

The Seagull



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Next week is Week 1
Week commencing 29/10/18 is Week 2

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

World Mental Health Day



On Wednesday of this week JRCS hosted a Wellbeing Summit for World Mental Health Day. This event involved students from all of the borough secondary schools

who took part in workshops, discussions and activities. I am extremely proud of the students who put so much effort into organising this highly successful day and have taken positive steps to promoting personal wellbeing within the borough.

Half-term

It's hard to believe that we are rapidly approaching the end of the first half-term of the academic year 2018/19. As usual we are finishing the half-term with our ACHIEVE Day Programme on Wednesday and Thursday next week. I hope that everyone, especially our new Year 7 students, enjoy the events

and trips that we have planned. A reminder that students are not in school on Friday 19th October as we are holding a staff training day. School will start again at the normal time on Monday 29th October. Enjoy the break!

Pearson Award

On Sunday 21st October a group of staff will be attending the Pearson Teaching Award Ceremony in Central London. As you will be aware we won a Silver award in the 'School of the Year' category and are looking forward to finding out who the overall Gold Award winner is going to be. Fingers crossed and we will keep you posted!

Holidays during term time

Due to the rise in the number of requests for holidays during term time we will now be issuing fines for these unauthorised absences. Fines are issued to anyone who is responsible for ensuring that a student attends school. This means that more than one household member could be prosecuted. In addition, in cases where a student already has poor attendance which is then coupled with a holiday taken during term time, this will

lead to legal action being taken against parents/carers.

It is often the case that a student is called in sick but it is discovered that they are actually on holiday. In this situation the process will be the same. It is the school's decision whether any absences are authorised. Also, in the case of extended or emergency holidays, cancelled/missed flights, etc (unless sufficient proof is received) all absences will be recorded as unauthorised holiday and will lead to a fine.

Please complete a Leave of Absence request form obtainable from the School Office if you feel you have no option other than to take your child out of school.

Parent Governor Vacancies

Many thanks to those who put themselves forward as candidates for Parent Governor and we were delighted to receive five nominations for the two vacancies. As we received more nominations than we have vacancies, we will need to proceed to an election and a ballot form will be sent home with your child today. Please vote for only one candidate and return your completed ballot paper by 12:00noon on Friday 9th November 2018.

Mr Smith
Headteacher



GENERAL NEWS

Lost Property

Can all parents please ask their son or daughter to check the lost property box before the end of term next week. Parents can come at the end of the day and staff will bring the lost property out for you to check through.

Mrs Stone
Office Manager



Year 11 – Invitation

Parents/Carers and Students all welcome

The Sixth Form Open Evening is on Thursday 15th November from 4:00pm – 7:00pm.

JRCS Sixth Form is among the best locally and in the Borough. Come and see how you can be part of it. Find out about the subjects we offer and meet students and staff. There will be time to ask questions and explore the opportunities available.

At 5:00pm and 6:00pm there will be a short formal presentation. Please come before and stay after this in order to talk to teachers and students about the subjects on offer and Sixth Form life.

If you would like to visit Dagenham Park, Eastbury or Riverside they are open from 4:00pm – 6:30pm on the same day. Sydney Russell is open from 5:00pm – 7:00pm on Wednesday 14th November. All our partners would be glad to tell you more about their Sixth Form courses.

I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Wren
Director of Sixth Form

New Catering Arrangements

As you will be aware, JRCS has engaged a new catering company to work with the school. This has been a major change, both for the catering team, the students and staff and, no doubt you at home too. We wanted to take a moment to thank you for your patience as we develop new systems to ensure both the food quality, service time and costings are improved.

Some of the issues we have dealt with so far have not been a result of the new caterers (Aspens) but due to the re-structuring of the

physical space and changes to queueing systems. The school has now grown to 10 form entry and next year will see us reach our full capacity with 300 students in each year group. This means that catering spaces are limited and we've had to work creatively with the new caterers to meet the needs of an ever hungry student body; including the introduction of mobile service units and investment in a new till system.

As with any restructuring there have been some issues around pricing and charging, this is in part due to a completely new biometric till system which we needed to populate from scratch. There have also been difficulties which has, in some cases, led to students spending more money as they get used to the new food menu and meal deals available. We apologise if this has caused financial distress at home. Please be assured that I have personally investigated all these issues and will continue to do so until I am happy that they have been resolved.

We now have menus that will run until Christmas; these will be published on the school website by the end of this half term and then updated every half term to reflect seasonal produce. Please remember you can set a daily spending limit for your son or daughter, please contact the main school office to set this up. We have waited until now to give you this information as we wanted to speak to students about their initial experience and allow Aspens to test a range of different food offers to see what works best. We now have this information and data and will be making some changes over the next half term.

