



SMSC “Matters”

Summer 2018

SMSC General



Pearson Silver Award

I am delighted to announce that following a visit from the Pearson Teaching Award judges on Tuesday 5th June we have won a Silver Award. This means that we go through to the national televised finals held in Central London in October. This is a fantastic achievement for the school and an acknowledgment of commitment and hard work all our staff put in to make a difference for all students at JRCS.

To mark this fantastic news we have turned The Seagull silver on our website and on our twitter feed!

I would like to personally thank every member of staff who has contributed to the schools growth and development over the past 16 years. This award is testimony to your dedication and desire to provide the best possible outcomes for JRCS students.

Mr Smith
Headteacher

Jack Petchey Achievement Awards



On Thursday 26th April the Jo Richardson Community School attended The Broadway Theatre, Barking and were given Jack Petchey Achievement Awards in recognition of their extra-curricular achievements, dedication and acts of bravery or kindness. The students received their medals from Anne Bristow, Strategic Director of Barking and Dagenham Council's Service Development and Integration Department. Headteacher, Mr Smith said 'As a school, we are very proud of all our young people and it is always a privilege to attend this fantastic award ceremony. It was wonderful to see how many of our students go the extra mile for others and they are a shining example to all young people.'

Congratulations to the following students who all received their awards (pictured on the front page and below):

Sami Elzein, Kayleigh Chettleburgh Betts, Lydia Wren, Angel Campbell, Lauren Simson, Davaughn Smith, Ibukunoluwa Silva-Ope, Joana Balla and Shanise Garner



I would like to thank Sade Akinyemi 12B and Taylor Paul 12A for their incredible dance performance and also like to add a word of praise for our Leadership Award winner Ms Wright who was a worthy winner.

Ms Boller
Student Communication Manager

**Gold Seagull Winners
this term:**

Sammi Lai 8G
Liepa Blandyte 8B
Bridget Aryee-Brown 9E
Filip Zajdler 8H
Arturs Ieva 7H
Charis Adams 8A
Presdie Mateus 8G
Reece Ward 9F
Justin Tuna 7D
Robyn Parker 7H
Kazi Rahmah Zaman 7J
Lauren Simson 11D
Lucy Davis 7F
Victoria Dimitrova 8A
Raihan Bousbaa 7J
Ellie Lapping 10F
Abrar Sikder 8I
Teri Keenan 12D
Daniela Boohene 7H
Margaret Mante 7H
Hayley Stevens 7G
Stacey Levitt 7H
Tara Boafo 7G
Leander Tasama 8I
Jessica Soares Paim 9E
Nathan Dowridge 10A
Logan Grain 10G
Banita Chander 13B
Sueda Oktay 13B
Gabriele Sartauskaite 13B
Abigail Hall 13B
Aiesha Francis 13D
Maryam Heydari 13D
Kelechi Ogbonna 13D
Lillie Baker 7I
Ruby Lyons 7I
Jasmine Hunter St. Louis 7B
Ugne Vasiliauskaite 7H
Gloriane Kabeya 8F

Liberty Baxter-Ashworth 8J
Maisey Thompson 8F
Sadiqua Begum 8F
Rachel Okine 8C
Adunola Olayiwola 9F
Mehnaz Musthafa 9E
Mahfuza Majid 11C
Trisha Jadav 7H,
Alioune Samake 7I
Harleigh Nicholls Mallia 7H
Adedamola Olatunji
Oristade 8A
Selin Acar 8A
Libbi Kelly 8D
Mihaela Costache 8D
Hope Barovbe 8D
Darian Dragoi 8D
Courtney Robinson 8E
Oktawia Lopaczewska 8E
Iteli Mulumba Ntambwa 8E
Jenny Peka 8H
Abiola Yusuf 8H
Orestas Vecys 8J
Callie Claxton 8J
Aminate Taiwo 9A
David Agoha 10E
Richmond Ofosu 7I
Maesha Farzana Afm
Mahmudul 7H
Holly Eves 7B
Ellie-Marie Pereira 7I
Maryam Saleh 7I
Morgan Smith 7C
Zainab Mahmood 8G
Nhi Smith 8I
Saihou Krubally 8I
Feba Abraham 8I
Aaliyah Nurse 8E
Lisa Paige Cane 8I
Ramona Denisa Rusu 8D
Remi Newman 8I
Arthur Garner 8I

Melani Marinova 8I
Ciara Fidami Khida 8D
Migle Pajaujyte 8D
Sadiah Rahim 8I
Chelsea Boanerges-Kihan 8D
Temitope Oluwole 11C
Lubna Ishaque 7G
Jessica Patmore-Martin 7G
Pronoy Rahman 7H
Orgito Meta 7H
Redwan Hussain 8D
Mayowa Ogundele 8I
Lottie-Mae Benjamin-Swale 8J
Rosie Aliaj 8J
Chelsea Bowers 8J
Arija Bazileviciute 8J
Esther Harvest 10E
Safa Saleem 7C
Rosie Cook 7C
Hany Daroysh 7B
Julia Seferi 7I
Joseph Varey 7A
Ella Moughton 7C
Bisma Tahir 8D
Chloe Ward 8B
Rojs Dinsbergs 8I
Callum Sanchez 8I
Alishba Saleemi 10A
Hayley Stevens 7G
Mae Turner 7G
Alice-Mae Tyler 7G
Iva Georgieva 7A
Jack Munday 7G
Sania Chowdhury 7H
Alina Merkulova 7C
David Nenadovic 7E
Priya Packiyathan 7F
Elvinas Norkus 7H
Maddie Mortimer 8D
Enisa Kurta 8H

Mariyah Tufael 8F
Olatokunbo Osanyintola 8F
Oluwamayomikun
Otufowora 8C
Candice Amponsah 9E
Evelyn Omotosho 9E
Brooklyn Muriuki 9A
Samia Hussain 9G

Double Gold Seagull winners:

Tayte Bramley-Naipaul 7H
Rebekah Ogunturin 8G
Sammi Lai 8G
Sorna Chondhury 8A
Victoria Idahosa 7G
Mahhum Saqib 7E2
Noorjahan Ahmed 8D
Oyinkansola Oginni 7G
Tyara-Kim Ekunola 7B
Maisie Lethbridge 8G
Monica Pavlova 7C
Mariyah Tufael 8F
Callie Claxton 8J
Ryan Lai 7E
Lucy Davis 7F

Triple Gold Seagull winners:

Tayte Bramley-Naipaul 7H
Rebekah Ogunturin 8G
Sammi Lai 8G

Quadruple Gold Seagull winner:

Tayte Bramley-Naipaul 7H
Mr Smith
Headteacher



International Women's Day Competition Winners.

Rebekah Ogunturin 8G (pictured with Ms Keane) and Jessica Soares Paim 9E (pictured with myself) were joint International Women's Day competition winners. Their submissions on inspirational women focused on freedom fighters in Angola and women campaigning for educational rights.



Well done to both girls!

Ms Salih
Assistant Headteacher

Easter Ski Trip

This year we have taken 31 students for a ski trip to Austria. We spent seven days in beautiful white scenery with a quite warm temperature, which was lovely. We managed to ski in three different resorts, Wagrain, Flachau and Zauchensee, this gave us the opportunity to experience different slopes and enjoy the Austrian mountains to their fullest.



Each student had the opportunity to take part in five hours of ski lessons each day, swimming opportunities in a pool exclusively reserved for our group and planned entertainment activities in the evening, such as pizza night in an authentic Austrian restaurant, Tyrolean night bringing the Austrian culture alive as well as a quiz night.



