



# SMSC “Matters”

## Summer 2017

### SMSC General

#### Gold Seagull

I was delighted to start the new term by awarding nine new Gold Seagulls to students in Year 7 and Year 8. At the heart of what we do at JRCS is to promote the highest level of aspiration and ambition amongst our students. The Gold Seagull is an award that is accessible to all our students regardless of ability or age.



More Gold Seagull winners this term:



Mr Smith  
Headteacher



## Cyberbullying Workshop

250 students from Years 7, 8 and 9 were lucky enough to be a part of a cyberbullying workshop on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April. The workshop was hosted by Aaron Martyn (of Leyton Orient, Tottenham Hotspur and Charlton Athletic) and Maisie Smith (EastEnders, the Other Boleyn Girl). The pair spoke of the dangers of misuse of the internet and gave some incredible musical performances. Maisie and Aaron led a workshop and Q&A on cyberbullying, internet safety and discrimination looking at British values.



Our school is committed to keeping our students up to date with how to keep safe online. We value the input of the students who took part and hope they took away the very important message of Zip it – Block it – Report it.

Ms Boller  
Student Communication Manager

## Jack Petchey Awards

Ten winners of the Jack Petchey Award were honoured on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April at the Broadway Theatre in a wonderful ceremony, where special guests included the Mayor, Cllr Eileen Keller, and Borough Commander Sean Wilson.

Our wonderful winners from Years 9 – 12 along with Mr Kilminster the recipient of the Leadership Award have previously been given a certificate and a grant from the Jack Petchey Foundation to spend for our school. The money has been spent on our amazing Peace garden, PE, Drama and SDD Departments and also supporting the training of young mental health ambassadors in student mentoring services.

Mr Smith who also attended the evening spoke of his pride at the maturity of the young people. He said “It never fails to inspire me when I attend this event. Our young people are courageous and resilient and I am proud to say they are a credit to themselves and their families”

Pictured on the front page, the winners for 2016 were (Front row L-R) - Lauren Dawson, Reggie Ryan, Reece Ward (Back row L-R) Nambuwa Akafumba, Sid Summers, Mr Kilminster.

Cllr Keller said “It was a great event to encourage the young people of Barking and Dagenham to fulfil their dreams!”

Ms Boller  
Student Communication Manager



## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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

## Speak Out Challenge 2017

On the 7<sup>th</sup> March, a number of Year 10 students took part in a public speaking workshop organised by the Speakers Trust. The aim of the day focussed on the three key areas associated with this important life skill: content, structure and delivery. The students each produced a one-minute speech on a subject of their choice, which they performed at the end of the day in front of the whole group.



Joe McKay and Ebony Knight were selected to represent the school at the regional finals of the Jack Petchy Speak Out Challenge, held at Robert Clack on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The competition was intense and the quality of the speeches high. Joe's speech was entitled "The pencils" and was about the importance of appreciating what we have. Joe was inspired to write his speech following his experience in Nicaragua last year. Ebony's speech explored the idea of society's addiction to personal appearance. The students did tremendously well and were unfortunate to miss out on a top three placing.

Mr Marks  
Business Department

## London: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, London was again the subject of a horrific terrorist attack, only two weeks after a similar incident in Manchester. As a school community, our hearts go out to all those family and friends affected by these terrible events.

This week at JRCS we carried out a minutes silence in memory of the victims of the Borough Market attack. We should be determined that these atrocities do not deter us from going about our normal lives both here in Dagenham and also in Central London.



This week in tutor time all our students have been given the opportunity to consider and discuss the issues that have arisen following these events. We have also talked to them about the part they play in both promoting peace and harmony in our communities but also being alert to any signs that may indicate other people are spreading hatred and fear within those very communities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you wish to further discuss any of the issues that have arisen in the light of these events.

Below you will find a short article written by Sameer Ali 7H, he reiterates the clear message that we must stand united in the face of these evil attacks.

Mr Smith  
Headteacher

## The Daily News

London: a great city with great people, has been struck with recent terror attacks at the city's core. Dreadful times for people all over the country who have been struck by this horrific event.

Londoners are now continuing life in fear of what might happen to their family and friends. Grief fills our city, but one thing for sure is that we must stick together.

The bomb that hit the people of Manchester at Ariana Grande's concert was reacted to quickly by the great people of the area. People helping the injured by letting them into their houses for shelter. Taxies driving survivors away from the dreadful scene. As a country we pay respect to the taxi drivers and the public, but also to the ambulances and police who reacted to it quickly and helped out the injured with medical attention; we pay respect to all who helped to drive away the evil.

Yet again unity was shown at the most recent attack on London Bridge where seven died, 48 were injured, and several are still critically ill. The police reacted in minutes with armed vehicles and armed officers. Yet again, we pay tribute to those who risked their lives for others. Also to members of the public who drove people away to safety and the ambulance service who helped the injured and the dead.

This shows that unity stands over evil and love defeats violence. We must stand together in unity, no matter what religion we follow or what race we are. At the end of the day, we are all human. Those who kill for entertainment are not. Those people have no feelings and no care.

However, we do. So as a country we stand in UNITY. Together as a country, we are STRONGER!

Sameer Ali 7H

## Year 11 Celebration Assembly

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June we celebrated Year 11's time here at JRCS. It was an emotional time with lots of tears but the students had a great time and enjoyed the afternoon.

