

The Seagull



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Year 13 History Rome - Berlin Trip



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Year 13 students

Over the past few weeks I have had the pleasure of conducting "exit" interviews with all our Year 13 students. It was the opportunity for me to spend some time talking to them about their experiences at JRCS and their plans for the future. They are an incredibly impressive group of young people who are going on to take up a wide range of university, apprenticeship and work placements.

One of the things that they all commented upon was the opportunities they had been able to take part in including a wide range of trips and activities at the school. In fact, many express regret at not having taken up more of these opportunities!

I wish them all the very best in their forthcoming exams this Summer and look forward to celebrating their results with them in August.

Alice Campbell 12B – Fencing

Last weekend Alice represented the Eastern Regions of Great Britain in the U18 category of the British Youth Championships held at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield. After a superb performance remaining undefeated in the early rounds, Alice made it through to the final top eight fencers in Great Britain.



She finally went out to the overall winner 11-15, placing her 5th in Great Britain U18s. A great result, which gives Alice an automatic buy for the 2018 nationals.

Mr Smith
Headteacher



This week's Gold Seagull winners!



GENERAL NEWS

Whole School ACHIEVE Days 12th, 13th and 19th July 2017

Students will have brought home their leaflets regarding our whole school ACHIEVE days. This year the whole school Achieve days are scheduled to take place on Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th & Wednesday 19th July 2017. Reply slips should be completed and returned to the school by Friday 19th May 2017 with payments made in full by Friday 23rd June 2017.

Mrs Whitehead
Systems and Data Manager

Year 11 Prom / Year Book

The end of Year 11 is near, and I would like to remind you about the two ways you can help students celebrate their time at JRCS and all the hard work they have given in preparation for their GCSE exams.

Our Year 11 Prom will be held on Monday 3rd July at Orsett Hall, Essex and the event will start at 6:30pm. The overall cost of the prom ticket is £41.00, even if you have missed the deposit payment we still have spaces available for this event. Payments can be spread over the month via ParentPay, just ensure that you have paid the final amount by Friday 2nd June to guarantee your son/daughter's place at the event.

We are also producing a Year Book to share our memories of the last 5 years. The Year Book will include lots of pictures (including Prom photos) and messages from staff and will cost £15.00. Final payment for the Year Book is also Friday 2nd June. This is a fantastic opportunity for your son/daughter to celebrate the end of their time at JRCS and is a very popular event for students in previous years.

Mr Newport
PE Teacher and Head of Year 11

Year 13 History Rome-Berlin Trip

At the end of April, the History Department had the pleasure of taking 18 Year 13 students on a trip that had never been done before! First we landed in Rome where we ventured to the Stadio Olimpico to discuss Mussolini and the Italian response to him post-war, we walked along the Tiber and then went to see the Egyptian Obelisk. We recreated a chariot race in the dark at the Circus Maximus and viewed the Colosseum at night. We survived the first full day with eating a lot of pasta, pizza and ice cream! On our last day in Rome we went to the Vatican to see the Sistine Chapel, we saw the Colosseum in the daylight and explored the ancient ruins of the Forum.



We were up bright and early (with our umbrellas out!) and we then travelled to Berlin. We walked to the Topography of Terror museum and as we walked through the city we saw Nazi and Soviet architecture and also checkpoint Charlie, although with actors in place rather than soldiers! The traditional German sausage house was a highlight for some on the trip as we had tables near the Oompah band! On our second day in Berlin we visited the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp and the Wansee Villa where the decision to carry out the 'Final Solution' was made. To conclude the trip, our last day in Berlin included walking to the Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag Building, the memorial to Holocaust victims and the location of Hitler's Bunker.



18 teenagers and 4 members of staff returned to England very tired but with many stories to tell! A huge thank you to the students as their behaviour, interest and enjoyment during the trip was amazing! Also a special thank you to

Mr McInerney, Mr McFaul and Mr Hayes for their organisation and planning of the trip, it could not have happened without them.



Miss White
History Department

Right to Write Competition: Winners Announced!