Our students showed great progress in terms of learning or developing their skiing skills, this was officially confirmed by the ski instructors who visited us at our hotel on the last day and awarded certificates to all students.



We truly enjoyed our week away and are looking forward to the next Ski Trip in 2019 to the USA.

You can find more pictures on:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ddhormsswiowjv/AACsSID_0ZOKnQ6Kh2TXEOf9a?dl=0

Miss Ryzak
Enterprise Co-ordinator



LIFE Programme

In May George Lawrence 9H and Charlie Bennett 9A successfully completed the LIFE Programme at Dagenham Fire Station. Both boys got on well with their peers, were keen to take part in all activities and worked well as part of a team. They were a credit to JRCS, well done!

Mrs Richardson
Senior Lead Mentor



Well done Yanni!

Congratulations to Ioannis (Yanni) Kotopoulos 7I who won two medals in 'The Dwarf Sports Association National Games'. This year was the 25th anniversary of the Dwarf Sports Association National Games and it was Yanni's first time attending. There were many people there from both the UK and other countries, including Paralympian Ellie Symons.

Mr Kersey
Pastoral Support Assistant (Year 7)



Head Boy and Head Girl 2018/19



Head Boy - Ledion Rama
Head Girl - Shanise Garner

Supported by:

Deputy Head Boy - Sid Summers.
Deputy Head Girl - Holly Dicko

This year we had our highest number of applications ever and they were an incredible group of young people who made it a very hard decision indeed. I am sure you will join me in congratulating all the successful candidates.

Mr Smith
Headteacher

Year 11 Celebration Assembly

On Monday 18th June we celebrated Year 11's time here at JRCS. It was fantastic to see and hear about the many memories that the students have created over the last five years. It was a brilliant event enjoyed by all and finished with a balloon release to symbolise this milestone occasion.



It has been a pleasure to have been their Head of Year, if only for a short period of time, and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the fantastic students that make up this year group. I look forward to welcoming many students back to our Sixth Form and wish them all the very best of luck in the future.

Miss Simpson
Head of Year 11

Well done Sean!

Sean Kerry received a Jack Petchey Award from the local Young Carers Group. He received this for his mature attitude to being a carer in his family. The group will now receive £250 and he will be invited to an award ceremony.

Mrs Steadman
LSU Support



Hidden Figures

On Monday 25th June, myself and a group of Year 9 and 10 girls at JRCS joined other girls from schools around East London to watch the film Hidden Figures – a movie based on three African-American woman who worked at NASA to help launch the first American man into space. The woman faced a lot of discrimination, sexism and humiliation as they weren't deemed to be the right colour or gender to work for NASA. To help launch the first astronaut into space the women needed to use a lot of mathematics and science.

Personally, I learned that to achieve what you want you may have to face a lot of negative responses from others and you have to show a lot of determination like the three women in the movie. I also learned that sometimes you need to work hard to get people to hear you. I believe that if you want to change the world you have to go for what you believe in.

Toluwani Famelugun 9H

LIFE Programme

On Thursday 21st June I accompanied four of our Year 8 students to their pass out at the LIFE Program run by the fire brigade. There was some positive comments made about our students. Please see the pictures below of the students completing a drill and receiving their booklets.



Well done: Taylor Smith, John Egbedeyi, Daniel Adeniyi-Mpora and Sophie Sawyer.

Mrs Steadman
LSU Support

SMSC Sixth Form

JRCS Sixth Form “Save Lives”

Year 12 students took part in a First Aid Course at the end of last term. Students were taught the theoretical aspects of dealing with emergencies and the protocols to ensure that the casualty and themselves remained as safe as possible. Being given the task to identify what an injury might be and what course of action may be required made the students think about difficult scenarios in the safety of the classroom. To make it more realistic the students were put in practical situations either as the casualty or the first aider. All casualties, I am pleased to report, survived!



Students performed amazingly well during the course and are all now more confident to deliver what might be necessary lifesaving actions.

Year 12 Scholarships @ HSF LLP

Thursday 29th March saw five JRCS Year 12 students attend a workshop at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP Law Firm in London. These students had been selected to attend in order to find out information about a scholarship opportunity that the firm offers to selected London students.



The workshop gave the students the chance to see the different departments that operate in a city law firm (the business as well as the legal side), they had a tour of the amazing offices based at Liverpool Street and an insight into what their application needs to consist of in order to be successful.



Students will have the opportunity of a five year scholarship which will see them gain an individual mentor, attend a Summer internship at the end of Year 13 and also receive financial support whilst at university. Once they have applied, students will then be invited back for an interview workshop and an individual interview to win the scholarship. It is a very competitive opportunity so our best wishes go to our selected students: Doyin Ekuntuyi; Simran Sangha ; Jessica Smith; Erjon Uraj and Emilija Vanagaite.



Pictured with Honey Sanusi (Citizenship Executive, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP)

Discover Risk Workshop - CII

Jo Richardson Sixth Form had the opportunity to take part in a Game of Risk produced by the Chartered Institute of Insurers. The Year 12 Sixth Formers made the most of their opportunity. The students were split into five teams, in each of the two sessions, and had to deliver their decisions on how real the risk was in the scenario given and how much impact it would have if it did happen. Each scenario mirrored events that have taken



place in the world and produced some thought provoking discussions. Students began to realise that in the world of insurance all areas have to be thought of and covered!! Would anyone have thought that Michael Jackson would not be able to perform – due to dying – the insurance company that covered the gigs did! What about a film crew breaking both 3D cameras whilst filming to a tight 12 week schedule? Who could imagine a popstar slapping an interviewer around the face – how would that affect their image, reputation and record sales?

We were superbly supported by Mrs Brown in the Sixth Form, who just happens to be married to an Insurance Underwriter! She helped students become aware of all the things that could happen and look at the scale between possibly and probably!

After slow starts all teams got into the swing of it, picking up key words on the scenario cards which were giving clues to probability and impact. Both session winners, and several other teams scored over 100 points. All teams were getting high marks in the latter rounds, apart from a couple of slips, showing their understanding of Risk had increased.

Many thanks to the CII, for providing the resources for a fun learning activity.

Year 13 Leavers Thames River Cruise

Year 13 did it in style when they set sail down the Thames on Monday 21st May to celebrate the end of their time at Jo Richardson. An old fashioned red double decker bus picked up the party goers and rolled into town arriving at Temple Pier, in time to embark the “Golden Sunshine” River Boat. Dressed to impress our students walked along the walkway to our waiting boat, which was decorated in gold and black. Then with a reception drink in hand the students walked out onto the sundeck to start the evening as the boat cast off.

We could not have ordered better weather, calm breeze and glorious sunshine. As the sunset behind the sights of London, the night lights lit up some notable sightseeing points including Tower Bridge, The London Eye and Houses of Parliament.

Once the light faded the noise of the disco got London and the Thames jumping. Eventually the boat docked and our students faded into London after a wonderful evening out.

Congratulations and best wishes to all our Year 13.



Herbert Smith Freehills Scholarship



Thursday 17th May saw three students attend the HSF Scholarship Interview workshop at the London Head Office in Liverpool Street.

Doyin Ekuntuyi; Imran Sangha and Erjon Uraj have all made it through to the interview stage of the prestigious scholarship opportunity.

At the workshop they heard from HSF Human Resources Department about the key elements needed to impress at interview, from the moment they leave their house to the end of the formal interview. Within the workshop they worked on some practice questions and developed some good scenarios with which to answer challenging questions.

