

The Seagull



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Next week is Week 2

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Year 11 Progress Evening

On Wednesday 6th November we held our first Year 11 Progress Evening in Boothroyd Hall. The journey towards the Summer examinations has really started in earnest for all our Year 11 students. The excellent results we achieved last Summer will be an inspiration to these young people as they commit to revision and intervention sessions over the coming months. The turnout on Wednesday was fantastic, some of the highest numbers we have ever had and I want to personally thank all the parents who came along to support their sons or daughters in making the very best of their final year in KS4.

I look forward to seeing you all again at our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 13th November from 4:00pm – 6:30pm. This event will allow you to find out about the range of courses that we have on offer at our outstanding Sixth Form provision at JRCS.

Mr Smith
Headteacher



GENERAL NEWS

Year 11 Invitation: Parents/Carers and Students all welcome

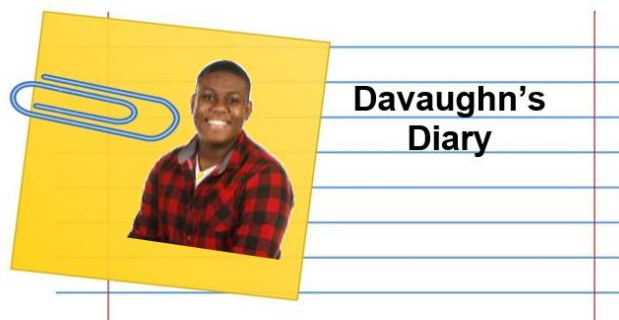
The Sixth Form Open Evening is on Wednesday 13th November from 4:00pm – 6.30pm.

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

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

I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Wren
Acting Director of Sixth Form



A welcome to new teacher: Our new Director of Learning-English and Literacy, Miss Parker. With the influx of new teachers, Miss Parker, a new English teacher as well as the new Director of Learning for English and Literacy, has made the cut in our ruthless student led process of teacher recruitment. Miss Parker chose our school because of our "sense of community" and in a "terrifying interview with the student panel, I could see students who were fiercely loyal and extremely proud of their school". This exact loyalty is something Hamlet would do, but it will not be our downfall.

From childhood "it's cheesy but I always wanted to work with English and education. I love books and talking, so it's the perfect job!". This is not surprising because if you have been in any one of her lessons, you can hear the passion in her voice as well as the love of books and plays. Being a teacher, what does it mean to be. "Inspiring, brilliant, kind, sensitive, intelligent, motivational" her academic teachers had such an impact that it made her want to do the same.

However, when asked what the most challenging thing about teaching, Miss.Parker responded that "teaching can be a challenging job with governmental pressure and changes that sometimes distract and take away from the core joy and pleasure of the job which is working with young people."

By the end of this year Miss Parker wants to feel like she has taught and supported many students across the year to feel happy, motivated and to actually care about English as well as their own futures.

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Netball News

On Thursday 31st October the Year 9 Netball team took on Robert Clack A team. This fixture is always heavily contested. JRCS made a great start by getting three early goals, however Robert Clack continued to pile

on the pressure. Jamilah, Victory and Tekirah worked tremendously hard to break down Robert Clack's attackers. The end result saw JRCS beat Robert Clack by 9 goals to 6. Player of the Match goes to Margaret for fantastic determination throughout the game. The Year 9s' next game is on Tuesday 12th November against Eastbury.

Good Luck.

Miss Pridie
PE Department



WORD OF THE WEEK

4th – 8th November 2019

JRCS 200 word challenge



Read It

democracy

Define It

1. A type of government where ultimate power is given to the people; the word literally means 'rule by the people'.
2. In a democracy, leaders are elected by the public in order to represent their views and best interests.

Digging Deeper:

The word 'democracy' emerged in 16th century France. The root word 'demos' is a reference to the 'common people', so since the very origins of the word it has been about the power of the people. The United Kingdom is a representative democracy. This is where citizens elect representatives (MPs) to make decisions on our behalf. The upcoming General Election on 12th December is an example of the way this country is a democracy: people over the age of 18 have the right to vote into power the MP and political party they wish to represent them in Parliament. This week is UK Parliament Week, an annual festival that explores what Parliament means to us. You will find out lots more about this during KS3, KS4 and KS5 assemblies this week.

Draw It

On the whiteboard/paper/ mini whiteboards

Use It

1. Our student voice representatives have been democratically elected.
2. In a democracy, every individual must have a voice.

Link It

Report back next week: how did you find ways to link this word to your learning in different subjects?

Deconstruct It

Taken from the Greek words:

*Demos ~ people
Kratia ~ power*



Wednesday 13th November
4.00pm – 6.30pm
Everyone welcome!

You are warmly invited to the JRCS Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 13th November. The evening runs from 4.00pm – 6.30pm.

- Meet Sixth Form teachers and students
- Find out about JRCS Sixth Form

Tours at 4.30pm and 5.30pm - Talk at 5.00pm

As well as finding out about all we have to offer, you would be welcome to visit our partner Sixth Forms.

I would like to invite you to attend our Open Evening on 13th November 2019 from 4.00pm – 6.30pm. Our motto at JRCS is 'Success for All' and the Sixth Form Open Evening is an important event which will give all Year 11 students the opportunity to consider their route to achieving the next stage of the journey to their own personal success. In May 2013 OFSTED described the school as good with outstanding features and said that the school offers an exceptionally caring and challenging education to enable all its students to 'ACHIEVE'.

In Nov 2017 OFSTED confirmed that staff 'go above and beyond' in their care for pupils and the help they give with ensuring academic progress. To quote one parent, 'JRCS is in a league of its own.' We are proud of what we have achieved over the past sixteen years since the school was established in 2002. We have high standards and expectations in all areas of our work and are committed to the highest level of aspiration and achievement for all our students.

We are lucky to be housed in a nationally acclaimed building with state of the art facilities. Our dedicated Sixth Form area provides students with extensive study and social facilities. We work with four other local secondary schools to provide a wide and comprehensive range of courses to meet the needs of our students aspiring to gain access to higher education.

Students and staff will be on hand to answer any questions you might have and tours of the building will also be on offer.



I look forward to meeting you.
Ges Smith
Headteacher

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