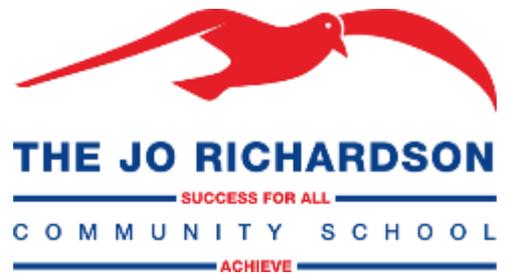


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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Easter Revision

Amazingly we are only three weeks away from the end of the Spring term. One of the most important things that happens over the Easter break is our Revision School. The idea behind this is that we provide extra support and teaching for students who are coming up to their exams this Summer. If you are the parent of Year 11 or Year 13 student please make sure that you check The Seagull over the coming weeks for details of the subjects we will be offering. Over the past few years we have received some excellent feedback from our Year 11 and 13 students about how good the sessions we ran were.

Gold Seagulls

Congratulations to our following Gold Seagull winners: Milly Emery 8E and Doris Blumel

9G. Special congratulations to Oyinkansola Oginni 9G who won the Double Gold Seagull this week.



Mr Smith
Headteacher

GENERAL NEWS

Sixth Form Progress Evening

There is a Sixth Form Progress Evening on Thursday 21st March from 3:30pm. We hope that parents and carers will be able to come

to meet subject teachers to discuss progress and achievements. All the partnership schools are open that evening and staff on all the sites will be glad to see you.

All Year 12 students are expected to attend.

Some Year 13's will be invited too. But we are holding another evening early next term, May 2nd, for Year 13's.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Mary Wren
Director of Sixth Form

Year 7 Progress Evening

Year 7 Progress Evening is being held on Wednesday 27th March 3:45pm – 6:45pm. All parents/carers are required to attend. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet with your child's subject teachers to discuss their progress to date. You will also receive your child's latest progress report and other important information on the evening.

Miss Simpson
Head of Year 7

Year 7 Achieve Days - Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th & Thursday 18th July.

All Year 7 students will be attending an assembly next week and receiving a letter regarding the Achieve Day Trip to France. In order for your child to attend they require a valid passport with at least 6 months validity from the date of the trips.

Please send a copy of your child's passport into the main office or bring it along to Year 7 Progress Evening on Wednesday 27th March 2019 where we will be taking copies. Please make sure you collect a blue Achieve Day leaflet on the night detailing information about all three trips, we look forward to seeing you all.

Mrs Garland
Trips Administrator

Maths Feast Competition

Four top mathematicians (Pictured on the front page) had the opportunity to represent JRCS at the annual Year 10 Maths Feast competition, which took place at Eastbury Community School on Tuesday 12th March. There were four challenging rounds involving problem solving, reasoning and team work, and for each round there was a winning team.

Out of the 15 schools that attended, the JRCS team achieved **first place** in arguably the most challenging round: comprehension of an A Level maths topic!

Congratulations to the winning team:
Astijus Karvauskas 10G, Hannah Tolentino 10G, Mehnaz Musthafa 10E and Alex Grain 10C.

We look forward to taking four more hungry mathematicians next year!

Ms Hunt and the Maths Department

WE Day

At Jo Richardson School we are very proud of our community action and how our student body support and lead on many global issues through our student action teams. Many of those involved were rewarded with a ticket to the hottest gig in town,

On Wednesday 6th March 2019 our students joined 13,000 young change-makers at The SSE Arena, Wembley for an unparalleled event. A-list celebrities including The Duke and Duchess of Sussex (Prince Harry and Meghan Markle), Liam Payne, Nicole Scherzinger, Naomi Campbell and world leaders, mixed with students to celebrate a year of action that has transformed communities and changed lives.



Liam Staley 9D and Josh Harvey 9F had the honour of speaking on stage and they were a real credit to themselves. They overcame nerves to speak on behalf of Virgin Atlantic and were highly praised by the organisers.