All students have since had a practice interview with Mr Smith (Assistant Headteacher) and are ready for their formal ones which take place in the two weeks after half-term. If successful they will make the last 10 and have a formal group interview day after which the final five will make it onto the scholarship.

They have so far represented themselves and the school extremely well, and will no doubt shine in their interviews.

Miss Campbell
Deputy Director of Sixth Form

Sociology National Competition winner!

Amanda Daud who studies A Level Sociology here at Jo Richardson Community School has won the prestigious National British Sociological Association Award (BSA). The competition is open to A Level students across the entire country who are tasked with writing a 2000 word essay entitled 'What can Sociology contribute to the debate about Fake News'. Amanda was presented with her prize - an IPAD mini and a £250 cheque for Jo Richardson School by representatives from the BSA, including the judge, Aaron Winter from UEL on Thursday 24th May.



Amanda has received an offer from Cambridge University to study Human, Social and Political Sciences and is hoping to secure her place there and begin her studies in October. Amanda stated that 'I have a keen interest in writing essays and expanding my knowledge of various topics and so the opportunity to research fake news in greater depth in relation to sociology propelled me to enter the competition. Winning the competition has fuelled my excitement to conduct wider reading at Cambridge University when undertaking my degree'.

At Jo Richardson we are extremely proud of Amanda. She is a hardworking, dedicated and passionate student of Sociology and to win such a prestigious award is a magnificent achievement.

Mrs Evans
Deputy Director of Sixth Form & Sociology Teacher

Sixth Form Rome-Berlin Trip

In May, our class had the wonderful opportunity to go to Rome and Berlin as part of our A-Level History course. We had time to walk (and sometimes run) around these cities, rome-ing the streets and exploring their rich histories. The hot weather meant that we always had a place in the sun whilst we were there, and the Italian pizza and German sausage made the whole trip wurst-while!



A few highlights were the Sistine Chapel, wandering around Rome's tranquil streets at night and, in contrast, the chaotic but brilliant Hofbrauhaus in Berlin, made truly unforgettable by Mr Hinchliffe's dancing.

We all miss it already!

Abigail Hall - Year 13

SMSC PE

Congratulations Wolves

Well done and congratulations to our cheerleading team The JRCS Wolves who competed at the London Excel Centre on Friday 23rd March and came home with the Gold award.

Mrs Demetriou
Pastoral Support Assistant



Inspired Through Sport #GIVINGBACK Athlete Support Programme



On Friday 8th June half of Year 7 took part in the Inspired Through Sport Great British Athlete visit. Inspired Through Sport are a charity who support GB athletes with appearances in schools to help fund expensive training, travel and nutrition cost. Without charities like this many athletes do not reach their full potential due to a lack of funding. Many of the Year 7 students have been busy collecting sponsorship money, 50% of all money collected goes back into Jo Richardson and towards new sports equipment, the other half goes towards supporting our GB athletes.

We were fortunate enough to meet British Wrestling Champion Chloe Spiteri! Chloe reaching the finals in the London 2012 Olympics and also represented England in the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games!

On the day the students received an inspirational assembly from Chloe where she spoke about her challenges and achievements, fitness coaching sessions led by Chloe herself and finally an athlete Q/A.

The students ended the day feeling inspired and motivated to reach their sporting potential!

Miss Emeny
Teacher of PE

Athletics Season



The athletics season kicked off with a well-attended training session on the evening of Thursday 26th April. The PE staff were out in full force offering coaching in all running, throwing and jumping events. Borough athletics this year will be held at the Jim Peters stadium, Mayesbrook Park on 25th June for Years 7 and 8 and 2nd July for Years 9 and 10. We have also arranged athletics meets against Eastbrook and Dagenham Park to prepare for the main event.

If you are interested in representing the school in any athletics event then please attend training on Thursdays after school and Mondays after school for Year 7 only.

Miss Boulton
Head of PE

Year 7 and 8 Athletics

On Monday 25th June the Year 7 and 8 athletics teams represented JRCS at this years Borough Athletic Competition. Despite the very hot conditions all four teams put in an amazing performance and 100% effort. A special mention goes to the Year 7 girls relay team who came 2nd across the whole borough and Charlie Richardson in Year 8 who beat the schools 100m record.



Overall results out of 12 schools –
Year 7 Boys- 5th - Year 7 Girls- 6th
Year 8 Girls 4th - Year 8 Boys- 4th

Thank you to all students who took part and indoor athletics will resume in September.

Miss Pridie
Acting Head of Year 10 & Teacher of PE



Year 7 Rounder's Match v Eastbury



Year 7's had two rounder's matches against Eastbury A and B in June. The girls were very nervous to start with as it was their first competitive match. However, the girls played fantastically and beat Eastbury B 8 ½ - 7. They then went on to beat Eastbury A 8-6. A special mention to Lola for her fantastic fielding skills and Destiny for scoring 4 rounder's!

Miss Emeny
PE Department

Year 7 Rounder's Rally

Twelve Year 7 students were invited to the Women's World Cup Hockey festival at the Queen Elizabeth Park, Stratford. The festival was set up to encourage local children and their schools to play more hockey.

The day started with the exclusive chance to watch the England women play Spain in a warm up match ahead of the Vitality Women's Hockey World Cup!

The match was very exciting and England beat Spain 5-1. Students then got the opportunity to meet the team and many students had their PE shirts signed by the athletes. The girls then participated in a mini hockey tournament against other local school. Prize winners on the day were: Anastasia Odame-Kwakye, Alice O'Leary and Destiny Rosier Welsh for their hard work and determination in every game they played.

The girls left the festival feeling inspired and wanting to join their local hockey club.

Miss Emeny
PE Department



Year 8 Girls Rounders Team

Congratulations to the Year 8 girls rounders team who came 5th in this years borough competition. The girls faced a tough competition against the likes of Robert Clack, Riverside and Eastbury.

Abiola Yusuf produced some great rounders and Sammi Lai produced some great bowling through the whole tournament. All nine girls have had a fantastic rounders' season despite lots of games being rescheduled.

Well done to all girls that took part and training will resume next Tuesday.

Miss Pridie
Acting Head of Year 10 & Teacher of PE

Year 8 Borough Cricket Tournament

Congratulations to the Year 8 cricket team for their participation in the Year 8 borough 6-a-side cricket on Tuesday 26th June. All of the students improved on their performance from last year as they managed to beat Eastbrook School but unfortunately were narrowly defeated by Sydney Russell and Barking Abbey. Well done to everyone who took part and hopefully we can go one step further next year: Jack Weston 8E, Ronnie Russell 8D, Joshua Sams 8A, Waleed Rafique 8J, Abrar Sikder 8I, Maisie Letherbridge 8G and Ameer Mohamed 8F.

Mr Howard
PE Department

Year 9 Borough Rounders Rally

The Year 9 rounders girls participated in the Borough Rounders Rally on Friday 22nd June at Robert Clack School. We played three matches in the group stages beating Robert Clack B team and Warren convincingly and losing narrowly to Dagenham Park. We progressed through to the semi-finals and played Robert Clack A who we eventually lost to 7 rounders to our 3. We met Sydney Russell in the 3rd/4th play-off and despite our best fielding efforts we could not catch their lead and ended up coming 4th in the competition.



Well done to all the girls involved.

Miss Boulton
Head of PE

JRCS Sports Leaders

Year 9 students experienced their first leadership experience over at James Cambell Primary, as a taster for the Sports Leaders

Course they could potentially enrol on in September. The students helped run Sports Days on Thursday 22nd and Tuesday 26th for Year 1 - Year 4 children. Our leaders did an excellent job and all of the Cambell children loved their Sports Day, it was definitely hard to tell this was our students' first time leading.