I have only had the privilege to be their Head of Year since the start of Year 11 but luckily for me I have known a great many of them since Year 7. Any member of staff in the school will tell you what a credit to the school they are. The majority of the students were hard working, mature, responsible and enthusiastic. They have a good attitude and skills that are hopefully going to take them far in life.

I hope they take everything that they have learnt and developed, both academically and personally into the next stage of their lives to ensure they succeed. No matter how hard something seems, do not be frightened to try.

Mr Newport  
Head of Year 11



## Grenfell Tower Appeal

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June teachers at JRCS joined schools around the country to wear Green for Grenfell. The initiative was started by schools in West London as a show of solidarity and support for those affected by the horrific fire in the Grenfell Tower. As educators we are



aware of the particular effect the event would have on children and their families, so were keen to show our colleagues and the people of West London our support. At short notice staff raised around £150 for the Kensington and Chelsea Foundation's Grenfell Tower Appeal.

Ms Lynch  
Second in SDD

## Head Boy and Head Girl

I am delighted to announce that we have chosen Joseph McKay and Jennifer Dicko as our Head Boy and Head Girl for the academic year 2017/18. They will be ably supported by Davaughn Smith and Tasnia Haque who have been appointed as Deputy Head Boy and Girl.



On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, Mr Morgan and I interviewed 25 Year 10 students for these roles. This is the highest number of applicants we have ever had and it proved to be an outstanding field of candidates. I was delighted to have the

opportunity to hear about these young people's achievements and aspirations, they were a truly inspiring group of JRCS students. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Joseph McKay, Jennifer Dicko, Davaughn Smith and Tasnia Haque in wishing them all the best for the coming year.

Mr Smith  
Headteacher

## Thank you!

Our Hollywood themed fete turned out to be a fantastic success. The hot weather ensured that hundreds of people came along to support the event which was held last Friday afternoon. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their support.

All the money raised will go straight into our Student Fund to enable the young people at JRCS to have access to all the opportunities we are able to offer them. I would particularly like to thank two members of staff, Mrs Richardson and Miss Wright, for the work that they put into making the event such a success.



Mr Smith  
Headteacher

# SMSC PE

## KS3 Fencing Taster Day

A new Barking and Dagenham Fencing Club is being launched on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at Goresbrook School. David Moffat from Little Musketeers delivered some fantastic taster sessions for our KS3 students on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April and the students really enjoyed the experience learning how to lunge, parry and perform the 'On Guard' position. We hope the sessions have enthused many of our students.



Miss Boulton  
Head of PE

## JRCS at the Copper Box

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 10 JRCS students attended a Special Olympic Event at the Copperbox in Stratford, trying out a variety of Olympic sports in a world class sporting arena. Enjoyment levels were high and students gave their all to participate in the six events; including tennis, golf and hockey.

Well Done to Frankie Sedge 7B, Cayden Eagleton 7B, Adiyat Sharif 7B, Eniola Koleowo 7C, Jack Searle 7I, Kaif Choudhury 8I, Khai Sesay 9D, Jadene Holmes 11D, Arnit Gashi 11D and Nathan Batt 11D.



Ms Lynch  
Second SDD

## Year 7 & 8 Athletics Meet

The Year 7 and 8 athletics squad had a very successful evening at Dagenham Park School on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, winning a number of events in preparation for the Borough Athletics Championships on 27<sup>th</sup> June. We took a complete squad who competed against Eastbrook and Dagenham Park Schools across a range of track and field events. Particular highlights were as follows:

Year 7 girls 100m winner - Ola 7F  
Year 7 boys 100m winner - Cameron 7D  
Year 8 boys 100m winner - Dimiji 8J  
Year 8 girls javelin winner - Adiola 8B  
Year 8 boys shot winner - George 8H

Congratulations to all the students who took part and we hope the squad continues to train hard on a Thursday at Athletics Club to improve on this success at the Borough Championships.

Miss Boulton  
Head of PE

## JRCS Sports Leaders help lead 450 at Quad kids event

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 17 aspiring Sports Leaders from Year 9 took part in leading the Borough Quad Kids Athletics event for Years 3 and 4 at the Jim Peter's Stadium. Eight of the students organised the standing long jump event and were praised by some staff from the schools for their positive attitude and encouragement of the primary children. Others in the group led groups of primary students around to the various events. Once again, it was a pleasure to be with our students showing such excellent leadership qualities.

Well done to all involved, who will all be receiving an LOC for their hard work on the day. They were: Zoe Cooper 9E, Grace Nicholas 9F, Lauren Young 9H, Sid Summers 9H, Jessica Musgrove 9H, Samira Begum 9E, Sulchdeep Kailey 9E, Lilly Simpson 9F, Charlotte Arch 9H, Taylor Richardson 9H, Shanise Garner 9H, Charlie Ashford 9E, Aaron Nye 9E, Morgan Banwell 9H, Ibukun Silva 9F, Greta Petrokaite 9H and Logan Grain 9G.