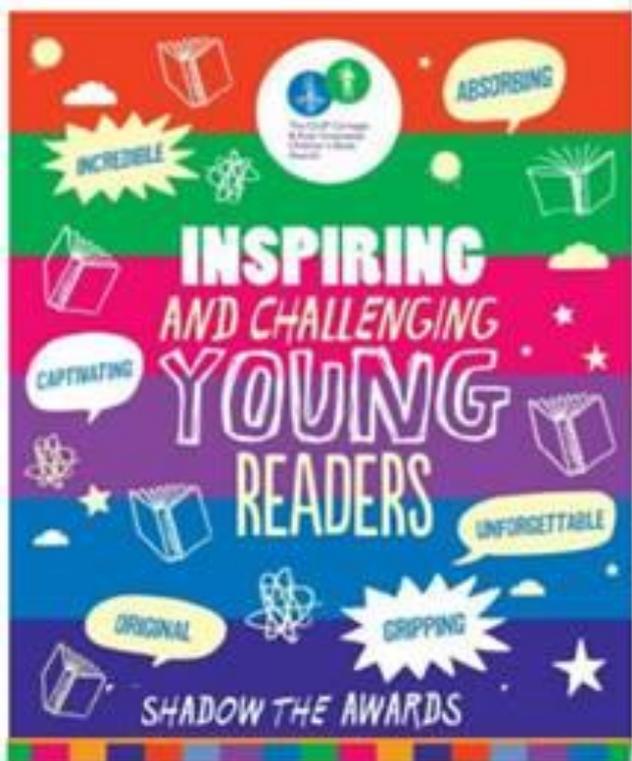


Ms Boller
Student Communication Manager

JRCS Carnegie Shadowing Book Club

To inspire and empower the next generation to create a better world through books and reading we are announcing the start of the JRCS Carnegie Shadowing Book Club. The Carnegie Medal is awarded annually to the writer of an outstanding book written in English for children and young people. Our new Shadowing Club will meet every Wednesday lunchtime to read the shortlisted novels and consider which one is worthy of winning. Biscuits are provided! Come and read challenging, thought-provoking, engaging stories; voice your opinions and engage in debate.

Please see Mrs Colangelo-Lillis in the English Department to register your interest.



Mrs Colangelo-Lillis
English Department

PUSH deliver to JRCS Sixth Form

Wednesday 6th March saw stand-up comedienne Lorna Notshaw deliver a PUSH presentation to Year 12.

PUSH have been delivering to JRCS Sixth Form for over 7 years and mark the start of Year 12 looking beyond their current A level/BTEC studies. The session looks at the various pathways that are on offer post 18, including university and apprenticeships as well as some of the skills required to be successful in them. It looked at making the most of their current situation and how being

successful in that opens the pathways to the future and provides choice. Lorna challenged them about taking risks through an active ping-pong ball challenge and making informed decisions.

The session identified the importance of developing soft skills to enhance their employability and how these are transferrable between jobs. It looked at identifying what the students are currently prioritising and what they want from their future jobs, money seemed quite popular! Lorna challenged the students about what employability actually is; what you know; who you know; personality; attitude; hard skills; soft skills.

An excellent session to start off the next step of thinking and preparation. Next stop.... 25th March The UCAS Fair!



Miss Campbell
Deputy Director of Sixth Form

Cooking Club - Food and Catering

Students prepared some Italian Focaccia bread and their products all turned out well. Focaccia is a flat oven-baked Italian bread product similar in style and texture to pizza dough. Focaccia can be used as a side to many meals or as sandwich bread. Focaccia al rosmarino is a common focaccia style in Italian cuisine that may be served as an antipasto, appetizer, table bread, or snack. The students really enjoyed this lesson, as it was something they have not tried before, but they would like to do again.



Well done for an enjoyable session, hope all your family enjoyed your bread.

Mr Hargreaves
Food and Catering

Year 7 and 8 Trewern Trip 2019

Last week Ms Lynch, Mr Hill, Mr Dignam and I had a very busy week taking 30 students from Years 7 and 8 to Trewern, the Borough's Outdoor Education Centre on the Welsh borders. The aim of the week was for students to increase their independence, and organisational skills and to develop resilience. We arrived on Monday afternoon and after getting settled in and having an evening meal we went on a wonderful night walk around the local area and even heard some owls!

The next three days were packed with exciting activities including crawling around in dark, wet and muddy caves, visiting a disused coal mine, walking up a mountain and around waterfalls, canoeing in the pouring rain and visiting a lambing shed. We approximately visited the nearby town of Hay-on-Wye – the famous 'town of books', which has around 24 second hand book shops. The activities didn't stop in the evenings and the centre staff put on activities such as climbing games, indoor orienteering and making electronic books on ipads to record our adventures.