A huge well done from Mr Coupland!

Year 7 Borough Cricket

On Thursday 21st June the Year 7 cricket team took part in the borough 6-a-side tournament at the May and Baker Cricket Club. Considering it was the boys first ever cricket tournament they did fantastically well to finish 3rd overall, with some excellent wins over Greatfield School and Dagenham Park. Congratulations to everyone who took part:

Paa Kwesi Boateng 7F, Daniel Morton 7B,
Levi Ball 7D, Jamil Lartey 7D, Dylan Stevens 7E, Ishaak Choudhury 7A and Ashton Hedge-Dominique 7G.

Mr Howard
Second in PE

SMSC D of E

Congratulations to 30 recipients of D of E awards from the JRCS Family

I was extremely proud to be present at The Broadway Theatre Barking on Monday 23rd April for the annual Barking and Dagenham Duke of Edinburgh Award Celebration event. This year the school had another record number of recipients: eighteen Bronze awards three Silver awards, and seven Gold awards. Two members of staff who support D of E, Mr Kilminster and Mr Hargreaves, also received awards in recognition of their efforts, they were supported in this by Mr Dignam and to raised over £300 for the D of E charity. The students and ex-students receiving awards were:



Bronze award: Jovan Nenadovic and Daniel Gill 11A, Liz Mwaura, Esther Aluko and Yewande Oginni 11B, Edward Stemarthe, Temi Oluwole and Faizaan Mahmood 11C, Emily Fawsitt, Ryan Maun and Lauren Simson 11D, Davaughn Smith 11F, Filip Fois, Billy Smith and Nathan Rehmat 11H

Silver award: Teri Keenan 12D, and Jyotika Ahtty and Georgina Hart (both ex-students),

Gold award: Billy Simson and Stephanie Taylor (ex-students), Gabriele Sartauskaite and Moyin Adetoye 13B, Aiesha Francis, Maryam Heydari and Kelechi Ogbonna 13D.

We were also very proud to see Harry Ely and Seidu Salifu 11A (pictured above with John Amaechi OBE, NBA star and D of E Trustee) who both received their Bronze awards which they completed through Trinity School.

I really hope that all of these students will tell future employers and teachers about their achievements, and be really proud of them. Through completing their awards they have discovered and followed their passions, learned their strengths and gained a sense of achievement and recognised accreditation for their commitment. As John Amaechi OBE, who presented the awards said these young people are truly inspirational and surely the leaders of our community and further afield whom we should look to for the future.

Silver D of E group brave the drizzle and fog on the South Downs!

All the Year 11 students who attended the Silver D of E practice expedition over the Easter break were awarded an LOC for establishing resilience following their fantastic efforts and cheerful resolve come rain or shine. The weather and conditions were not always especially helpful, but there was no complaining these students showed excellent team spirit during their 6 - 7 hour walks each day, and also when organising themselves in and around camp.



On their second day they encountered the Long Man of Wilmington picked out in chalk on the hillside. They also walked over four of the Seven Sisters, the famous chalk cliffs on the Sussex

coast. This will hopefully prepare them for the ups and downs of trekking across the southern half of the Isle of Wight later this term.

They are to be congratulated on their good humour throughout and deserve every success in their qualifying expedition in July. The Year 11 students involved were: Daniel Gill and Jovan Nenadovic 11A, Esther Aluko, Liz Mwaura and Emma Smith, 11B, Joe McKay, Temi Oluwole and Edward Stemarthe 11C, and Lauren Simson 11D. Thanks also go to Mr Hill and Bill Lockton who assisted with the trip, and without whom the trip would not have been possible.

D of E Bronze group establish resilience!



On Friday and Saturday 11th and 12th May the Year 10 bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award group completed their practice expedition in the Lea Valley and Enfield area.

They set a good pace on the Friday afternoon and arrived in camp in good time to set up their tents and cook a meal. The groups arranged their meals eating together and sharing their food which made life in camp a lot more sociable. Some late evening rain sent them all off to bed in good time to recoup their strength for Saturday's walk.



The groups worked hard getting themselves ready to leave on Saturday, they had to make breakfast and get everything, including tents, back into their bags. It started to rain at lunchtime on Saturday and the rain gradually got heavier as the afternoon went on, however both groups made it to the finish

point in Trent Park, tired but pleased with their efforts and with resilience firmly established. An LOC is well deserved by all!

The students involved are to be congratulated on their excellent behaviour and willingness to learn from their experiences throughout the two days, they were complimented by the camp site hosts on their politeness and good behaviour which made me very proud.

The names of the brilliant Year 10 Bronze D of E group are Silviu Ionescu 10A, Klaidas Runele and James David 10D, Jack Waiharo 10E, Ire Ajala and Plamedi Mateus 10F, Logan Grain 10G, and Luke Craigie and Shanise Garner 10H. Huge thanks also to Mr Kilminster and Mr Hill for their patient guidance and support with each group throughout the weekend, we would all have been genuinely lost without them.

It only remains for me to wish the students all the very best with their qualifying expedition in on the 8th and 9th of June 2018!

Ex-students receive Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards at Buckingham Palace

On Thursday 24th May Mr Hargreaves and I attended a Gold Award Presentation event in the gardens of Buckingham Palace, where two ex-students from Jo Richardson received their Gold Award certificates.

We met Sophie Countess of Wessex, who spoke to the young people receiving their awards and to Mr Hargreaves about his participation in the Diamond Award. Shirley Ballas (Head Judge of 'Strictly Come Dancing') spoke about her life and background in dance and she also presented the certificates to the young people. The ex-students receiving their awards



were Stephanie Taylor, who now works for the DofE in their London Office and Billy Simson, who is completing a degree and serving an apprenticeship with Transport for London.

It was also lovely to meet Stephanie and Billy's guests, Mr Taylor, Stephanie's father, and Billy's Grandad Ron.

It was a wonderful occasion and a very enjoyable celebration. Congratulations to Billy and Stephanie on their considerable achievements in completing the five sections of their award. Hopefully they will inspire many more Jo Richardson students to follow in their footsteps.



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Year 10 Bronze complete qualifying expedition

It was a real pleasure to be with the Year 10 bronze group completing their qualifying expedition on 8th and 9th June. This group had worked really hard in the run up to this weekend to make sure that they were well prepared and ready for the challenge of their two day walk through the Essex countryside. They set out just after midday on the Friday from the edge of Wanstead flats and headed north into Epping Forest – well they did most of the time except when one group decided to ignore their compass and went a little off track. However, they did work out where they were, and both groups eventually made their way to the campsite at High Beech before dark (just). Despite the fact that they had had a long and exhausting trek on the Friday, both groups were up bright and early and ready to face Day 2. Everyone was packed and away from the site by 9:00am, a great achievement on a bronze expedition. Both groups again had a few navigation challenges on Day 2, but I always say that if you don't get lost and sort out where you are you never really learn to navigate properly.