Ms Montague - PE Teacher

## London Champions two years running!



On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June, five students from Jo Richardson took part in the Panathlon London Champions final at the Copper Box in the Olympic Park. The borough team had already beaten three other East London boroughs to get to this competition. The three boroughs we were competing against, Croydon, Merton and Enfield who were also champions from their areas. Competition was fierce right from the start, but Victor Oso 7H and Reece Ward 8F managed to beat the Enfield team by just two seconds gaining Gold medals. Sophie Wood 7B was part of the Table Cricket team, who lost their first match but battled through in their pay off match to a respectable Bronze medal. Georgina Hart, alongside her Trinity team mate Reagan gave a steady performance in precision bean bag gaining a Silver medal. Tristan Filbert 7A was part of the New Age Kurling team and was part of some very tense matches in this competition, which resulted in a Silver medal.

Going into the final races Barking and Dagenham were just two points ahead of Enfield, so there was still all to play for. After some very close racing Barking and Dagenham won three of the five races, gaining the maximum ten points, making them borough champions for a second year running! The trophy was presented by GB Paralympian track wheelchair athlete, Richard Chiassaro. Richard spent quite a while talking with our wheelchair athletes, Reece and Victor, and said that they were his heroes as he hadn't won a Gold medal yet this year!

Congratulations to our five students and the whole of the borough team from schools across Barking and Dagenham, can we make it a hattrick next year? Many thanks also go to Mr Kilminster who also supported the team on the day, and often helps with Panathlon training.

Ms Montague - PE Teacher

## Year 9 Sports Leaders

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June our newest cohort of Year 9 Sports Leaders attended the Borough Primary Quad Athletics competition, to assist with the running of a mass athletics meet. Over 300 primary students from Years 3 to 6 took part from 14 different primary schools including all of our feeder primaries. Our Sports Leader's roles ranged from being officials in the standing long jump, to team managers leading 50 kids around the four events to helping the starter organise the athletes in the 75m sprint.

All of our Sports Leaders were inspirational and great role models to the younger students and they received fantastic praise at the end of the day from the organisers saying they were 'first class'. They were highly motivated throughout and willing to help with any task asked of them including the litter picking at the end of a very hot day! We look forward to providing more opportunities for our amazing leaders and they really did the school proud.

Well done to all those involved:

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June:

Zoe Cooper 9E, Grace Nicholas 9F, Lauren Young 9H, Sid Summers 9H, Jessica Musgrove 9H, Samira Begum 9E, Sulchdeep Kailey 9E, Lilly Simpson 9F, Charlotte Arch 9H, Taylor Richardson 9H, Shanise Garner 9H, Charlie Ashford 9E, Aaron Nye 9E, Morgan Banwell 9H, Ibukun Silva 9F, Greta Petrokaite 9H and Logan Grain 9G.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June:

Kacey Smith 9B, Bailey Wallace 9B, Eloise Westbrook 9C, Kotryna Norkute 9C, Kayleigh Chettleburgh Betts 9C, Rubie Smith 9A, Sally Turner 9A, Amelia Sammy 9A, Tiana Morris 9A, Andreia Loios 9C, Charlotte Turner 9C, Katie Oglesby 9C, Molly McCarthy 9C, Valvine Mpiana 9B, Ella Nnadi 9A and Charlie Harford 9D.

Miss Boulton - Head of PE

## Borough Cricket



In June, students from Year 7 and 8 took part in the 6-a-side Borough Cricket Tournament. Different schools in the borough took part in both competitions and all of the students performed extremely well considering the hot weather conditions that faced them. The Year 7 team improved as the tournament went on but unfortunately they did not qualify from their group into the final stages of the competition. However, the Year 8 team managed to finish 5<sup>th</sup> overall which was an excellent achievement. Well done to all of the boys who took part.

Year 7 team: Joshua Sam 7A, Waleed Rafique 7J, Carl Quist-Arcton 7F, George Packer 7F, Ameer Mohammed 7F, Ahmet Akintug 7G

Year 8 team: Linas Rakauskas 8H, David Elliot 8I, Dilvir Dosanjh 8E, Tyresse Stoute 8H, Jon Moore 8J, Jimmy Finn 8J

Mr Howard - PE Department



## Year 7 & 8 Borough Athletics

The Year 7 and 8 Athletics team attended the Borough Championships on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at Cricklefields Athletics Stadium, Ilford. All 12 schools from Barking and Dagenham were present and the JRCS students did themselves proud in each of the athletics events. The morning session started with the boys' field events and our highlights included a Bronze for Tony Queta (7A) in the Shot Put, a Bronze for Olu Owoseni in the Discus (8B) and a Gold for Charlie Quayson – Richardson (7J) in the Long Jump.



We enjoyed further success on the track in the afternoon with a Bronze for Tyresse Stoute (8H) in the 800m, a Silver for Daniel Kulu 7B in the 800m, as Silver for Jaiden Walker (8J) in the 200m and a Gold for Temi Taiwo (8A) and Donte Auguste (7E) in the 1500m.

Overall the Year 7 girls team finished 10<sup>th</sup>, the Year 8 girls finished 8<sup>th</sup> and the Year 7 and 8 boys team positioned in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Congratulations to the Year 7 boys (Daniel, Charlie and Donte) who have now been selected to represent the Borough in the Essex Schools Championships next Wednesday at Chelmsford Athletics ground. Well done to all those involved.