Last term the Literacy team introduced JRCS's first ever Right to Write creative writing competition. The idea was first sparked after Student Voice feedback commented that one of the things they enjoyed the most about the scheme was its chance to engage with their subjects imaginatively. In response to this, the school initiated an exciting opportunity for students to apply the skills they had learnt in lesson throughout the year.

The challenge for KS3 students was to write a piece of descriptive writing and they had only two rules: they must write no more than two hundred and fifty words and it must be set during the Victorian period. These two rules challenged students to write concisely and to engage with the GCSE English curriculum that students explore at KS4.

Unsurprisingly, many students committed to the challenge and even attended a creative writing workshop during their own time in order to expand on their skills. Not only did the entries show commitment to their learning and flair in their literacy skills, but they also highlighted the independent study skills which are so important for KS4.

After an extremely tough choice, Rojas Bendikas (8C) was selected as JRCS's first ever Right to Write Creative Writing winner, with Ellie Lapping (9F) and Adiyat Sharif (7B) coming in second and third place respectively. Mr Smith personally congratulated these students with a certificate and prize during KS3 assembly; they will also attend an exciting creative writing workshop held by The British

Library next term. A number of other students will join them who have been nominated by their teachers for their excellent work with Right to Write across all departments.

It is clear that the scheme has been a huge success this year and we hope that you enjoy reading some of the entries!



Right to Write Entry Winners: Rojas Bendikas – 8C

The murky streets of London. Nothing but people. The lower class were hiding in the corners of the alleyway like vampires, running off as sunny spells cast themselves upon the depressing street. It is just how they decide to live. I can see men in bowler hats in the public marketplace. The doctor was shouting intensely, "Only a few pence, I know what could be wrong!"

They disappoint me. Doctors. Surgeons like me can fix wounds.

Silently, I roam the streets as I return to my humble abode.

The cruel stench of human faeces enters and begins to stab at my senses. Disgusting! After an operation on a man's spine, all I can think of is how everyone around me is so... imperfect.

Suddenly, a poster begins to peel away from the wall. It transcripts, 'Springhead Jack'. I know about him. He was a ruthless killer who targets the sick, disables or those who recently had surgery.

They thought I was him.

For that reason, most of my customers disappeared after a few weeks. The stickiness of the floor crashes my train of thought withy another. I must go back to my humble home! I took out my brass keys and peered upon the raining sooty snow. My nostrils indulged in the smell of metal and bone.

I remarked, "How was the surgery, Sir O'Reilly?" But when I turned my head, with my neck aching, my eyes began twitching as I saw him.

He looked worse, with his neck ripped up, showing all of his vertebrae. Split. His eyes expressed a feeling of surprise and his jaw was broken. A left hand was missing whilst his chest was embellished with a crimson red Satan's scar.

Frantically, I unlocked the door and returned inside. I've seen too many of these... accidents. I just need to sleep. This Springhead Jack has to stop!

I have to stop making them look better...

Ellie Lapping – 9F

Majestic.

Dainty hands covered in expensive lace clutched her napkin tightly as she ate. The lace was as white as snow, weaving in and out; a floral pattern that matched her perfectly. A highly priced table hid the lowest part of her luxurious dress, yet she was still flawless. The visible part of her attire shone. Red regal ruffles extended around to her spine effortlessly. Velvet cuffs embraced her shoulders smoothly. She was an honourable figure.

As she ate, she spilled nothing. None of her finely cooked foods were wasted. The tableware she used was a mirror of her perfection. Cutlery clinked calmly, reflecting her silence. She allowed the pleasant scents to captivate her while she closed her eyes in appreciation. Everything she did immaculately.

However, only she was orderly. The formal glass table was cluttered with arbitrary paraphernalia that had nothing to do with her or her cuisine. There was a peculiar sense of eeriness in the air along with her pure existence. Something made me uneasy. Something told me she wasn't an innocent angel. Something told me to abandon her immediately.

Adiyat Sharif – 7B

The Ball of Hampton Court

It was the end of another busy day when I got the biggest surprise ever.

