- James Gillespie's Trust is a charity that supports pupils and teachers at the school
- Donated funds are eligible for gift aid
- Discussing joint fundraising activities
 - fundraising to support reading circles
- Will require formal co-opting of JGHS PC treasurer onto JG Trust





Update from James Gillespie's Trust

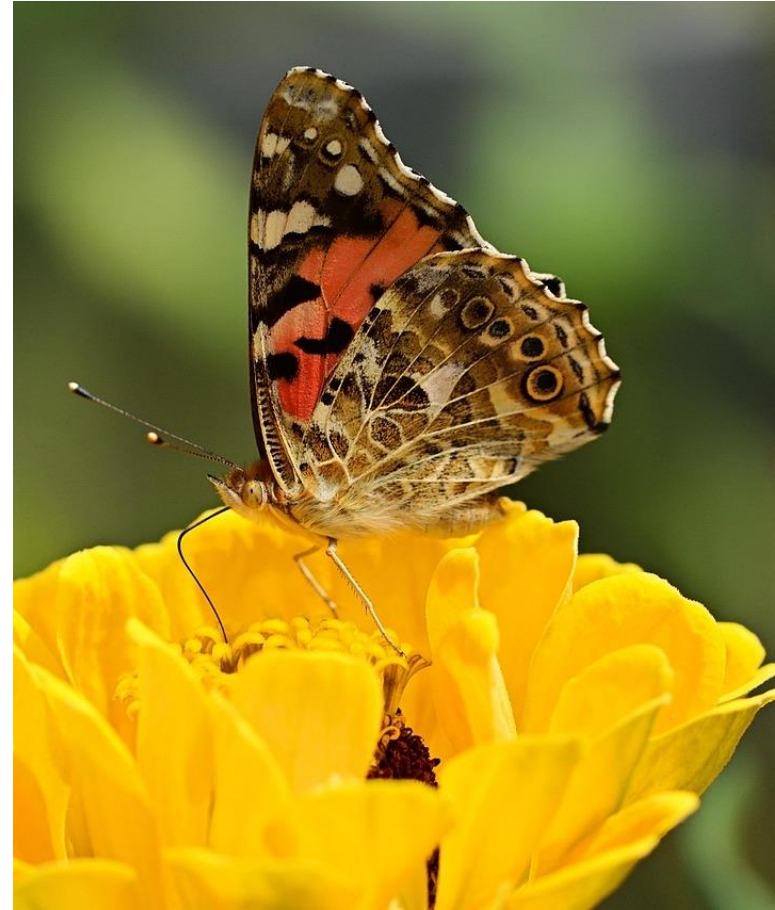
Duncan Bell



Next meeting of the Parent Council

Tuesday 2 September 2025

- Online
- Agenda TBC



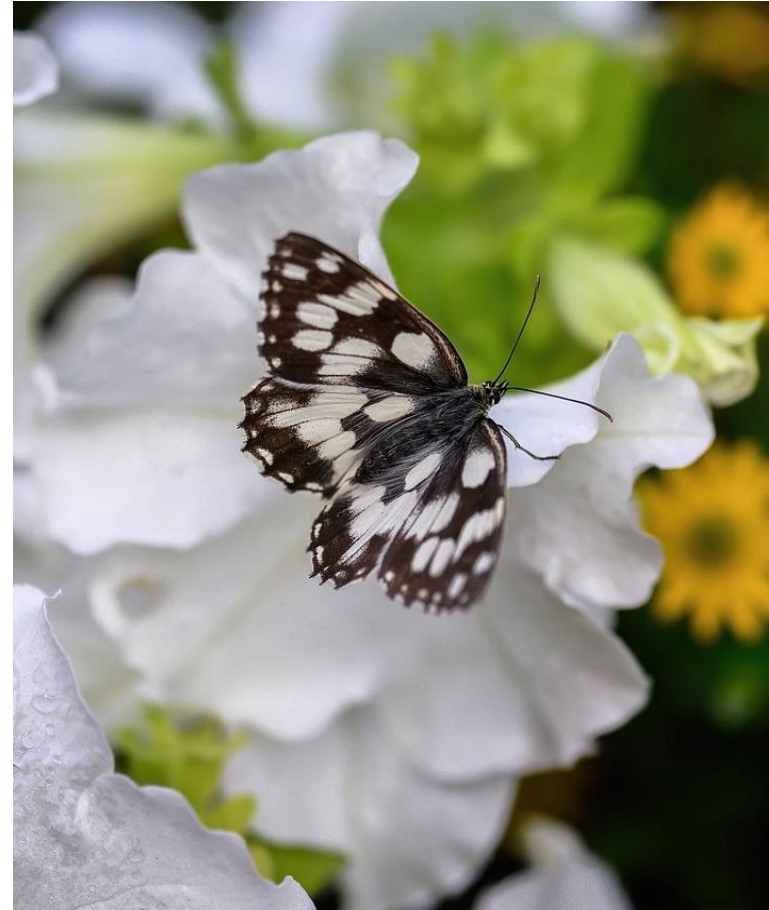


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Questions raised ahead of this meeting

- School-parent communications
- Progress reports
- Bullying and how this is handled at JGHS
- Outputs from short life working groups on mobile phones, and any changes to policy
- Changes and improvements to toilets at JGHS
- Toxic masculinity and social media use
- Active Schools clubs





Headteacher's report and discussion

Neil McCallum



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Questions