Miss Boulton - Head of PE

## Year 9 Borough Athletics

A number of Year 9 students represented the school at the borough athletics championships. Both the boys and girls worked hard throughout the day and there were some fantastic individual achievements. David Agoha won a Silver medal in the shot put, Alan Tu won Bronze in the Javelin and the girls relay team (Laveda, Mei La, Ire and Elizabeth) won a Bronze medal in a close 4x100m final. Laveda Ogbedor added to her Bronze which she won in the relay with two more medals in the high jump and 100m to finish off a brilliant day. Well done to everyone who took part.

Boys Team: Luke Craigie, Alan Tu, Jack Slater, Kian Carter Adams, Harley Dean, David Agoha, Nathan Dowridge, Jeidan Smith and Tahir Rahim.

Girls Team: Laveda Ogbedor, Layla Demetriou, Elizabeth Ogunyanwo, Ella Ihezuo-Nnadi, Ire Ajala, Daniella Ihezuo-Nnadi, Frankie Hendricks, Joana Balla and Mei La Daley.



Mr Howard - Second in PE

## Sports Leaders Host Primary Sports Day

Following on from their success at the Primary Quad Athletics event and Coppice Sports Day, the Year 9 Sports Leaders were back in action this week leading a Primary Sports Day for Godwin Junior School. The Sports Leaders ran four events including the 50m/75m sprint, a 300m distance run, standing long jump and throwing the vortex. We hosted Year 4's and Year 5's in the morning session which saw 120 students participating in physical activity, this was then followed by a further 120 in the afternoon when the Year 3's and Year 6's arrived. Our Sports Leaders were once again praised for their enthusiasm, commitment and hard work during the day which all the primary students really enjoyed.



The following students were involved in the event:

Kacey Smith 9B, Bailey Wallace 9B, Eloise Westbrook 9C, Kotryna Norkute 9C, Kayleigh Chettleburgh Betts 9C, Rubie Smith 9A, Sally Turner 9A, Amelia Sammy 9A, Tiana Morris 9A, Andreia Loios 9C, Charlotte Turner 9C, Katie Oglesby 9C, Molly McCarthy 9C, Ella Nnadi 9A, Valvine Mpiana 9B, Charlie Harford 9D, Zoe Cooper 9E, Grace Nicholas 9F, Lauren Young 9H, Sid Summers 9H, Jessica Musgrove 9H, Samira Begum 9E, Sukhdeep Kailey 9E, Lilly Simpson 9F, Charlotte Arch 9H, Taylor Richardson 9H, Shanise Garner 9H, Charlie Ashford 9E, Aaron Nye 9E, Morgan Banwell 9H, Ibukun Silva 9F, Greta Petrokaite 9H, Logan Grain 9G, Yasmine Large 9D and Dagmara Onoszko 9D.



Well done to all those involved

Miss Boulton  
Head of PE

## Essex Schools Athletics Championships 2017

Following on from their success in the Borough Athletics Championships in June, Year 7 students Donte Auguste 7E and Daniel Kulu 7B were selected to represent the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham in the 1500m and 800m respectively. The event took place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at Melbourne Park, Chelmsford athletics track and both the boys had a successful day with Donte placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the 1500m and Daniel 5<sup>th</sup> in the 800m. Representing the Borough is a massive achievement and the boys should be proud to be ranked in the top 5 distance runners in Essex.

Miss Boulton  
Head of PE



# SMSC D of E

## Gold group set a blistering pace

Over the Easter holiday I had the pleasure of accompanying the Gold award group on their practice expedition based at Trewern Outdoor Centre. The group adapted well to camping out in the cold and with a few extra thermals and the right sleeping bags they were able to make themselves comfortable. They learned compass and navigation skills on the first day in the Berwyn Hills, and then climbed a mountain to visit a Canadian World War II bomber memorial on day 2. On days 3 and 4 they left Trewern to walk from near the town of Crickhowell over the Black Mountains back to Trewern, camping out at a wild campsite beside the Gwyn Fawr reservoir.



The group were always well prepared and responded extremely well to the guidance and instruction that they received from Trewern instructor, Evie, who's only concern was the blistering pace of around 4km per hour that the groups maintained, even with a full pack! They were also to be heard singing at the tops of their voices as they marched across the mountains – anything from Justin Beiber to Nursery Rhymes. Congratulations to all the students involved on your impressive efforts at this stage of your expedition preparations, it was also lovely to be away from school with such a thoroughly nice bunch of young people. Thanks also go to the staff who helped with trip, Miss Hall, Mr Dignam and Bill Lockton. Good luck to everyone with their qualifying expedition. The students involved were: Billy Simson, Gabi Sartauskaite, Aiesha Francis, Tolu Oluwole, Nathaniel Atejide, Moyin Adetoye, Kelechi Ogbonna, Maryam Heydari, Teresa Tu, Ibukun Aluko, Ebun Ajala and Lara Akinnawonu (Robert Clack student).