We are also looking to produce more freshly baked goods on site which will reduce the current reliance on ordered baked goods and will further reduce the prices. We are also reviewing the feedback process for parents so you can have some direct contact with the caterers and have an input into the menu offered here at JRCS.

So you are aware:

- The menu of the day and pricing is displayed and the actual meal is presented so that the students' can see exactly what the meal deal is.
- Free School Meal students should always use the Meal Deal to get value for money

for the funds provided as the allowance is not carried over to the next day.

- Student Voice - after the election of the Hospitality Team in the student council elections we will take student voice feedback from the student body and meet with the Aspens management team to make reasonable changes to the provision.



Adrian Donovan
Assistant Headteacher

Progress Evenings

Traditionally, Parents' Evenings have been an incredibly important part of your child's journey through school. They occur once a year and give you an excellent opportunity to meet the teachers and check on your child's progress.

This year, we have rebranded these events as 'Progress Evenings' in response to the exam reforms at KS4 and KS5 we have made some crucial changes to our approach to teaching and assessment from Year 7 onwards. As well as hearing about the crucial progress your child has made in terms of their character, behaviour and academic progress, we will also inform you about the challenges that lie ahead and how we intend to tackle them as a school.

To maximise your experience at our Progress Evenings, I would encourage you to look through your child's school books beforehand and make a note of any questions you might have for our teachers when you meet them.

Your attendance at these events is absolutely crucial. There is a wealth of evidence which highlights the vast, positive impact parental support has on student achievement. Please find below a list of dates for this year's Progress Evenings. I look forward to seeing you there.

Progress Evenings 18-19

Progress Evening Year 11 (1)	Wednesday 7 th November 2018
Sixth Form Student Performance Review Day:	Wednesday 21 st November 2018
Progress Evening Year 11 (2):	Wednesday 16 th January 2019
Progress Evening Year 10	Wednesday 30 th January 2019
Sixth Form Progress Evening (Year 13 Priority)	Thursday 7 th February 2019
Progress Evening Year 9	Wednesday 27 th February 2019
Sixth Form Progress Evening (Year 12 Priority)	Thursday 21 st March 2019
Progress Evening Year 7	Wednesday 27 th March 2019
Progress Evening Year 8	Wednesday 24 th April 2019

Mr G Smith
Deputy Headteacher

Ski America 2019

Important information for all Parents/Carers of students who are attending Ski America 2019.

Our information evening is being held on Thursday 1st November 2018 in Boothroyd Hall at 5:30pm. This event will make sure that you and your child are well prepared for our upcoming trip to New Hampshire and New York. At least one parent with student **must** attend with the student and bring along the following:

- Student's Passport
- ESTA Visa Information
- Emergency contact number
- Names people they would like to share with

Failure to provide this information on time will result in us incurring an administrative charge from the ski company, which regrettably we would need to pass on to parents.

There will be a height chart and weighing scales in the hall that evening if you are unsure of your child's height or weight.

We have also invited a company, "Surfanic" to come along that evening who supply ski

wear. You are under no obligation to purchase anything from them but they do offer you the opportunity to hire jackets and salopettes at a very reasonable price.

Staff that are attending the trip will be there to meet you and answer any questions you may have.

Look forward to seeing you.

Ms Hall
Trip Leader

Assembly Performances



This week, as part of Black History Month, we had music performances in assembly focussing on some great jazz standards by musicians such as Duke Ellington. Monday saw the JRCS debut performance of our new Year 12 student, Favour Anibeze, playing piano alongside Sam Clarke 11A and Mr Clement. They played 'Autumn Leaves' and 'When Somebody Loves You Back'.

Tuesday saw another JRCS debut performance with Theodore Toma 7D playing cornet in our Jazz Band alongside Harrison Whyte 10F, Jonjoe Mould 10G, Filip Zajdler 9H, Vanessa De Gouveia 11A, Sam Clarke 11A and Favour Anibeze 12C. They played 'Take The A Train' and 'Mr PC', which included improvised solos. A massive well done and thank you to all players, you were superb!

Music Department

Library News

Students need to remember to return all library books by Tuesday 16th October, before trips days. If a library book has been lost the 'Library Fine', £5 per book, needs to be paid via ParentPay.

Paying the fine goes towards the cost to replace the library book. Any queries concerning library books, students should see Ms Osland in the library.