It was really nice to get some lovely feedback from Mr Eason who is an Assistant Headteacher at All Saints School and was with us to get his expedition assessor's qualification completed, he said of our students 'I enjoyed it and the kids are a credit to you. What a great bunch!' Congratulations to all of the students involved for their brilliant behaviour and fantastic demonstration of resilience, leadership, problem solving and teamwork throughout the weekend. The students involved were: Silviu Ionescu 10A, Klaidas Runele and James David both 10D, Jack Waiharo 10E, Ire Ajala and Plamedi Mateus both 10F, Logan Grain 10G and Luke Craigie and Shanise Garner both 10H. Congratulations and thanks also to Mr Kilminster who acted as assessor for one of the groups, and successfully completed his assessor's qualification alongside Mr Eason. Last but not least, many thanks to Mr Hargreaves who not only helped with supervising the students but oversaw both of the supported assessments.



Ms Montague
D of E Manager

SMSC Maths

Queen Mary University of London Trip

On Friday a group of Year 10 students went to Queen Mary University of London. Jonathan Oko, Larisa Cring, Klaidas Runele, Laveda Ogbemor, Shahriya Islam, Emmanuel Oduniyi, Iretomiwa Ajala, Joana Balla and Omone Akhabhau were given a taste of what it is like to study Maths at university and the careers Maths leads to.

Shahriya Islam 10B wrote the following about the trip:

On Friday we visited Queen Mary University in Mile End. It was a very enriching and educational trip that left a lasting impact on us. Within the trip we explored taking Maths as an option past GCSE, at both A level and university level. We discovered there are many choices that we could take, such as Actuarial Maths, Core Maths, and Pure Maths. Moreover, there is Maths with Management that applies real life scenarios to Maths making it a very good choice. We further discovered the value of Maths and what skills you gain that can be implemented and applied to other jobs for example being an Actuary.

Ultimately, the trip to the university was very enlightening and showed me the value of Maths and other STEM subjects and how highly it is valued by employers.

Shahriya Islam 10B

Maths Department

In April we entered students in set 1 in Years 7 and 8 for the UKMT National Maths Challenge. This is a national competition held by the UK Maths Trust. The competition challenges our most able students to apply their knowledge of Maths in some difficult problems. This is a difficult competition to achieve a certificate in, as students can be awarded negative scores for wrong answers. This year our Year 7's and 8's have performed extremely well, achieving 32 certificates. A special mention for Arturs Ieva who achieved a score of 98, almost qualifying for the next competition - the Junior Maths Olympiad (105). Well done Arturs!

Congratulations to:

Year 8:

Goda Valeisaite - Gold (best in the year group).

Mayowa Ogundele – Gold.

Filip Zajdler – Silver, Maddie Mortimer – Silver, Mariyah Tufael – Silver, Alex Adekeye – Silver.

Sammi Lai – Bronze, Muhammed Ali – Bronze, Rojs Dinsbergs – Bronze, Abrar Sikder – Bronze,

Subomi Olatunji – Bronze, Finley Savill – Bronze, Alba Nuhiallari – Bronze, Ali Dibra – Bronze,

Mayo Otufowora – Bronze, Dilan Ulozas – Bronze and Rebekah Ogunturin - Bronze

Year 7:

Arturs Ieva Gold (best in school and best in year group).

David Nenadovic – Silver.

Trisha Jadav – Bronze, Victory Ndibeonwuka – Bronze, Ellie Payne – Bronze, Kira Bath – Bronze,

Ishaak Choudhury – Bronze, Stacey Levitt – Bronze, Lucas Nafliu – Bronze, Mohammed Khalifa –

Bronze, Jake Gales – Bronze, Aisha Rashid – Bronze, Omolola Oloyede – Bronze, Lucy Davis –

Bronze and Alina Merkulova – Bronze.

Mrs Morris

Maths Department Director of Learning

SMSC Dance

A Level Dance Performance



The A level Dance students from JRCS performed at the Jack Petchey Award Ceremony on Thursday 26th April. Sade Akinyemi and Taylor Paul performed a mixture of repertoire from the professional dance piece Rooster by Christer Bruce. Their piece was very professional and they brought the theatre to life with applause from their beautiful performances.

Well done!

Broadway Youth Dance Showcase Performance

On Monday six different dance groups from JRCS performed at the Broadway Theatre in a celebration of all of dance work produced over the year throughout the borough. A level students, KS3, Upsurge (Primary Dance Company) and some of our Year 10 GCSE Dance students all performed with amazing energy and professionalism. The students were confident and represented the school with maturity and focus.

Huge congratulations to them on their hard work and continuing development in Dance.



Well Done to all students involved!

Miss England
Head of Dance

Rambert Educational Day

On Friday 15th June, 15 dance students across different year groups (A level, GCSE and Year 9) were given the unique opportunity to attend an Educational Day at Rambert Dance Studios. Rambert is Britain's oldest and one of the world's most renowned dance companies.

The students were able to access archive materials such as costumes, programmes, original footage and interviews from work they have studied and choreographer's they analyse in class. They were given a tour of the building, watching professionals

in class, witnessing costume designers at work and looking through costumes that span from their earlier works to current pieces in Rambert's amazing costume cupboard.

The students also took part in a dance workshop on of the company's most recent works. The students had an excellent day; they were hardworking and engaged throughout, taking away fundamental knowledge on dance history and additional vocational roles in the dance industry.

Miss England
Head of Dance



The Great War Centenary Dance Performance

JRCS Dance Students led a mass group performance last Thursday paying homage to the Great War Centenary. Fourteen KS3 JRCS Dance students led over 500 students from all over the borough at Jim Peters Stadium. The piece was striking and very moving and all the students demonstrated a huge amount of respect and performed beautifully. The students have worked on this project since the beginning of the year and we are extremely proud of their dedication and hard work.

Miss England
Head of Dance



The Cultural Education Partnership Conference

Ten students from KS3 attended the Cultural Education Partnership Conference. The students had the opportunity to voice their opinions on what they would like available to them in the Borough in terms of the arts/culture. They were able to be part of discussions regarding exciting future opportunities that the Borough has in mind such as applying for the 'London Borough of Culture bid', which would help put Barking and Dagenham on the map for its creativity, culture and art.



KS3 Dance- East London Youth Dance workshop

A number of KS3 students attended a workshop with artist from East London Youth Dance in July; they worked extremely hard and produced some powerful choreography. Many of the students have been encouraged to attend the company auditions on Saturday 14th October 10.30am-4pm at the University of East London.



Miss England
Head of Dance

hairspray

One of the most important things about the range of opportunities we offer at JRCS is our musical productions we put on every two years. This year we saw a wonderful production of the musical 'Hairspray' which involved students from Year 7 into The Sixth Form. They have worked extremely hard over the past six months to produce a hugely entertaining show which was a credit to their efforts. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of staff who gave up their time to support this fantastic show.



Many thanks to everyone involved.

Miss England
Head of Dance

Isaac Akinyemi 7J in BGT Final

Massive congratulations to Isaac Akinyemi in 7J for reaching the finals of Britain's Got Talent alongside his fellow dancers in DVJ. Isaac has been extremely humble with his achievements and has many goals that he wants to achieve both as a performer and choreographer. Isaac is already back in the JRCS Dance Studio working on a piece for the Borough Youth Dance Platform at the Broadway Theatre on Monday 25th June.



We are so proud of Isaac and are very excited to see his future achievements.

Well done Isaac!

Miss England and the Dance Department

SMSC English

Macbeth Performance

On Friday 4th May a theatre company called The Globe Players performed 'Macbeth' to all KS4 students. As Shakespeare wrote the play as a performance piece, the English team were determined to give students the opportunity to study the play from the perspective of a Jacobean audience, which is a key skill students may apply in their exams. For our students in Year 10, this provided an exciting introduction to the play and enables them to understand the key themes explored by Shakespeare before they study the text next year. In the afternoon, Year 11 were able to fully engage with the different performance aspects of the play, encouraging students to explore the text through multiple interpretations. Undoubtedly, it will be an invaluable source to draw upon so close to their upcoming GCSEs.