## Borough D of E Celebration 2017



The annual award ceremony for all those in the borough who have achieved their Duke of Edinburgh awards during the last year was held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April. The event was hosted this year by Trinity School and was kicked off in style by their excellent rock band's rendition of 'I wanna hold your hand'. Peter McPartland, Headteacher of Trinity School spoke about the importance of the award for his students and Peter Fleet, Regional Director of D of E also spoke about the growth of the award in London, and encouraged those receiving awards to continue to the next level. All at JRCS are very proud of the following students who completed their awards this year:

**Bronze Award:** Georgina Hart, Teri Keenan, Jyotika Ahtty, Jodie Chesney, Megha Alam, Lucy Whyte, Jake Sanchez, Matthew Norris, Emilija Vanagaite, Jennifer Taborda Da Silva (all Year 11)

**Silver Award:** Tolulope Oluwole, Oliwia Husak, Ebunoluwa Ajala, Ibukunoluwa Aluko, Teresa Tu, Maryam Heydari, Anisha Makwana, Kelechi Ogbonna, Aiesha Francis, Moyin Adetoye (all Year 12).

Three ex-students also achieved their Gold award this year and will be attending either Buckingham Palace or St James's Palace in the coming months to collect their Gold certificates and be presented to a member of the royal family, they are Katherine Pirie, Martyna Kotarska and Yinka Egbedeyi.

Four members of staff also received their Diamond awards, part of the celebrations for the diamond anniversary of the award for last year. These staff all raised collectively nearly £1,000 towards disadvantaged young people doing their Duke of Edinburgh Award, they were: Mr Hargreaves, Mr Dignam, Miss Montague and Bill Lockton.

Miss Montague  
D of E Award Manager

### **Bronze D of E group establish resilience!**

Congratulations to the current Year 10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award group who all completed their practice expedition in the Lea Valley and Enfield area on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May. All three groups made the campsite in well under their route card time of three hours on the Friday evening. They demonstrated that they remembered the lessons learned from their training weekend and cooked a hearty and nutritious meal.



After a few games of catch and frisby golf, the group decided that eight hours of sleep was needed to tackle six hours of walking the following day. Everyone sensibly got a good night's sleep and all groups were up and away from camp by 8:45am. This was the day when the groups would be left to their own devices, meeting staff at designated check points. By the afternoon, all three groups were working on their own and, though everyone got a little lost from time to time, no-one missed a check point and all managed to get back on track. Well, you don't really know how to navigate till you get lost and then find yourself again!



Well done to all the Year 10 students involved: Jovan Nenadovic and Daniel Gill (both 10A), Liz Mwaura, Yewande Ogini, Emma Smith and Esther Aluko (all 10B), Edward Stemarthe, Temi Oluwole, and Faizaan Mahmood (all 10C), Ryan Maun and Lauren Simson (both 10D), Davaughn Smith 10F, Filip Fois, Billy Smith and Nathan Rehmat (all 10H). An LOC for establishing resilience is on its way to each of you.



Many thanks to the four staff who helped out with the weekend: Mr Hill, Mr Kilminster, Mr Kirkbride and Ms Davies, they couldn't have done it without you!



Good luck to all these students for their bronze qualifying expedition on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June.

Ms Montague  
D of E Manager

## **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Expedition 2017**

The Bronze qualifying expedition got off to a flying start from Hollow Ponds in Walthamstow. The students were ready and prepared for their first part of the expedition, which was a seven mile walk towards camp. We had rain to start with and then it turned warm and sunny. All students did well to reach camp in good time, set up their tents and get on with cooking their evening meal. I was impressed with the way they conducted themselves throughout Friday.



Students got up at 6:00am on Saturday and worked well in their teams to get the breakfast on the go and break camp. All groups were ready to move out at 8:00am for the second part of the expedition. I was pleased with the way they were all ready to start the second part of the 15 mile walk. It was a hot day and some students found this phase quite challenging. However, they all managed it well.

I am happy to report that all students have passed the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Expedition - well done to you all.

I would like to thank Mr Dignam for assessing the students and Ms Hall and Ms Draisy for giving up their time for the weekend, we could not do this without the support of the staff.

Many thanks and well done to all!

Mr Hargreaves - D of E Leader

## **Congratulations to successful Year 8 & 9 Duke of Edinburgh applicants**

Very well done to the 28 Year 8 students who got their D of E applications in on time. These students now all have a place on the Year 9 D of E group starting in September: Taylor Skinner 8A, Ayaan Chida 8B, Temitayo Roberts 8C, Snow E, Nyomi Forbes, Elizabeth Dina and Gopal Goswami all 8D, Harrison Whyte, Inioluwa Philips, Gideon Osei and Reece Ward all 8F, Samia Hussain, Josiah Ugowe, Adebisi Olajide, Adeoye Jolaoslo, Sergiu Brataon, Faith Johnson, Cassy Carter and Hannah Totentino all 8G, Nicola Hicks, Tamilore Akinmayejolu, and Ayomide Toluwani Famuleau all 8H, Madje Kiakia, Rosie Cuthbert, Elizabeth Aforts, Syeda Inayah Amit, and Devika Ahtty all 8I, and Lilijana Blavevicinte 8J. As stated in last week's seagull the deadline has been extended to today 23<sup>rd</sup> June, so we hope that this number will be set to increase by next week!

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June, it was my pleasure to interview a number of Year 9 students who have been working towards their Bronze Award this year in order to establish their eligibility to start expedition training in Year 10. I am pleased to announce that the following students (subject to the agreed evidence being uploaded to eDofE) will all be joining the Year 10 Bronze Award Expedition group in September: Silviu Ionescu and Vanessa De Gouveia 9A, Jasmine Mustafa 9B, Klaidas Runele, Khai Sesay, James David, and Dagmara Onoszko all 9D, Jack Waiharo, David Agoha and Lewis Golby all 9E, Iretomiwa Ajala 9F, Logan Grain 9G, Luke Craigie and Shanise Garner both 9H.