Thank you for supporting your school library

Ms Osland
School Librarian

U16 Netball Essex Cup



The Year 10 netball squad represented JRCS in the first round of the U16 Essex Cup in an away fixture at West Hatch School, Chigwell. The team were a little anxious before the match as we were greeted by a very tall Year 11 team made up of GCSE PE netballers however, the girls controlled their anxieties and we narrowly lost the 1st quarter 4-3. Once they realised they were in with a chance they surged ahead in the 2nd and 3rd quarters and we ended up winning the match 15-6. I am really proud of the resilience demonstrated by the girls as we only took a small squad and positive mind set shown by them all.

I look forward to the second round where we will host Westcliffe High in a home fixture. Congratulations to all the girls involved.

Miss Boulton
Head of PE

Borough Football Festival



On Tuesday the under 13's girls football team travelled to Riverside and took part in a Borough Football Festival. The girls got off to a flying start in the first game vs Riverside with Amidat Odofui (8H) scoring the winning goal. The girls continuing their winning ways against Robert Clack with Demi Lee (7J) scoring a fantastic debut goal. All girls played outstandingly and girl of the tournament goes to Iva Georgivia (8A). The under 13's have their final game of the half-term next Tuesday versus the district team.

Good Luck.

Miss Pridie
PE Department



OFFICE ASSISTANTS

The Office Assistants for next week:

Monday	Soraya Kapitene 8B
Tuesday	Kharim Momoh 8B

The Office Assistants for week beginning 29/10/18:

Monday	Daniel Morton 8B
Tuesday	Khairat Muraina 8B
Wednesday	Grace Onafujabi 8B
Thursday	Sandeep Singh 8B
Friday	Raldy Wetshi 8B



Whole School ACHIEVE Day trips Wednesday 17th October 2018

Colchester Zoo	Date	Year	Forms	Student arrival	Dep time or start of activity	Approx. return time/finish time	Where to register	Equipment	Lunch arrangements	Spending money	School uniform?
Spymasters / Mountfitchet Castle	17/10/2018	7	ABCDE	7B/7C 7:00am 7A/7D/7E 8:30am	7B/7C 7:15am 7A/7D/7E 9:00am	7B/7C 3:10pm 7A/7D/7E 4:10pm	A= MA1 B= MA2 C= MA3 D= MA4 E= MA5	Something firm to lean on, such as a clipboard, pen and pencil.	Packed lunch + water	max £5	Yes
Colchester Zoo	17/10/2018	7	FGHIJ	8:30am	9:00am	3:30pm	F= PDE1 G= PDE2 H= PDE3 I= RS1 J= RS2	Weatherproof clothing	Packed lunch + water	max £5	Yes
London Dungeon / The Globe	17/10/2018	8	ABCDE	8:30am	9:10am	5:00pm – 5:30pm	A= SC1 B= SC2 C= SC3 D= SC4 E= SC5	Something firm to lean on, such as a clipboard, pen and pencil. Weatherproof clothing	Packed lunch + water	n/a	Yes
Science Museum	17/10/2018	8	FGHIJ	8:30am	9:15am	4:00pm	F= SC7 G= SC8 H= SC9 I= SC10 J= SC11	Pen and pencil. Weatherproof clothing.	Packed lunch + water	n/a	Yes
Ypres	17/10/2018	9	ABCDE	5:15am	5:45am	9:30pm – 10:00pm	Boothroyd Hall	Passport, EHIC, something firm to lean on, such as a clipboard, pen and pencil, optional cheap disposable camera and change of footwear/clothing	Packed lunch inc. sufficient water for the day + extra food for return journey (or money to buy food in Ypres)	max £10 equivalent in Euros	Yes
Fair Trade / DT / Food	17/10/2018	9	FGHIJ	8:30am	8:40am	3:40pm	F= GE1 G= GE2 H= GE3 I= HI2 J= HI3	Standard school equipment (pen, pencil, calculator etc.) & planner	Normal lunch arrangements	n/a	Yes
Financial Management / Career Planning	17/10/2018	10	ABCDE	9:45am	10:00am	2:30pm	ICT Corridor	Standard school equipment (pen, pencil, calculator etc.) & planner	Normal lunch arrangements	n/a	Yes
Business Enterprise	17/10/2018	10	FGHIJ	8:30am	9:00am	3:10pm	F= EN1 G= EN2 H= EN3 I= EN4 J= EN5	Standard school equipment (pen, pencil, calculator etc.) & planner	Normal lunch arrangements	n/a	Yes
English Exams	17/10/2018	11	ALL	8:45am	9:00am	3:10pm	Assembly Lines	Standard school equipment (pen, pencil, calculator etc.) & planner	Normal lunch arrangements	n/a	Yes
Positively Mad	17/10/2018	12	ALL	9:30am	9:30am	1:30pm	Sports Hall	Standard school equipment (pen, pencil, calculator etc.) & planner	Normal lunch arrangements	n/a	n/a
Post 18 Transition Day	17/10/2018	13	ALL	9:00am	9:00am	3:15pm	DA2	n/a	Normal lunch arrangements	n/a	n/a