I saw a mysterious box sitting in the corner of the attic and I wondered, "What is that odd looking box over there?" Without thinking, I went to see what the mysterious box was only to find that it was a portal through time and history.

I found myself in the heart of Victorian London wearing the most elegant dress I'd ever seen, it was decorated with ribbons and lace and it was made out of the softest silks and velvets and I was wearing a fancy hat adorned with feathers and jewels.

I saw my friend Jenni in an equally elegant dress and hat and her fine hound Trix wearing a posh garter around his neck.

We were on the streets of London when a horse-pulled coach pulled by and the coachman said to us, "What are you two doing in the middle of the night? This is no place for such fine ladies like yourselves to be."

The coachman helped us get into the coach and we already on our way and as the coach drove along the, a putrid odour filled my nostrils. I held my nose and yelled "POOH! What is that awful stench?"

The coachman replied, "it's horse poo, dreadful isn't it?" After a long ride, we reached a huge manor house, the coachman helped us get off the coach, and we strolled down the path to the most extravagant manor house we had ever seen.

A lady dressed in an elegant dress welcomed me, Jenni and Trix, the lady introduce herself "good evening I'm Lady Mary welcome to Hampton Court" It was pretty clear that Lady Mary was an animal lover when she looked at Trix and said to Jenni "what a fine hound you have."

Lady Mary showed us around Hampton Court, I was beginning to smell a rat when we approached the entrance to the garden. My suspicions were confirmed when we entered the garden and stumbled across a dead body.

Trouble was stirring around Hampton Court...

PDE Department Sex Education and Relationships Programme

In the Summer term Year 7, 8 and 9 will learn more about health education including sex education. In Year 7 students will focus on areas like personal hygiene and puberty. Year 8 will be educated around relationships, decision making and reproduction. In Year 9 students will learn about how to recognise and manage risk, contraception and STI's. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Miss Mitchell (Acting Head of PDE).

Miss Mitchell
Acting Head of PDE

Count On Us - Maths Competition



From left to right: Jasmin Green 9B, Omone Akhabhau 9G, Denis Alia 9D, Klaidas Runele 9D & Ledion Rama 9D.

These students from Year 9 participated in the London-wide 'Count On Us' Maths Challenge. With top schools also competing in the Borough, they are the undefeated champions of the game Hex and managed to beat several of our local rivals at this game of strategy and teamwork. They were selected from the whole of Year 9 to represent Jo Richardson at the regional heats and although they did not win the overall competition, everyone from the Maths Department is very proud of these young mathematicians and see many more competitions in their future!

Mr Cariaga
Maths Department

Tourette's Awareness



I'd like to say a big thank you to all the students and staff who helped me with my Tourettes Assembly. As said in assembly it is Tourettes Awareness Month starting from 15th May. On Main Street for that week I will be spreading awareness and raising money for Tourettes Action, please donate what you can.

Thank you

Ellie-Mae Marshall 10B

CARBON CAPTURE & STORAGE

Carbon Capture and Storage Project

A group of high achieving students in Year 7 were selected to participate in a Carbon Capture and Storage Project (CCS). The aim is to explore how vital energy is to modern life. Due to the huge world population and massive amounts of carbon dioxide that come from the production of energy from fossil fuels and other industrial processes, we need to look at the ways of meeting the demand for energy and at the same time reducing the emissions. CCS is one of the ways of reducing carbon dioxide levels. Through this project the students are going to learn more about this idea and explore various possibilities of tackling the problem of rising carbon dioxide levels.

Follow the work of our Year 7 Scientists on their blog: <http://ccsjrcs.blogspot.co.uk/>

Mr. Monzon
Science Department

Student Social Worker

This is the first time a student Social Worker has trained at JRCS and it has been an absolute pleasure getting to know many of the staff and students. I have been involved in complex issues and have had some challenging practical opportunities since joining last October.

I hope that my interventions at JRCS have made a difference to some of you and I have given you support and guidance. The feedback I have received from students it is reassuring to know that you have learned that social workers do help people from all age groups and backgrounds.