Would the following students who were expected for interview, but did not come along please see Ms Montague as soon as possible (if they have not already done so) to confirm whether or not they are going to continue with their award in Year 10: Charlie Riches, Sam Clarke and Ethan Hagger 9A, Daniel Barcroft 9B, Havilah Ekwes 9C, Nojus Raudzius 9E, Rebecca Brown and Plamedi Mateus 9F, Rhian Davis 9G, and Lauren Young 9H.

Congratulations to all of you, I am very much looking forward to working with you all next year.

Ms Montague - D of E Co-ordinator

# SMSC Sixth Form

## EGGcellent homework!

During the Easter break, two groups of Year 12 Psychologists were asked to take home an egg. The aim of the project was to care for the egg as if it were their own newborn child; they were to write a diary to show what they had been up to and create a home for them. The prize was a big Thornton's Easter bunny!



Overall, the project was to see how well the Psychologists could take care of someone else and to try to understand what that really means. Is it just about feeding the infant? Or is there more involved in forming an attachment?

Pictured is the attempt of Becks Holloway who nurtured 'Archie' by building him a shoebox home, complete with a laptop, guitar, wardrobe and bed. Along with this came an insightful diary (with pictures!) that told the story of Archie at home, where he learnt some first aid and played computer games.

A truly EGGcellent effort! Well done Becks!

Miss Draisey  
Psychology Teacher

## Alice Campbell 12B – Fencing

In May, 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 5<sup>th</sup> in Great Britain U18s. A great result, which gives Alice an automatic buy for the 2018 nationals.

Mr Smith  
Headteacher

## Farewell Year 13



It's almost time for our Year 13's to finally leave JRCS, whether they want to or not! However, it would have been rude not to have a leaving party to mark the occasion!

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, our traditional Routemaster Bus picked us up from JRCS and transported us along the river front to our next mode of transport. Year 13 did their best to entertain on the first part of the journey with renditions of "Wheels on the Bus" and "Yellow Submarine"!

Arriving on the pier at Temple our "Golden Sunshine" was not just our awaiting boat but the weather greeting us as well (all ordered of course)!

We embarked, hit the afterdeck and cast off for our evening of sun, food, dancing and amazing London sights. Students took in the whole aura, danced until their shoes came off, watched an amazing sunset over London and then marvelled as London lit up as the light faded. The London Eye, Houses of Parliament, Tower Bridge are something to see when lit against a dark night's sky.

We wish all our Year 13s the best for their futures. We hope their final exams/pieces of coursework go smoothly and look forward to catching up with them at Celebration Evening next year to hear about their latest adventures.



Miss Campbell  
Deputy Director of Sixth Form

### Year 12 Psychology students Visiting Bethlem Museum of the Mind



On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June, the Year 12 Psychology students (including myself) were taken to Bethlem, the Museum of the Mind in Kent. Bethlem itself was an interesting location, especially since it was formerly known as Bedlam, where people diagnosed with serious mental health problems were institutionalised. The site itself is still a working mental health hospital, which makes the experience even more real.

The atmosphere in Bethlem was quite dark in the sense that inside, the displays were minimalist, yet a range of items that reflected the minds of former patients surrounded you. The artwork (which was quite chilling for the most part) especially got you thinking about how differently people perceive simplistic subjects such as 'vanity' and broadened your own perceptions so that you could be more empathetic towards the patients who designed the art pieces.

Learning about the history of Bethlem was especially engaging because of how much mental healthcare has changed within these past few centuries. For example, we know that nowadays

there are many mental health illnesses that people are diagnosed with, but back in the times of Bedlam, people were sent in either for “raving” or “melancholia”. This demonstrated that mental health was a subject that was not studied in depth initially, instead healthcare professionals guessed at the best way to treat patients presented to them. Consequently, there was limited knowledge in regards to helping the patients admitted. However, there were files that showed ‘before and after’ pictures of real-life patients who were admitted to Bethlem and they did look a whole lot better when they were released compared to when they were sent in. So maybe mental healthcare was not so bad in the past.

As a whole, the trip to Bethlem was something that was worth going to, as it allowed us to explore the basics of mental health in ways that we may never have thought about before (which was really reflective) as well as strengthening our pre-existing knowledge of Psychology.

Banita Chander 12B

## SMSC Maths

### Charlie Mould – Intermediate Maths Challenge 2<sup>nd</sup> round winner

Every year, we enter students for the Junior, Intermediate and Senior National Maths Challenge. We always have students winning bronze, silver and gold certificates but it is rare for students to qualify for the next round of the competition; given how challenging some of the problems are. This year, Charlie Mould, 11B, qualified for the next round of the competition, called the ‘Pink Kangaroo’. This is against students worldwide and is even more challenging. The top 25% of students achieve a ‘merit’ certificate. Charlie not only qualified for this next round, which is a huge feat in itself, but also ranked in the top 25% of all participants for a ‘merit’ certificate which is a real achievement and a sign of how hard Charlie is currently working for his GCSE exam.



