

# The Seagull



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Next week is Week 2

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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Jodie Chesney



Last weekend we received the tragic news that Jodie Chesney, who left JRCS in 2017, had been murdered in an unprovoked knife attack on Friday evening. We will remember Jodie as a positive, popular and happy member of our school community, she always gave her best and developed strong relationships with both her peers and school staff. She was an active member of our Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and went on to take her Silver award. She will be missed enormously and will forever remain a member of the JRCS community.

Our thoughts are with her family and friends at this time and today we took part in a wear purple for Jodie day in her memory and also to raise awareness about the terrible impact that knife crime can have in our community.

Next week we will be placing a book of condolence in our school library so that all members of the JRCS community can record their memories and thoughts about Jodie.

Please follow the link below to The Barking and Dagenham Post:

<https://t.co/IPohafTmwE>

Mr Smith  
Headteacher



## GENERAL NEWS

### Red Nose Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

We will be raising money for Red Nose Day Comic Relief which takes place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Students will be invited to come to school in non-school uniform and contribute £1 which will go to the charity. The theme is Mickey and Minnie Mouse wearing their red noses however, any famous cartoon character will be a good choice. If students do not want to dress up they may want to paint faces in the customary Red Nose Day way.

Please ensure that clothing is sensible, no vest tops, tops with straps or cropped tops should be worn. Shorts and skirts should be of an appropriate length. Students should not wear jewellery.

There will also be a 'tell a joke competition' to celebrate the comic element of fundraising which is such an important part of this event. Please support our students with this. Thank you in advance for supporting us to raise money for a worthy cause.

Ms Salih  
Assistant Headteacher

## Student's Forgotten Items

Please be reminded that due to the number of students in the school we are unable to accept their forgotten items at reception.

Mrs Stone  
Office Manager

## Year 11 Interventions

Date	Time	Subject	Teacher
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	10:00am – 12:00pm	Science	Miss Bakkali- Taheri, Mr Tizzard, Miss O'Neil, Ms Keane

## World Book Day

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March was **WBD**. The main aim of the day is to encourage children of all ages to explore and encourage the pleasure of reading. The day is acknowledged in over one hundred countries and many schools including ours here at JRCS.

Our school held an all-day reading marathon. Every 15 minutes throughout the school day a different student would read. To make it more fun and to encourage students to take part, the reading marathon was set-up on a staged area where a camping theme was created, complete with a tent, camping chairs, (mock) fire and even trees and leaves.

Many students wanted to take part and for each lucky student that did participate they each received a personalised World Book Day certificate and bookmark.



It was a great day and the students really did enjoy keeping the reading going.

To find out more about WBD log onto [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com) Students can find competitions, quiz's, news and events, play and win and of course everything about reading, books and authors.

Many thanks to everyone involved.

Ms Osland  
School Librarian

## Year 9 Girls London City Airport Trip

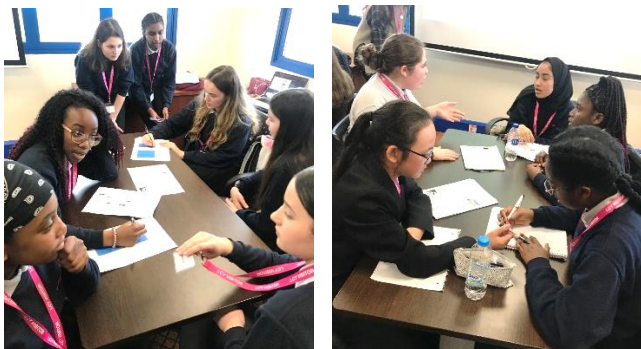
On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February we had the fortunate opportunity to go and visit London City Airport with 25 Year 9 girls. Whilst we were there we received a tour of the airport and learnt about the different careers that are on offer there. The students were asked to complete personality questionnaires which matched them with an ideal job, but importantly, gave them a person specification on themselves.

All students were then put into groups to complete 30 second presentations on a range of random topics including socks and the weather. Once we had finished our talk from





the Community Outreach lead at the airport it was time for the challenge to begin. Students (in groups) have four weeks to put together a proposal presentation for the new terminal building, specifically they have 3 units to fill. The next leg of the competition will take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> March in school where they will present their findings and plans to an airport advisor. The winner of this round will be invited back to the airport to compete against nine other schools to be in with a chance of an airside airport tour and Westfield vouchers!