At the end of both performances, the cast invited the students and staff to ask any questions about the play or performance. Student questions were extremely thoughtful and showed a great depth of understanding and engagement with the performance. The production team complimented the school for how well-behaved, mature and engaged they were on the day, which is an absolute delight to hear.



Most certainly, seeing 'Macbeth' performed on the stage in a traditional Shakespearean layout has allowed JRCS students to access the play in greater depth and consider different productions of the play. We encourage all students to use their experience of this performance in their upcoming exams, not only to elevate their analysis and help improve their overall GCSE grade, but also to show their independent engagement with the text outside of their studies.

Thank you to all staff and students who were involved, helping to make the day a huge success. We look forward to inviting The Globe Players back in the future!

Miss Smith
English Department

Right to Write Reward Trip

Throughout the year, students have been working extremely hard on their Right to Write projects. An impressive array of work was submitted across all subjects, ranging from a creative monologue based on a character from Charles Dickens' 'Great Expectations' to beautifully illustrated essays about famous people in French and interesting commentaries for Physical Education based on news stories.



Students were selected across all departments for their hard work and dedication to participate in the reward trip, alongside the Literacy Leaders who have been working extremely hard throughout the year to ensure the Right to Write scheme runs smoothly. As a reward for their outstanding

work, students from Years 7, 8 and 9 travelled to The British Library and took part in a creative writing workshop hosted by a professional writer. They were invited to draw inspiration from the 'Windrush Stories' exhibition, using images and artefacts to inspire their creative writing.

After the exhibition, students enjoyed creating their own character based around what they had seen on the tour. The pieces of work they produced were extremely impressive, showing a breadth of vocabulary and perceptive ideas. It is clear that Right to Write has helped students to challenge their own independent thinking as the students' work was skilfully crafted.

It really was an action-packed day and the students rose to the challenge – they not only impressed their teachers but also our workshop leader, who commented on their creative flair and impeccable behaviour. Right to Write has been a brilliant success for all students across the school and we continue to see a great improvement in KS3 literacy, which then enables students to rise to the challenge of KS4 with academic vigour and creative zeal.

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 projects over the next academic year.

Please find some wonderful extracts from students' work below:

All around me, people were cheering. I was hardly visible amongst the tall adults; it reminded me of the huge waves that would knock me over back home. I was surrounded not only by people, but by screams; screams of excitement. Although my eardrums felt as though they would explode any second, I joined the screaming. Suddenly, I felt that overwhelming sense of reality: I was coming home. To my real home.

Monica Pavlova, 7C

Harsh winds, harsher than the gentle gusts back home, blowing my hair in a wild frenzy. The smell of the air was colder and seemed sinister, cruel. I heard the waves crash onto the sides of the ship like they were trying to throw me off.

Safa Saleem, 7C

As I stand between the waves of suitcases much alike, I wonder about the rights waiting for me. I have dreamt of a job for so long, craved for a place to call my own – eyes open to opportunities, closed to this illusion... Alone in a golden land, arriving to my hopes at last.

Megan McCabe, 8F

"I am what you and your mother are. I am what your aunt's and uncle's are. I am what our family always was. I am what I realise England wishes the worst of misery upon," a tear trickled down his cheek as he waited. "I am black."

Iteli Mulumna Ntambwa, 8E

I want to feel the comfort of my family, I want to hear my brother laughing, I want to taste freedom, I want to see everyone having fun and I want to smell the mouth-watering food. But I will never get the chance to again... What are your hopes and dreams?

Laurissa Owen, 9C

As I walk down this long, bright road, there is no one in sight. All I can see are the trees and they are so big... There are so many beautiful flowers back home... All could I feel now was the bitter cold.

Angel Campbell, 9C

My new story starts here. The people who took us to England changed out IDs to suit the country... I could taste the air, the unfamiliar scents in this new location. What will the houses in the new town look like?

Morgan Smith, 7C

Miss Smith
Right to Write Co-ordinator

SMSC PDE

Royal Courts of Justice and Old Bailey GCSE Citizenship Trip

On Monday 21st May 54 Year 10 GCSE Citizenship students had the opportunity to visit the Royal Courts of Justice. The GCSE students have just completed Theme C: Law and the Justice unit in class and this trip consolidated their learning. The visit included a walking tour which provided students with some history behind the justice system and its progression over time. In the afternoon they had an excellent opportunity to sit in on cases at the Old Bailey ranging from immigration fraud, careless driving (which resulted in a death and a murder trial).



Thank you to Miss Paul, Mr Coupland and Miss Mambuini for accompanying the Citizenship Department on the trip because without them it would not have been possible.

Ms Hector
Head of PDE and Citizenship

SMSC Design & Technology

BTEC Construction Trip to New Aberfeldy Village Construction Site

The DT Department had the pleasure of visiting a new construction site in Poplar to allow students to get first-hand knowledge of an actual working construction site. The representatives at the site, Willmott Dixon, were very impressed with the students because they had insightful and thought-through questions to ask. This was very informative and will benefit their understanding of exam topics they will cover.



Construction Career Presentation

On Monday 14th May our Year 10 Construction students were fortunate to participate in a career presentation arranged by Charlene Richardson of the Construction Youth Organisation for Barking and Dagenham. Lisa Jennings from Mulalley's Employment and Training, Dave Wake from the Construction Industry Training Board, a Site Manager and a Quantity Surveyor Apprentice both from Mulalley's all gave an insight of the many different types of career roles in Construction and which ways to get into the Industry.



The Students asked lots of interesting questions and will benefit from this presentation and hopefully enjoy future careers in Construction.

If you think you might be interested in a career in construction (it does not have to be site work), please feel free to speak to me in the DT Department

Mrs Simson
Construction Technician

SMSC History

Year 7 Theatre Trip

Since January, Year 7 students have been part of a project in London which was organised by The Holocaust Educational Trust. Students have been reading '*The Children of Willesden Lane*' in form time which is a true story about a young girl, Lisa Jura who settled in London as part of the Kindertransport scheme in the Second World War, she settled in London after escaping persecution in Vienna. This year is the 80th anniversary of the Kindertransport which saved 10,000 Jewish children between 1939 and 1945.



On Tuesday 12th June the sun was out and Year 7 students travelled to central London and had lunch in St James's Park. We then went to Central Hall Westminster and watched the performance of '*The Children of Willesden Lane*' which was told through images, readings and music performed by the daughter of Lisa Jura, Mona Golabek. The Holocaust Educational Trust's aim is to ensure that the stories and experiences of kindertransport refugees, and refugees around the world, are remembered and shared far and wide.

Miss White
History Department

Lessons from Auschwitz

Every year the History Department work alongside The Holocaust Educational Trust to provide two students from Year 13 the opportunity to participate in the Lessons from Auschwitz Project. The students visit Poland to be a witness to what took place at Auschwitz-Birkenau. Many students express this as a "life-changing experience" and then return to pass on the lessons they have learned to their peers and their wider community.

This year Abigail Hall and Ruxandra Ilie returned from their experience and engaged with the Year 7 cohort through workshops in English to highlight the inaccuracies of the Boy in the Striped Pyjamas and homework activities in History where students researched an individual Holocaust survivor.