Big congratulations to Charlie from everyone in the Maths Department!

Mrs Morris

Director of Learning – Maths and Numeracy

### 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

## JRCS Maths Ambassadors

The JRCS Maths Ambassadors continue to do excellent work with our Year 7 students every Friday morning. They explain difficult concepts to our students with skill and enthusiasm and do themselves and JRCS proud.

Current Year 10 Maths ambassadors:

Deli Bajrami, Ahlam Ali, Lily Jones, Robert Lluka, Denise Muyumba, Clawnton Wetshi, Reece Johnson, Connor Gritton, Billy Mann, Bonita Muriuki, Casey Margerison, Erin Roberts, Nathan Rehmat and Billy Smith,



I would also like to thank the Year 7 students who attend regularly and try so hard every Friday morning to improve their Maths. Well done to:

Lottie-Mae Benjamin-Swale, Alfie Kinzett, Hayley Yates, Amber Whitefield, Brandon Slater, Alfie Welch, Zion Piedade, Zainab Mahmood and Lukas Lapkauskas.



Ms Moody - Leader in Maths

## Maths Student of the month – April

Every month, Maths teachers nominate their student of the month from each class. Students receive a certificate and then a randomly selected overall winner from each year group wins a prize. The overall winners this month are:

Sixth Form: Denisa Nafliu

Year 11: Josaphat Kayembe

Year 10: Karina Read Lord

Year 9: Harvey Whitton

Year 8: Mary Love Ayogu

Year 7: Liberty Baxter Ashworth

Well done to all nominated students, and a particular well done to the overall winners above!

Mrs Morris

Director of Learning - Maths

# SMSC Science

## 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

# SMSC History

## Year 13 History Rome-Berlin Trip



History Department

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

## Year 10 recreate the Battle of Hastings

In the last week of May over 100 Year 10 students and the staff of the History Department headed out on to the school field to recreate the Battle of Hastings. Fought in 1066 the battle was a major turning point in English history with the Normans, led by William, defeating the Saxons, led by Harold. Making history active reinforces and deepens learning. We would like to thank all students and staff who made it a success.





Je suis le roi!

Mr McInerney  
Deputy Headteacher

## SMSC English

### 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!

Miss Smith  
English Department



## Lexia

Congratulations to Michael Rafferty (7F) Ameer Jan Mohammad (7F) Tristan Filbert (7A) (pictured), Danny Ainger (7D) and Maisey Thompson (7F) for being the 'Top five' Lexia students in May. The students have won inter-form points for their form groups for their effort and commitment to the programme by logging on at home. With the end of the academic year fast approaching it is fantastic to see lots of students completing the programme, if your child is near to completing Lexia, please encourage them to use it at home. When prompted for a 'teacher email' address it is:

[lexia@jracs.bardaglea.org.uk](mailto:lexia@jracs.bardaglea.org.uk).



Well done to all students on their achievements so far!

Miss Simpson  
Lexia Co-ordinator

## Right to Write Reward Trip



Throughout the year, JRCS students have been working extremely hard on their Right to Write projects. There have been an impressive number of projects submitted to teachers across all departments and in order to recognise individuals' efforts, students were selected throughout the whole school to attend a reward trip. They were also joined by the winners of the first ever Right to Write competition!

From the Student Voice feedback last year, it is clear that students really wanted to engage with different subjects on a creative level and so the trip was organised with this focus in mind. On

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, a group of students from Years 7, 8 and 9 participated in a creative writing workshop hosted by The British Library called 'Write Here'. Students were given a tour of the library and were even allowed to look at old manuscripts from great literary texts by authors such as Jane Austen to historical documents like the Magna Carta. In fact, there are so many books in The British Library that it would be impossible to read them in your lifetime (even if you read ten a day)!

After the tour, students enjoyed creating their own character based around the texts they had seen on the tour. They then worked as a group to produce a poem from what they had written in this time to perform to everyone. It really was an action-packed day and students rose to the challenge; they not only impressed their teachers but also our workshop leader who commented on the great creative flair of students in the group.

Undoubtedly, Right to Write has been an incredible success, not only for the individuals who participated in the workshop, but all students across the school. We continue to see a great improvement in KS3 literacy, which makes a huge impact on attainment at KS4. The Literacy Team would like to say a huge thank you to all staff and students for the effort and enthusiasm in the project this year and we hope to see many more exciting pieces in 2017/2018!

Miss Smith  
English Department

# SMSC Business

## Business Bounce Breakout

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, the Business Department had the privilege of welcoming Kimberly Perry, founder of the innovative fitness class ((Bounce)). The afternoon started with a Q and A session where Kimberly shared the secrets to her success. The Year 13 A level class were able to gain expert knowledge from a pioneering franchisor from within the health and fitness industry, an area of study for their third and final exam on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Kimberly then led our students in a mini ((Bounce)) session to give them an immersive experience of her business.



The Business Department

## Unilever Celebration Event

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Year 12 Business BTEC students: Eneida Mazreku, Demi Thomas, Lauren Toms, Gabbi Sartauskaite; attended a Unilever Celebration Event at the City Hall. They were invited to the event to share their success and future plans in regards to the 'Breakfast Club' project they run, and won a Unilever brightFuture Grant for, earlier in the year. On the day, they entered a Marketplace Event where they pitched their idea to Team London, WE charity, Unilever, workers of the London Mayor's Office and other businesses participating as well as ten other schools, who were also invited to the event as successful brightFuture Grant recipients. The Jo Richardson Community School team won the joint Gold award for their brilliant pitch!

