

# The Seagull



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Next week is Week 1

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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

### Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales visits JRCS

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November we were delighted to host a visit from the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, Lord Burnett of Maldon. Lord Burnett was accompanied by three other judges who gave our students a unique insight into the world of law and the judicial system.

It was fascinating to hear their career pathways and they actively encouraged our students to consider a career in law in the future.

I would like to personally thank Mr James Wilkes, who is a member of our Governing Body, for arranging this visit and giving our students such a unique opportunity.



### Dates for your diary:

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December:** Student Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** JRCS Winter Fair (Break and Lunchtimes)

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Lower School Disco 5:30pm – 7:30pm

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Staff No Talent Show: Late start at 11:00am (Students should not arrive to school before 10:30am) – Early finish 1:15pm approximately after the Staff No Talent Show (non-uniform day). Please be aware there will be no food service on this day.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January:** Return to school (normal time).

Mr Smith  
Headteacher





### Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019

JRCS will be celebrating the festive season with a full Christmas dinner for students. As a result, normal food service will be modified.

**Breakfast service:** There will be a normal breakfast offer on this day.

**Break time service:** There will no Year 7 food service at break on this day due to preparations for the Christmas lunch. There will be limited services for Year 8-13 students at the sandwich and pasta bar only.

**Year 7:** To celebrate the completion of the first full term at JRCS, the Year 7s will be enjoying a sit-down Christmas meal at 12pm. If you wish your child to partake in this meal please ensure they have funds on their ParentPay account in advance of the day (£2.30). If you do not wish for them to have the Christmas meal, please ensure they have a packed lunch as we will not be serving any alternative meals on this day, but they will be expected to sit with members of their form class to share in this experience regardless of whether they are having the Christmas meal offer or not.

**Year 8 -13:** For Years 8 to 13 we will be serving a full Christmas lunch through the day, starting at 12:30pm through till the end of normal lunch time. If you do not wish for them to have the Christmas meal, please be aware that there will be a limited selection of other items on sale via the secondary food service locations at break and lunch.

Miss Boulton  
Assistant Headteacher

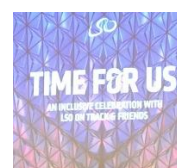
### Celebration Evening

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December we are delighted to welcome back last year's Year 13 students who are now at university or at work. They are coming to celebrate their achievements and collect their certificates. It will be lovely to see them and to catch up with their news.

Mrs Wren  
Director of Sixth Form

### Music Update

The past term's work has seen students continuing to develop their performance and compositional skills from Years 7 through to 13. Year 11 GCSE Music students continue to prepare for their solo and ensemble performance recordings which will take place in January 2020, and we have enjoyed another fantastic assembly vocal performance of Des'ree's 1994 hit single, You Gotta Be, presented by Sulaiman, Nancie and Venessa. Filip also gave an excellent performance of Beethoven's piano solo, Fur Elise.







20 JRCS Choir members participated enthusiastically in their acapella vocal workshop led by the VCM Foundation's Victoria, on behalf of Jack Petchey. Students will perform in the regional final of the Jack Petchey Pitch Perfect competition, in January at The Broadway Theatre, Barking.

It was great to see Jonjoe performing at the beautiful LSO St. Luke's venue in Old Street at the weekend. Jonjoe performed as part of the London Symphony Orchestra and Barking and Dagenham collaborative inclusion project. All of the performances on the evening followed the theme of 'Time' and Jonjoe's ensemble performed original compositions, as well as favourites Havana, and We Will Rock You, with its driving rhythmic pattern performed by the audience.

On Tuesday the Music Department hosted the first Recital Evening of the year. Outstanding performances were given by the participants, and we are thankful to all of our instrumental and vocal teaching staff for preparing the students so well. Special thanks to Mr Barquilla for his inspirational guitar solo in the new Jazz Band's debut performance, to Mr Jenner for accompanying students at the event, to Miss Ford for her support in preparing for the event, and to all JRCS staff, parents and friends who supported us on the day.

Miss Hurst  
Head of Music

### **BAD Youth Forum**

Jessica and Koryn have both played a massive part in the BAD Youth Forum this year, attending sessions consistently, and contributing lots of ideas.

They were part of Daggers against Racism Day at Dagenham and Redbridge Football Club, Koryn then went on to become a ball girl at the club.

Both girls have contributed towards various consultations requested by Council officers, they were part of the Prince Harry visit to Youth Zone, Koryn spent six hours at a local foodbank with the group doing the stock taking, they have both attended the Youth Information Advisory Group meetings (YIAG) with the police to discuss local crime and issues, they have both contributed to a film outlining the need for PSHE to be taught at a much younger age, and expressing views on what topics they would like to be taught. The film will be shown to Headteachers at a conference in the New Year.