Miss White
History Department



SMSC Drama



**Jo Richardson Community School
presents.....**

hairspray

The Musical



**Performances:
3rd, 4th and 5th July 2018**

**Doors open at 6:45pm,
performances start at
7:00pm prompt**

**Tickets on sale from
Monday 25th June,
£6 Adult / £4 Child**

**Allocated seating for
these performances**

HAIRSPRAY The Broadway Musical

Music by Marc Shaiman. Book by Mark O'Donnell, Thomas Meehan. Lyrics by Scott Wittman, Marc Shaiman

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe)

All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe www.mtishows.co.uk

Based on the New Line Cinema film written and directed by JOHN WATERS

SMSC Science

JRCS and Ogden Trust Physics Olympics 2018

50 students from Jo Richardson Community School, Seven Kings High School and Eastbury Community School gathered at Jo Richardson Community School to pit their wits against each other in the JRCS Physics Olympics 2018. Teams of 4-5 students competed and gained points in a series of challenges, the winners being the teams with the highest cumulative points at the end of the day.

Students tried their hand at solving five Physics based practical problems throughout the day, guided and judged by Physics Sixth Form students from the Southern Consortium Sixth Form.

The Challenges:

Motor Madness

Students used a magnet, a cell and some copper wire to attempt to create a homopolar motor. The longest-lasting and fastest-turning motors were awarded the most points.

Drone Dilema

Teams used drones to haul a payload over a set distance. The most accurate landing and largest payload carried gained most points.

Boat challenge

The teams constructed a boat to carry the heaviest load possible with the resources available.

Balloon powered cars

Teams used available resources to make balloon powered cars. The fastest and furthest cars gained the most points.

Fermi quiz

Throughout the day the teams worked on estimating answers to simple, but challenging problems such as *How many metres of spaghetti would be needed if all of the children in a school had spaghetti Bolognese for lunch?*

Every school that was represented had a team on the podium, each taking home a prize pack for their excellent and highly competitive performances at the games.



STEM trip to Kew Gardens

On Thursday 5th July, a group of Year 9 students went on a trip up to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew as a reward trip for their hard work on their CREST projects. Students visited The Palm House where they observed many food crops we depend on such as banana, macadamia nut, cacao tree and pepper. They walked along the treetop walkway and were amazed at the scale and beauty of the trees. Students also visited the recently re-opened Temperate House which was once the largest glasshouse in the world and contains 10,000 plants of 1,500 species. Finally, they visited the Hive structure which was inspired by scientific research into the health of bees. Overall students enjoyed the day and were inspired by the many types of plants at Kew Gardens.



Miss O'Neill
Science Department

SMSC Student Development

Kwik Cricket Competition

On Wednesday 23rd May nine students from Year 7 and 8 took part in an inclusive Kwik Cricket competition at Lister School in Newham. The students played very well as a team and were very supportive of each other, and showed lots of enthusiasm. The team won their first game against St Angela's and were also victorious in the second game against Sarah Bonnell School. In their final game they came up against the fast bowlers of Lister School who went on to win the competition as a whole.



Congratulations to all the students who took part for their very sporting behaviour and energetic participation. The students involved were: Robyn Parker and Stacey Levitt 7H, Porsha Swann 7I, Ayse Buttery 7J, Tristan Filbert 8A, Eniola Koleowo and Lewis Chilver 8C, Lewis Scarff and Maisie Lethbridge 8G. A big thank you also goes to Mr Bashir who accompanied the trip.

London Panathlon Champions for a record third year running!

On Thursday 14th June seven students from Jo Richardson participated in the Barking and Dagenham team, alongside students from schools across the borough, who were competing in the London Champions Final of the Panathlon Competition at the Copper Box in the Olympic Park. I am delighted to say that every student who took part from Jo Richardson came away with a gold medal. We were competing against the boroughs of Sutton, Enfield and Croydon who had all won their London Regional Competitions.



Congratulations to all the students on their brilliant performances: Reece Ward 9F and Victor Oso 8H, who were victorious in the power wheelchair slalom, Tristan Filbert 8A who won all of his matches in Polybat, Harvey Amparheng 7F who achieved some great shots taking his part in the Table Cricket team, and Eniola Koleowo, Lewis Chilver, and Leticha Cabral (all 8C), who ran superbly in the running races that concluded the competition. No borough has ever won this competition three years in a row, so in addition to winning we are also record holders now!



We also met three famous paralympians who were there to present the medals and inspire the young people, Liz Johnson who is a Paralympic swimmer who competed in the 2012 games in London, Steve Brown who competes in wheelchair basketball and also works regularly as a TV presenter and last but by no means least Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson, who is a British politician, television presenter and former wheelchair racer who has won 16 Paralympic Gold medals. Many thanks to Mr Kilminster who is a wonderful supporter of the team, and who came along on the trip and drove the bus.



Panathlon activities are open to all students and our club takes place every Wednesday and Friday lunchtime 1:30 – 2pm. If you would like to find out more about Panathlon and perhaps try out for the team next year, please come along, it would be great to see you!

Ms Montague
Teacher in SDD

SMSC Year 8

8B Assembly on the Pressures of School life!

As part of the assembly programme in Year 8 each form completes an assembly on a topic of their choice. 8B decided to use a variety of methods including a PowerPoint, Kick up challenge and Drama performances to explore the pressures of school life. This was a fantastic show of understanding from the students and I was immensely proud of their achievements.

It was great to see the form consider the range of pressures on young people today. For example, they explored the pressure of exams for students in Year 11 by conducting a drama piece based on a student feeling that they had to copy someone else's answers. Additionally, the student then explored the issues of peer pressure and the pressure to perform by getting two reluctant volunteers to complete a 'kick-up' challenge. A fantastic display of how our everyday lives can impact on our social and emotional feelings!



CSE Assembly

In Year 8 we have been exploring Child Sexual Exploitation to ensure that our year group are prepared for the challenges that any single one of them could face. Ms Salih produced and delivered a wonderful assembly on CSE and gave a brought overview of the topic, we then followed this through by watching a video and having a discussion around this during our form time. Year 8 responded very well to this and have since asked more questions and pondered the topic further in the Sex and Relationships topics in PDE. Very mature responses from Year 8!



How does this happen?

- Attention
- Gifts, money, alcohol, drugs
- Feeling like an adult
- Pretends to listen and be on their side

MYTH	FACT
It only counts as child sexual exploitation if the young person has been physically assaulted.	CSE doesn't always mean physical contact, and can happen online as well as in real life.

Learn The Facts About Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
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Who does this happen to?

- Any young person
 - Boys as well as girls
 - All backgrounds
 - All experiences – not just 'problem children' or 'problem families'
- One thing in common.....

IT IS NOT THEIR FAULT

Going for Gold group!

Ms Salih has taken a small focus group of students this term and nurtured their excellence to become outstanding. This started with them making promises to themselves (pictured) and reflecting on who they are and who they wish to be. This has developed a real resilience within the group, getting the students to reflect on their additional efforts throughout the work and work out their own gaps in development.

As a group, they have grown in maturity as well as no students moving down from Silver in their report ranking and 5 moving up into that idyllic Gold after just one half term! Fantastic work!



Diversity Board

A group of Year 8 girls have been working very hard collating photos, flags and quotes for a brand new board on Main Street that celebrates diversity! As you can see in the image with this article, they have done a wonderful job of showing their appreciation to the wealth of cultural diversity here at JRCS.



Youth Parliament

I am incredibly proud of Megan McCabe (8F) who has taken the time to email a representative from the Youth Parliament team to find out how she can be involved. I am sure you will see why when you read the below! Well done Megan on Aspiring to be your absolute best.