Whole School ACHIEVE Day trips Thursday 18th October 2018

Visit/Event	Date	Year	Forms	Student arrival	Dep time or start of activity	Approx. return time	Where to register for Years 7 & 8 Rooms needed all day for Years 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13	Equipment	Lunch arrangements	Spending money	School uniform?
Spymasters / Mountfitchet Castle	18/10/2018	7	FGHIJ	7F/7G 7:00am 7H/7I/7J 8:30am	7F/7G 7:15am 7H/7I/7J 9:00am	7F/7G 3:10pm 7H/7I/7J 4:10pm	F= MA1 G= MA2 H= MA3 I= MA4 J= MA5	Something firm to lean on, such as a clipboard, pen and pencil.	Packed lunch + water	max £5	Yes
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Science Museum	18/10/2018	8	ABCDE	8:30am	9:15am	4:00pm	A= SC7 B= SC8 C= SC9 D= SC10 E=SC11	Pen and pencil. Weatherproof clothing	Packed lunch + water	n/a	Yes
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Fair Trade / DT / Food	18/10/2018	9	ABCDE	8:30am	8:40am	3:40pm	A= GE1 B= GE2 C= GE3 D= HI2 E= HI3	Standard school equipment (pen, pencil, calculator etc.) & planner	Normal lunch arrangements	n/a	Yes
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Business Enterprise	18/10/2018	10	ABCDE	8:30am	9:00am	3:10pm	A= EN1 B= EN2 C= EN3 D= EN4 E= EN5	Standard school equipment (pen, pencil, calculator etc.) & planner	Normal lunch arrangements	n/a	Yes
English Exams	18/10/2018	11	ALL	8:45am	9:00am	11:00am	Assembly Lines	Standard school equipment (pen, pencil, calculator etc.) & planner	n/a	n/a	Yes
London Culture	18/10/2018	12	ALL	9:45am	n/a	3:30pm	Becontree Station	n/a	Packed Lunch or money to buy food	n/a	n/a
Post 18 Transition Day	18/10/2018	13	ALL	10:00am	n/a	3:15pm	DA2	n/a	Normal lunch arrangements	n/a	n/a



Main School Dates 2018/19

Autumn Term 2018

Staff training day. School closed	Monday	3 rd September
Start of Term for Students – Year 7	Tuesday	4 th September
Start of Term for Students – Years 8, 9, 10 & 11	Wednesday	5 th September
Start of Term for Students – Year 13	Thursday	6 th September
Start of Term for Students – Year 12	Friday	7 th September
Years 13 Induction Trip	Wednesday	19 th September
Whole School ACHIEVE Days 1 & 2	Wed - Thurs	17 th – 18 th October
Staff training day. School closed	Friday	19 th October
First day of Half Term	Monday	22 nd October
Last day of Half Term	Friday	26 th October
Progress Evening Year 11 (1)	Wednesday	7 th November
Sixth Form Student Performance Review Day	Wednesday	21 st November
End of Term	Thursday	20 th December

Spring Term 2019

Start of Term for Students	Monday	7 th January
Progress Evening Year 11 (2)	Wednesday	16 th January
Year 9 Options Evening	Wednesday	23 rd January
Progress Evening Year 10	Wednesday	30 th January
Sixth Form Progress Evening (Year 13 Priority)	Thursday	7 th February
First day of Half Term	Monday	18 th February
Last day of Half Term	Friday	22 nd February
Progress Evening Year 9	Wednesday	27 th February
Sixth Form Progress Evening (Year 12 Priority)	Thursday	21 st March
Progress Evening Year 7	Wednesday	27 th March
End of Term	Friday	5 th April

Summer Term 2019

Start of Term for Students	Tuesday	23 rd April
Progress Evening Year 8	Wednesday	24 th April
Public Holiday	Monday	6 th May
First day of Half Term	Monday	27 th May
Last day of Half Term	Friday	31 st May
Year 10 Work Experience (one week)	Mon - Fri	10 th – 14 th June
Sixth Form Transition Week	Mon – Fri	08 th – 12 th July
Whole School ACHIEVE Days 3 & 4	Wed - Thurs	10 th – 11 th July
Sports Day	Friday	12 th July
Whole School ACHIEVE Day 5	Thursday	18 th July
End of Term	Friday	19 th July
GCE Results Day	Thursday	15 th August (TBC)
GCSE Results Day	Thursday	22 nd August (TBC)