Best of luck girls!

Miss Draisey  
Head of Year 9

### **Year 9 University of East London Mentoring Trip**



On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February I had the pleasure of taking 14 Year 9 students to the University of East London as they had been involved in a mentoring scheme that we had trialled this

year. Before the trip the students were apprehensive, thinking a day at university would be 'boring' or 'long'. Instead, they found it to be very interesting and were full of questions for the ambassadors there. Plus, they enjoyed a free lunch!

The day consisted of a quiz on university life where some of the misconceptions about university were challenged and we found out that Harry Hill was a doctor before he became a comedian. This was followed by a campus tour to see the sights, watch the planes take off and land across the water and we even got to see what living there would be like. We were particularly interested in the proximity of the shower to the toilet.



Then, it was time for a quick lunch and then back to our lecture room for a Q&A with the ambassadors of the university and our lovely mentors. It was a fantastic day and I was really proud of how our students conducted themselves at the university. We are extremely grateful for UEL's support during the last couple of months whilst these students have been navigating their way through their options choices. We had our last mentoring session last Friday and I was very sad to see them go, many of the mentors were asking if they could come and visit in Year 11 just to see how our students are progressing.

We will have a celebration event in the Summer term so that we can celebrate all of their hard work together.

Well done everyone involved:

Bradley Williams 9G, Callum Wallis 9E, Connor Harbour 9E, Courtney Robinson 9E, Maisie Lethbridge 9E, Brandon Slater 9F, Mucahit Duyar 9F, Katie Tahiri 9C, Jack Berrecloth 9C, Isabel Nichols 9I, Remi Newman 9I and Megan Jackson 9D.

Miss Draisey  
Head of Year 9

## Year 9 Going for Gold Group

It is amazing to think what a little creativity can do! A huge shout out to Selin Acar (9A) who took her assignment to 'be creative' with her extra homework to the next level. This example of a bacteria cell is fantastic and a true demonstration of a young lady who wants to push herself. Well done Selin!



Miss Draisey  
Head of Year 9

## 100 Club Winner!



Congratulations to Maisie Lethbridge in Year 9 who is the first student to achieve the '100 Club' reward for attending 100 extra-curricular PE and Dance clubs this academic year. Maisie has been committed to attending fitness, netball, trampolining and boxing to name a few and has displayed fantastic

resilience since September. She is the first student to achieve this award in three years and the fact she has achieved this before Easter gives us more reason to celebrate.

Well done to Maisie and I hope to present more '100 Club' polo shirts in the near future.

Miss Boulton  
Head of PE

## Year 10 Netball Borough Rally

The Year 10 netball girls participated in the Barking and Dagenham Borough Netball Rally at Robert Clack on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

The competition was a round robin format with six schools competing in 8 minute games, with a winner decided at the end of the event. Our first match was against an evenly matched Sydney Russell team which we ended up drawing 1-1. The second match

saw us lose to Dagenham Park by only 1 goal which was an improvement on last week's friendly where we were heavily beaten. The weather then took a turn for the worse and we played Robert Clack A during a hail storm which severely hampered our performance and we lost 5-0. The tournament then moved inside, where we faced Robert Clack B team and unfortunately lost 3-0. After some time for reflection we went out fighting in the last match and convincingly beat East brook 9-1.

Overall, we placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the tournament, just losing out on a medal. The girls have been fantastically committed to netball this year and I have enjoyed coaching the team and seeing them grow in confidence and skill level.



Well done to all the girls involved.

Temitope Taiwo 10A, Ella Adomo 10A, Maya Quagraine 10H, Jayzy Daniel 10H, Abibat Popoola 10B, Adunola Olayiwola 10F, Annabelle Ngala 10J, Prunella Madika Mbomba 10F and Kanya Archer 10F.