Thanks to all at JRCS for helping me with my training and development, its been great!

Debbie Shepherd
Student Social Worker



OFFICE ASSISTANTS

The Office Assistants for next week:

Monday	Judith Onisuru 8H
Tuesday	Rick Owusu Baffour 8H
Wednesday	Alicia Percival-Jack 8H
Thursday	Maya Quagraine 8H
Friday	Sophie-Jane Sams 8H

GCE & GCSE Exams


Below is the exam timetable for GCE & GCSE exams which start on Monday 15th May. These are official exams and students will be required to attend normal lessons when they do not have a scheduled exam. Please make sure students have a good breakfast and they have the correct equipment with them for each exam, including a calculator (if needed) and a black pen. If they wish to, they may bring water, but this needs to be in a clear plastic bottle with the label removed. Please remind your child that under no circumstances should mobile phones or smart watches be taken into exam rooms. If your child is unable to attend any of their exams, please call the attendance line as usual and we will require a letter from your doctor.

Date	Time	Exam name
15/05/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES
15/05/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE CITIZENSHIP TODAY
16/05/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE FRENCH UNIT 1 & UNIT 2 TIER H
16/05/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE BIOLOGY - INFLUENCES ON LIFE (H)
17/05/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE DANCE PRACTICAL
17/05/2017	9:00 AM	BTEC CONSTRUCTION
17/05/2017	9:00 AM	GCE CORE MATHEMATICS C1
17/05/2017	9:00 AM	CNAT ICT: UNDRSTANDING COMPUTER SYSTEMS WRITTEN
17/05/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES / SOCIETY
18/05/2017	9:00 AM	GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES UNIT 1
18/05/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE CHEMISTRY IN OUR WORLD(H)
18/05/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE CITIZENSHIP - CHANGING COMMUNITIES
18/05/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE URDU UNIT 1 TIER H
18/05/2017	2:00 PM	GCE AS BUSINESS STUDIES
19/05/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE SPANISH UNIT 1 & UNIT 2
19/05/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE LATIN: LATIN LANGUAGE 1 HGH WRITTEN
19/05/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE TURKISH: WRITING WRITTEN PAPER
19/05/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE PORTUGUESE: WRITING WRITTEN PAPER
19/05/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE PE - THEORY OF PHYSICAL ED.
22/05/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE PAPER 1
22/05/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE GEOGRAPHY (B) THEORY
23/05/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE MEDIA STUDIES UNIT 1
24/05/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE BUSINESS STUDIES - INTRO.TO SMALL BUSINESS
24/05/2017	9:00 AM	GCE CORE MATHEMATICS C2
24/05/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE TURKISH: LISTENING WRITTEN
24/05/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE PORTUGUESE: LISTENING WRITTEN
24/05/2017	9:00 AM	YEAR 12 BTEC HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
24/05/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE PHYSICS UNIVERSAL PHYSICS
25/05/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE MATHS - NON CALCULATOR
25/05/2017	2:00 PM	YEAR 12 BTEC BUSINESS STUDIES
25/05/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE LATIN: LATIN VERSE LIT WRITTEN HGH
26/05/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE PAPER 2
26/05/2017	2:00 PM	GCE AS BUSINESS STUDIES
05/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE HISTORY A:STUDY IN DEV & AMERICAN WEST WRITTEN
05/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCE POLITICS -PEOPLE AND POLITICS
05/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE BENGALI UNIT 1 TIER H
06/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 1
06/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE GEOGRAPHY (B) SECTION B
07/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE GERMAN LISTENING & READING (H)
07/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE COMPUTING: COMPUTER SYSTEMS & PROGRAMMING WRITTEN
07/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCE MATHS STATISTICS S1
07/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCE MEDIA STUDIES: CRTL PRSPT MEDIA WRITTEN
07/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE ASTRONOMY WRITTEN PAPER
07/06/2017	9:00 AM	YEAR 12 BTEC HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
07/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCE PSYCHOLOGY ADV PAPER 1
08/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE MATHS CALCULATOR
08/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCE SOCIOLOGY ADV PAPER 1