Finally, Jessica got elected by Forum members, as the Deputy member for the London Youth Assembly, to represent Barking and Dagenham, and she has attended meetings at City Hall.

Ms Boller  
Student Communication Manager

### **Netball News**

Congratulations to the Year 7, 8 and 9 girls netball teams who took on Goresbrook School last Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November. The girls have been training incredibly hard over the past two weeks in preparation. All girls demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship throughout and some great netball was played. The results were as follows:  
Year 7s won 9-5. Player of the Match goes to Fisayoi.  
Year 8s lost 13-8. Player of the Match goes to Chanise.  
Year 9s won 12-9. Player of the Match goes to Elizabeth.

Well done to all of the girls!

Miss Pridie & Miss Jones  
PE Department

### **New Arrival**

Congratulations to Miss Branch (Head of Year 7) on the birth of her baby girl Margot, born 22/11/19.



## Year 11 Mock Exams

Below is a copy of the Year 11 mock exam timetable that starts on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. 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 December 2019			
Day/Date	Paper	Length	Time
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	English Lit Paper	2 hours	8:45am
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	History Paper 1	1 hour 40 mins	11:15am
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Geography Paper 1	1 hour 30 mins	2:00pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Maths - Paper 1	1 hours 30 mins	8:45am
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Maths - Paper 2	1 hour 30 mins	11:15am
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	PE - Paper 1	1 hour	2:00pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Maths - Paper 3	1 hour 30 mins	8:45am
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	French Listening and Reading	1 hour 45 mins	11:15am
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Engineering Written Paper	1 hour 30 mins	2:00pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Combined Science Biology Separate Science Biology	1 hour 10 mins 1 hour 45 mins	8:45am
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	RE - Paper 1	1 hour 45 mins	11:15am
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	French Writing Construction	1 hour 15 mins	2:00pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Media Studies - Paper 1	1 hour 30 mins	8:45am
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Drama	1 hour 30 mins	11:15am
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Combined Science Chemistry Separate Science Chemistry	1 hour 10 mins 1 hour 45 mins	8:45am
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	GCSE Business BTEC Business	1 hour 30 mins 2 hours	11:15am
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Spanish Listening and Reading	1 hour 45 mins	2:00pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	History - Paper 2	1 hour 20 mins	8:45am
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Dance Citizenship	1 hour 30 mins 1 hour 45 mins	11:15am
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Geography - Paper 2	1 hour 15 mins	2:00pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Music Listening	1 hour 30 mins	8:45am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Separate Science Physics	1 hour 45 mins	11:15am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	PE - Paper 2	1 hour	2:00pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	RE - Paper 2	1 hour 20 mins	8:45am
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Media Studies - Paper 2	1 hour 30 mins	11:15am
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Spanish Writing Computer Science	1 hour 15 mins 1 hour 30 mins	2:00pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Art in Art Corridor - all day		
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Art in Art Corridor - all day		
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Dance in DA1 – 9:00am – 11:00am		
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Food Prep & Nutrition in FC1 9:00am – 1:30pm		

## WORD OF THE WEEK

25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### JRCS 200 word challenge



#### Read It

**ecocide**

#### Define It

The destruction of the environment or of ecosystems.

#### Digging Deeper:

The word **ecocide** was first recorded as being used at the Conference on War and National Responsibility, which took place in Washington DC in 1970. As such, it is the newest word we have covered so far in Word of the Week. A number of countries have declared **ecocide** as a crime within their borders, but there is further call for the United Nations to recognise it as a crime internationally. This word was specially requested by JRCS students who are involved in our Environmental Activist student voice team. We are focusing on this word this week to tie in with Environment Action Week. You will see an environmental pledge board on Main Street all of this week: come along to add your own pledge and say how you will do your bit to protect the planet.

#### Draw It

On the whiteboard/paper/ mini whiteboards

#### Use It

1. **Ecocide** is one of the gravest dangers facing the planet;
2. Carbon emissions are contributing to global warming and **ecocide**.

#### Deconstruct It

Taken from the roots:

- *eco* ~ meaning the environment and how humans interact with it
- *cide* ~ to kill

#### Link It

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



**From 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> of December  
BRING MONEY FOR GOODS,  
GAMES AND FESTIVE FOOD**

**UNDER KEANES CANOPY ALL  
BREAKS AND LUNCHES!!!!**





£2 per ticket  
(50p voucher  
included)

Location:  
Boothroyd  
Hall

On the 17th of  
December!

5:30PM TO 7:30PM

Where the fun happens and never ends

# BLIZZARD BALL

For year 7, 8, 9's only