As well as doing all these activities the students had to look after themselves, keeping their rooms tidy and doing chores around the house such as laying and clearing tables, washing up, getting packed lunches ready and sweeping up in the kit store. All the students worked very hard together in their duty groups and in their rooms, prompting June one of the Trewern cleaners to say that the rooms were 'very good'. There was a daily room inspection and at the end of the week room 2 for the girls and room 5 for the boys won the prize for best rooms of the week.

I have to say that all the students (and staff) proved very resilient throughout the week, despite some quite challenging wet, cold and windy weather but it didn't stop us all from having a good time. Thank you to all the students involved for their good behaviour, and particularly for their ability to get a good nights sleep.

The students involved were: Joshua Olaniji, Angel Woodham and Lexie Brown 7A, Richie Buttery, Tyler Henderson and George Adu 7B, Alexia Ivey 7, Theodore Toma, Thomas Fortt, Lisa Manu and Aleksander Nenadovic all 7D, Ridwan Chowdhury, James Eden-Russell, Nathan Nicholls, Jamie Adams, Precious Mzolameso, Amber Miller, and Meda Kavaliauskaite all 7E, Harry Thomas, Yasmina Sambiena, Zubin Burley, and Levi Cunningham all 7F, Tyreese Samuels 7H, Lewis McMenamin 8C, Amidat Ibrahim and David Nenadovic both 8E, Molly Flaxman and Thomas Meade 8H, Porscha Swann 8I and Sean Kerry 8J.

I would also like to thank Justin, Vicky, Stephen and all the Trewern staff who made the week such a great experience for everyone. Special thanks goes to the JRCS staff who ran the trip alongside me for their kind and patient work throughout the week with the students.





We will be celebrating this trip with a special celebration evening later this term for all the students who attended and their families. Please look out for the date in The Seagull.

Ms Montague
Year 7 and 8 Trewern Trip Leader

Year 8 Netball

Well done to the Year 8 girls netball squad for coming 3rd in the Borough at this year's Borough Rally. All girls have worked tremendously hard since September.



In the final game of the season the girls went down 3-0 to Dagenham Park. However, came back fighting and showed a huge amount of resilience to win the match 7-4.

Well done girls!

Miss Pridie
PE Department

Junior NBA League

The Year 7 Boys took on two teams at Shoeburyness High School this week for the Junior NBA League. The boys won the first game 25-14 and were unlucky to lose the second, losing 19-17 in overtime.

Massive congratulations to the boys gaining valuable points in the overall league

Mr Coupland
PE Department

Girls Football

Fantastic to see the girls football squad out in full force last Thursday evening and battling through the rain and wind.

All girls have shown such commitment and resilience this year. A very successful tournament for the girls with lots of exciting fixtures ahead for the squad.



Well done!

Miss Pridie
PE Department



OFFICE ASSISTANTS

The Office Assistants for next week are:

Monday	Ruby Whitton 8G
Tuesday	Brandon Wolowiec-Dean 8G
Wednesday	Fawaz Aileru 8H
Thursday	Sabera Begum 8H
Friday	Daniela Boohene 8H



 **Main School Dates 2018/19****Spring Term 2019**

Start of Term for Students	Monday	7 th January
Sixth Form Parents' 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
Sixth Form Parents' Evening (Year 12 Priority)	Thursday	21 st March
End of Term	Friday	5 th April

Summer Term 2019

Start of Term for Students	Tuesday	23 rd 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)	Monday – Friday	10 th – 14 th June
Sixth Form Transition Week	Monday – Friday	8 th – 12 th July
Whole School ACHIEVE Days 3 & 4	Wednesday - Thursday	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
GCSE Results Day	Thursday	22 nd August

 **Main School Dates 2019/20****Autumn Term 2019**

Staff training day. School closed	Tuesday	3 rd September
Staff training day. School closed	Friday	18 th October
First day of Half Term	Monday	21 st October
Last day of Half Term	Friday	25 th October
End of Term	Thursday	19 th December

Spring Term 2020

Start of Term for Students	Monday	6 th January
First day of Half Term	Monday	17 th February
Last day of Half Term	Friday	21 st February
End of Term	Friday	3 rd April

Summer Term 2020

Start of Term for Students	Monday	20 th April
Public Holiday	Monday	4 th May
First day of Half Term	Monday	25 th May
Last day of Half Term	Friday	29 th May
End of Term	Friday	17 th July



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