Dear Ms Bridge,

My name is Megan McCabe, I am 13 years old and I currently attend Jo Richardson Community School in Dagenham. I have been increasingly interested in Youth Parliament due to my work as a form representative and I believe that you would be the best person to contact to find out more about how to get involved. With the support and backing of my Head of Year I thought it was best to send an email to yourself, she is CC'd into the email (Miss Draisey).

In preparation for this email I have investigated a little more about Youth Parliament and I now understand that members of youth parliament (MYP's) are elected annually in the UK and there are

currently 100s of MYP's. I have read that during their term of office MYP's work with their local MP's, decision makers, councillors and local youth groups on the issues of greatest concern to their constituents. I would very much like to get involved as I personally have a strong drive to work with others to initiate positive change in my school, borough and country. For example, I would like to get involved as I find the diverse issues linked with democracy fascinating and believe that some policies formed by MP's in state and others overseas are critical to implant but controversial as there is no such thing as perfection. Unfortunately, the level of government funding often means that such policies are never fully implemented.

I also enjoy fundraising, as unexciting as it may sound and probably irrelevant helping the community in more than an emotional and verbal form by promising support rather than physically showing it. I would love to use my passion for fundraising to improve standards in my borough by 'topping up' current funding shortages. I know that as a young person in the borough I have a wealth of ideas, but I do not know who to approach to have these concerns/ideas heard outside of school. I believe that this is due to the media portrayal of young people, especially in my area of Barking and Dagenham that prevents our young people from pushing themselves to do more and have their say in politics. I have questioned adults when they say we are a failed generation and would not wish to work under us in a democratic way, as we all supposedly do not represent the values of traditional democracy. However, I do not believe to be true as with new generations come innovative ideas for development, change and inspiration awaiting recognition.

This links aptly to my next concern, as I feel younger generations are stereotyped further by the media and older generations. We need to learn to respect the views of others to move to prevent such atrocities as the rising number of knife and acid crimes in the capital. These statistics provide people with the idea that all youths walk around in hoodies carrying knives listening to rap music, two of which are social trends as there have been many trends of clothing style and music before ours but we must prevent knives and negative criteria becoming an accessory to our generation. As the youth of today, we are at the heart of the future and we need people like myself to stand up for what that future can look like if only the older generations believe in us.

If I had the opportunity to get involved I would be very keen to help my local community, as well as across the whole of the country, as united we are more powerful than any before us, paving the foundations for the equality we all deserve and need.

Yours sincerely,

Megan McCabe

SMSC Year 9

9E's Interform reward trip

Throughout the year 9E have worked extremely hard to achieve their full potential. They have worked together as a team to ensure that they constantly challenge themselves and aspire to reach beyond their academic and personal goals. We have had numerous Gold Seagull Awards and an abundance of credits and LOCs. As well as this, students from 9E have been recognised for their dedication across the school for their Right to Write projects and their commitment or extra-curricular activities.

Many students in 9E have participated in activities outside of school, whether that be in the form of performing dance routines or participating in tournaments for volleyball and football. 9E also has students who are talented in skills such as music as they take frequent lessons and contribute to school performances. I could go on with the list of marvellous qualities and skills that 9E share but, above all, their greatest strength is their unity and it is their sense of comradery that helped them to win the Year 9 Interform Competition for the third year in a row.



As a reward for their hard work throughout the year, 9E went to Barking Better Extreme and were given a chance to test their athleticism and bouncing skills at the trampoline park. All students had a fantastic and well-deserved day. Thank you to 9E for continuing to be such a wonderful group of students who come to school with great enthusiasm and positivity each day! Thank you also to staff who accompanied 9E on the trip, Ms Duncan, Mr Kersey and Mr Coupland.

Miss Smith
Tutor of 9E

SMSC Media Studies

Emilija meets Taylor!

Year 12 Media Student Emilija Vanagaite was recently contacted by Taylor Swift's management company (Taylor Nation), to attend a private meeting with the pop star at her recent Wembley Arena concert. Emilija's social media appreciation and constant loyalty to the pop star really paid off as she was picked from billions of super fans across the globe to come face to face with her idol, Taylor Swift! She even got to meet the lovely broadcaster Kate Garraway from Good Morning Britain!



Emilija is hoping to study Journalism with Media at degree level, so we think it's amazing that she is already making the right contacts in a fabulous industry!

Miss Butler
Head of Media Studies

SMSC Student Voice

JRCS supports WE Charity

At the end of last term I spoke in front of teachers from across London about the work that JRCS does for the charity WE. The aim of the event was to inspire teachers to bring social action into their own schools, to get students talking about issues like education, poverty and the need for clean water. Our work on campaigns such as 'We Are Silent', where hundreds of students had the opportunity to march in silence on behalf of a cause they cared about, were used as examples of how social action can make school an experience that goes far beyond classrooms and exams. I hope that that passion for social action will be part of Jo Richardson for a very long time.

Abigail Hall 13B

Water Walk



Many of our students involved in Student Voice are involved in working alongside the charity We UK. Over the past few months our student action teams have been organising a Water Walk; a march to highlight the plight of 2.1 billion people in the world who don't have access to clean water.

Our Water Walk took place on Friday 27th April and involved 68 students who made banners, t-shirts and posters.

We met two other schools from west London and walked around the Serpentine in Hyde Park. The weather was very wet but that didn't dampen our spirits. We sang and chanted and had great fun speaking to members of the public about why there is such a need for clean water around the globe. The people were really interested in what we were doing and it was great to be able to tell them facts and figures about why we were doing the walk.

Chloe Sealey 7J

SMSC Business

Year 12 BTEC Business Exam

Well done to the Year 12 BTEC Business students who sat their unit 2 exam on Tuesday 1st May. They worked really hard developing the six pages of research they needed on the vinyl record and music industry to prepare them for the exam on the day. They even went on a trip to Brick Lane to conduct primary research at a record shop. This timed controlled assessment is always a real challenge for the students, who we are confident will have done us proud.

Miss Wright and Team Business

SMSC Food & Catering

Cooking Club 2018

Last day in Cooking Club for Harry Ely, he has been a real star and I will miss him. The students had an enjoyable lesson and completed a great practical. They have been so dedicated to the Cooking Club, and have shown great commitment to it, they have also acquired good skills along the way. The students will be getting a LOC at the end.



Mr Hargreaves
Food and Catering

SMSC Art

GCSE Art trip to East London Student Shows

On Friday 29th June the Art Department took the Year 10 GCSE students to explore inspirational works exhibited by BA and MA students from London Metropolitan University. The exhibition gave a great insight into courses ranging from Product Design, Architecture, Fashion, Ceramics, Fine Art and more. JRCS students loved the standard of work on display and enjoyed being around the creative vibe of the East End, especially graffiti works. We also managed to visit the Truman Brewery, which held a vast photographic exhibition from University across the country. A very successful day giving our students a taste of what could become their future!

Miss Franz
Art Department



SMSC Music

Music Recital Evening – Tuesday 22nd May

Well done to all students who took part in our Recital Evening. The standard of performance was fantastic and it was great to see some debut performances as well as performances from some of our more experienced instrumentalists. Also, thank you to parents, staff members and fellow students in the audience for your support.

Students involved were as follows:

Filip Zajdler 8H, Arsel Aliaj 10H, Keira Christopher 7G, Harrison Whyte 9F, Elias Dragoi 8D, Chelsea Boanerges 8D, Ella Ayres 7D, Victoria Idahosa 7G, Hayley Stevens 7G and Chiara Fidami 8D

Music Department