We would like to thank Ms Eades, one of our Pastoral Assistants, for coming along to this event and helping the students. We would also like to thank Ms Howe and Ms McCormack who organised the initial pitch back in September.

Go 'Team Business' and the Breakfast Club!

Miss Ryzak  
Teacher of Business Studies



# SMSC Music

## Rock Band Auditions

The Student Voice Music Team and the Music Department would like to congratulate Gopal Goswami 8D, Emily Butler 8B and Zack Joyce 9H for passing auditions to form a new rock band. We look forward to hearing you perform soon!

Well done to all students who came along to audition.

## Music Recital Evening

Well done to all students who performed at our Recital Evening on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. It was lovely to hear the results of a lot of hard work leading up to it!

Also, thank you to the Student Voice Music Events Team for helping with the organisation and running of the event; those who introduced the performers also displayed some excellent public speaking skills – well done.

Music Department



## LSO Takeover



A number of our brass and woodwind students recently had the opportunity to take part in a fantastic project in partnership with the London Symphony Orchestra and other school groups. They took part in a series of workshops where they created parts to fit into a larger piece. This drew inspiration from both Gamelan and Romanian Folk Dances. Once they had their own sections rehearsed, they met up with other school groups to put all of the sections together. On 22<sup>nd</sup> June, they performed this large-scale work in the foyer at the Barbican Centre in London. The sound was fantastic and we were impressed by how quickly they had created this piece and rehearsed it to performance standard.

After the performance, we stayed to watch the LSO perform works by Ravel, Kodaly and Debussy, before a fantastic finale which involved students from the 'LSO Next Generation' project, including one of our very own: Sergiu Brataon 8G. They were on stage with the LSO performing a world premiere of the piece 'Crimson River' by Moody. This was a fantastic composition which allowed a lot of space to feature the young musicians independently as well as alongside the LSO.

Students involved in the foyer performance were as follows: Filip Zajdler (7H), Rebecca Portbury (8D), Charlie Brown (8E), Harrison Whyte (8F), Jonjoe Mould (8G), Ibukun Silva-Ope (9F), Omone Akhabhau (9G), Gerren Ntiri (9G), Arsel Alaj (9H), Hafusat Adeyemi (11D) and Teri Keenan (11G)

Well done to all students involved for being excellent representatives of the school; you should be proud of what you have achieved – I know we are!

Music Department

# SMSC Dance

## Dance News

### Keeping Dance Alive (KDA) Bard to Bollywood Mass Participation Performance

In January 2016, JRCS dancers were chosen to film and lead a DVD resource for a mass participation dance performance.

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June, the students performed this piece live at the Jim Peters Stadium leading over 500 Primary students. Our JRCS Dance Captain's worked extremely hard towards this performance and led the other schools with a high level of professionalism and maturity. Well done we are so proud of your work!

Miss England  
Head of Dance



# SMSC Food & Catering

## Cooking Club 2017



Cooking Club has been a great success this year which meant we had to run it over a two week rota to fit in the number of students interested in the club. We have a wide range of students from Years 7, 8 and 9 and we also support D of E students in the skill phase of the award. I will be starting the club again in September and the cake club in early November. I would like to say it has been a great pleasure to teach you all a wide range of skills.

I would like to thank Ms Debono and Ms Moffatt for there continues support and help running my clubs. Hope all my students have a great Summer.

Mr Hargreaves  
Food Teacher Food and Catering

# SMSC SDD

## Harry & Seidu's Work Experience

In June, Harry Ely and Seidu Salifu completed their work experience in the school canteen. They were mentored by Val and the canteen staff who said they were excellent members of staff; very helpful and polite. The students made biscuits and helped the staff set up for lunchtime. Seidu and Harry enjoyed their experience and distributed their biscuits to members of staff who said they were "delicious".

Congratulations to Harry and Seidu for completing their work experience and being such excellent ambassadors for their form.

Ms Lynch - Second in SDD



# SMSC Student Voice

## Community team trip to Monteagle Primary School

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, the Community Team (Student Voice) visited Monteagle Primary School and talked about road safety to three Year 6 classes. It was an excellent experience for all of us. One of the most important skills we learnt, was talking to the classes and speaking with confidence to each class. It was quite nerve wracking at first, but once we got into it more it became amazing. All classes behaved extremely well and did exactly what they were supposed to. A special thanks



to David Agoha for having the confidence to step up and present most of the slideshows for the classes. Also, thank you Miss McMillan for making this possible. It was absolutely incredible.

by Rebekah Ogunturin, 7G

# SMSC Art

## New Achieve Banner

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, AR2 turned into a proper art studio! Five very eager Year 7 students had approached Mr Smith with the idea of creating a new banner for Main Street to contribute to our ACHIEVE legacy. Mr Smith gave the go-ahead and with the help of Ms Franz, Ayo, Ivy, Justina, Letisha and Misty worked hard as a team to create an inspirational piece of art, which will soon get installed in Main Street to celebrate with everybody at JRCS our great ACHIEVE ethos.



Ms Franz - Art Department