

The Seagull



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Next week is Week 2

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Student Safety

As you may well be aware there have been a number of incidents recently involving JRCS students being victims of assaults and robberies outside school. Some of these incidents have occurred whilst our young people have been going home at the end of the school day.

I want to assure you that we are doing our utmost to make sure that our students are safe travelling both to and from school. We are in constant contact with the police and our neighbouring schools to ensure that we are sharing the information and concerns that we have.

As the nights draw in can you please support us in making sure that students follow some basic safety rules when getting to and from school. They should not have mobile phones on display at anytime and also avoid wearing headphones when walking to and from school. It is also a good idea that they avoid walking home alone at the end of the school day, they should always try to find a friend or friends to walk with and should go straight home.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need anymore information or feel that you have information to give us that can further support our students at JRCS.

Mr Smith
Headteacher



GENERAL NEWS

Literacy Leaders

JRCS are extremely proud to have a committed team of Literacy Leaders (pictured above) who carry out important roles throughout the year, such as helping with the organisation of the Right to Write project, creating exciting displays and communicating with different departments across the school about literacy events.

At the beginning of the academic year, students were invited to apply to be Literacy Leaders. Students were asked to write a mini essay explaining why they should be chosen and what skills they wished to share. There was an outstanding number of applicants and also a number of returning Literacy Leaders from last year, helping to build the Literacy team's strength in numbers. After a brilliant KS3 assembly on the power of words, the lucky candidates were awarded with a badge

of recognition and a certificate. KS4 leaders will also be awarded with special lanyards as a thank you for all of their continued hard work and dedication. All of the Literacy Leaders should be extremely proud of their achievements and they are undoubtedly a huge credit to the school.

As always, the Literacy team continue to be open to new volunteers and ideas. We look forward to the exciting opportunities to come!

Miss Smith
English Department

Year 11 – Invitation

Parents/Carers and Students all welcome

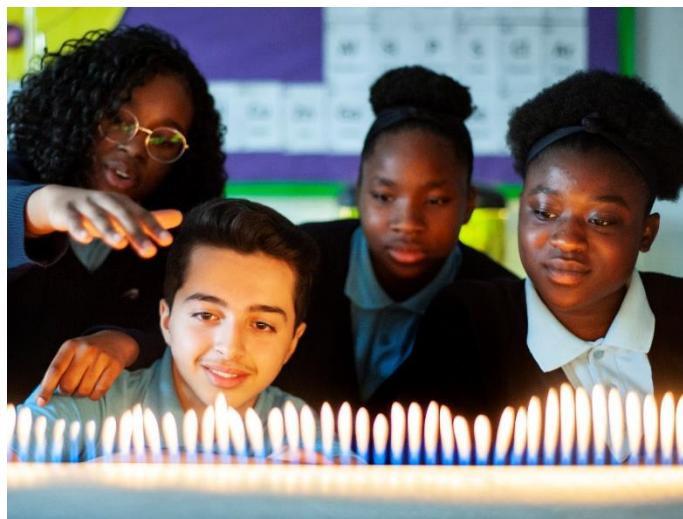
The Sixth Form Open Evening is on Thursday 15th November from 4:00pm – 7:00pm.

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



Change of address or contact details

Could all parents/carers please ensure that they notify the school office of any change of address or phone number as soon as possible. Please send the details of new phone numbers in writing, for change of address we need to have an official document (utility bill, tenancy agreement, bank statement etc).

Please ensure we are kept up to date as this could mean that you do not receive important letters or texts.

Mrs Stone
Office Manager

U13 Boys Handball Borough Championships

Year 7 and Year 8 boys took part in a Handball Championship this week. The boys finished 1st in the league, with an unbeaten run. Unfortunately, even though the rules said the league would be decided on goal difference, the team played an extra-time play-off against Sydney Russell and lost 1-0. The boys showed excellent resilience to overcome this setback, but deserve praise for their achievements in the tournament.

Mr Coupland
PE Department



OFFICE ASSISTANTS

The Office Assistants for next week:

Monday	Jordan Lambert 8C
Tuesday	Alina Merkulova 8C
Wednesday	Ella Moughton 8C
Thursday	Bethanie North 8C
Friday	Monica Pavlova 8C

Young Carers

A Young Carer is a child under 18 who regularly helps to look after a family member or friend who is disabled, ill, has a mental health condition or addiction problem.

Children may engage in:

- Practical tasks (cooking, housework and shopping)
- Physical care (lifting or helping someone use the stairs)
- Personal care (dressing, washing, helping with toilet needs)
- Managing the family budget (collecting benefits and prescriptions)
- Managing medication
- Looking after younger siblings
- Helping someone communicate

Jo Richardson Community School can support young carers.

If you, or a family member, needs support please contact

Mrs. Staggs

All contact will be treated in the strictest confidence



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)