08/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCE POLITICS - GOVERNING THE UK
09/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE BIOLOGY COMPONENTS OF LIFE
09/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCE HISTORY - GERMANY 1918-89
09/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE ECONOMIC UNDERSTANDING
09/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE BUSINESS STUDIES - BUILDING A BUSINESS
09/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE TURKISH: READING WRITTEN
09/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE PORTUGUESE: READING WRITTEN
09/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE MUSIC: LISTENING TEST WRITTEN
12/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
12/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCE POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES
12/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCE BIOLOGY - NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
12/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCE BUSINESS STUDIES - MARKET, PEOPLE & GLOBAL BUSINESS
12/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE RUSSIAN - LISTENING
13/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE MATHS CALCULATOR PAPER 3
13/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCE CHEMISTRY A: PRDC TBLE ELMNT PHY CHM WRITTEN
13/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE HOSPITALITY & UNIT 2 WRITTEN PAPER
14/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE DISCOVERING CHEMISTRY
14/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE HISTORY A: HST SRC INVST PBLC HLTH WRTN
14/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCE PSYCHOLOGY ADV PAPER 2
15/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCE PHYSICS A: MODELLING PHYSICS WRITTEN
15/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCE ENG LIT: DRAMA & POETRY PRE-1900 WRITTEN
15/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE POLISH UNIT 1
15/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCE SOCIOLOGY ADV PAPER 2
16/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE PHYSICS FOR YOUR FUTURE
16/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCE HISTORY - ITALY & SPAIN
16/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCE PE: PRINCIPLES & CONCEPTS ACROSS PE WRITTEN
16/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCE DECISION MATHEMATICS D1
16/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE ITALIAN UNIT 1 & 2
19/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCE BUSINESS STUDIES ACTIVS, DECISION & STRATS.
19/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCE CHEMISTRY A: SYNTHS & ANLYTICAL TECHNIQUES WRITTEN
19/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE BIOLOGY - USING BIOLOGY
19/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE ARABIC - READING & LISTENING
19/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES UNIT 3A
20/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE POLISH UNIT 2 & 4
20/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCE POLITICS - IDEOLOGICAL TRADITIONS
20/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCE CORE MATHEMATICS C3
20/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCE SOCIOLOGY ADV PAPER 3
21/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE CHEMISTRY IN ACTION
21/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCE HISTORY BRITAIN:EMPIRE & WARFARE
21/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCE PHYSICS A: EXPLORING PHYSICS WRITTEN
21/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE DANCE UNIT 1
22/06/2017	9:00 AM	Year 10 GCSE STATISTICS WRITTEN PAPER (H)
22/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCE ENGLISH LITERATURE: CMPRTVE & CNTXTL STDY WRITTEN
22/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCSE ARABIC WRITING
22/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCE PSYCHOLOGY ADV PAPER 3
23/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE APPLICATION OF PHYSICS
23/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCE DECISION MATHEMATICS D2
23/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCE CORE MATHEMATICS C4
23/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCE BUSINESS STUDIES - INVESTIGATING BUSINESS
26/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE PRODUCT DESIGN: DESIGNING INFLUENCES WRITTEN
26/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCSE GREEK LISTENING
26/06/2017	2:00 PM	GCE MATHS -STATISTICS S2
27/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCE CHEMISTRY A: UNIFIED CHEMISTRY WRITTEN
27/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES UNIT 4A
29/06/2017	9:00 AM	GCE PHYSICS A: UNIFIED PHYSICS WRITTEN

The Jo Richardson Community School

The Seagull goes to Hollywood



JRCS FETE

**Bouncy Castles,
Dodgems, Stalls,
Fairground Rides,
Photo Booth, Popcorn,
Candy Floss, Face Painting,
Ice Cream, BBQ and much
much more.....**

**Come and join the stars at
Our Hollywood themed Fete on
Friday 7th July 2017
4:00pm – 6:30pm**

Admittance: Children 20p – Adults 50p