Miss Boulton  
Head of PE



## OFFICE ASSISTANTS

The Office Assistants for next week are:

Monday	Mason Peacock 8G
Tuesday	Bobby Skinner 8G
Wednesday	Hayley Stevens 8G
Thursday	Mae Turner 8G
Friday	Alice-Mae Tyler 8G

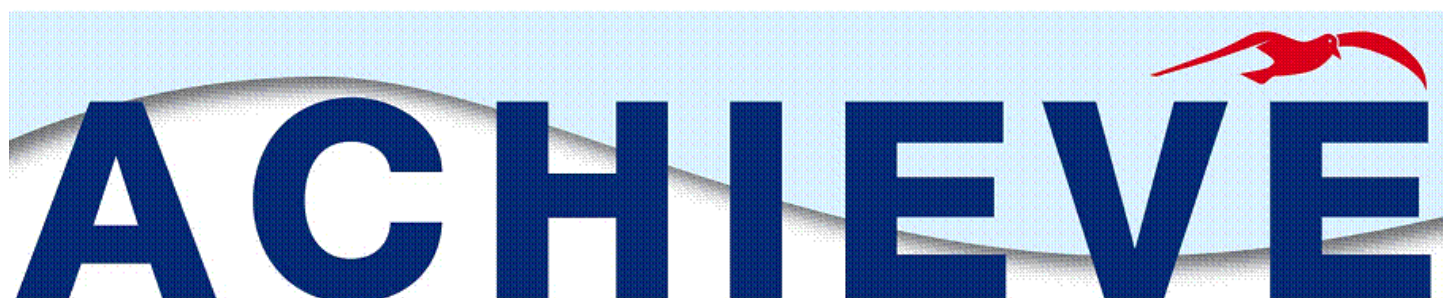


## Year 11 Mock Exams

Below is a copy of the Year 11 mock exam timetable. These are internal exams and students will be required to attend normal lessons. Please make sure students have a good breakfast and they have the correct equipment with them for each exam, including a calculator (if needed) and a black pen. If they wish to, they may bring water, but this needs to be in a clear plastic bottle with the label removed. Please remind your child that under no circumstances should mobile phones be taken into exam rooms. If your child is unable to attend any of their exams, please call the attendance line as usual and we will require a letter from your doctor.

### Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable March 2019

Day/Date	Paper	Length	Time
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	English Literature Paper 2	2 hour 15mins	8:30am
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Dual Science C1 Separate Science P2	1 hour 10mins 1 hour 45mins	11:30am
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Maths Paper 1	1 hour 30mins	2:00pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Maths Paper 2	1 hour 30mins	9:00am
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Computer Science Paper 2 Food Hospitality & Catering	1 hour 30mins 1 hour 45mins 1 hour 15mins	11:30am
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Dual Science C2 Separate Science C2	1 hour 10mins 1 hour 45mins	2:00pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Maths Paper 3	1 hour 30mins	9:00am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Citizenship DT Written Paper	1 hour 45mins 2 hours	11:30am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	PE Paper 2 Drama Written Paper	1 hour 15mins 1 hour 30mins	2:00pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Art	All Day in Art Corridor	



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Date: 8 March 2019

Dear Parents,

We are writing a joint letter to parents of all young people who attend secondary schools in Barking and Dagenham, following the very concerning incident which took place on Dagenham Heathway in the hours after school ended on Friday 25 January 2019.

Large numbers of young people from schools across the borough and beyond, gathered on The Heathway and disturbed local people going about their daily business. Some of these young people went on to do serious criminal damage to the Subway branch, during which security personnel were injured. Most of these young people were in school uniform and much work has been done, including viewing CCTV footage, in order to identify those who were present and putting themselves and others at risk.

This letter is to make all parents aware that the Council, the Police and schools are working together to tackle this kind of behaviour and we will use the full range of powers at our disposal.

Most of the young people in this borough are a credit to their families and their schools and it is incredibly disappointing that a few can do so much damage, so quickly, to the reputation of young people and their schools.

We want to make all parents and families aware that the Council and Police will work together with schools to tackle this and any other incident of its kind. We ask for your support in relation to this serious issue.

Specifically, we are asking you as parents to ensure that the arrangements you make for your child after school keep them safe and do not put them or others at risk. We strongly recommend that students go straight home at the end of the school day.

If we identify your child as being involved in this or other similar incidents, you will be contacted by your child's school, the Council or Police officers. This intervention will support the actions which you are taking to ensure your son and/or daughter are safe and properly supervised in the hours immediately after school. There may be further action taken depending on the level of involvement of each young person identified.

We are asking all parents to support this important joint initiative and for you to work with your child's school, the Council and the Police to help keep young people safe.

If you have any questions relating to these issues, please do not hesitate to contact your son and/or daughter's school directly.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,



Cllr Darren Rodwell  
**Leader of the Council**



Ges Smith  
**Headteacher, JRCS**



Jason Gwillim  
**Tri-Borough Commander**



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