

The Seagull



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Next week is Week 1

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Welcome back

A warm welcome back to all of our students at JRCS. It has been great to start the new year by awarding Gold Seagulls to three of our Year 8 and 9 students. This week I ran assemblies for all our students which focused upon the traditions of new year across the world. The concept of making a resolution at the beginning of a new year is common across all cultures and religions. It's a chance to make a change for the better and I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, peaceful and prosperous new year.

Gold Seagull Winners



Congratulations to this week's Gold Seagull winners: Radville (Year 8), Lubna and Hayley (Year 9).

Mr Smith
Headteacher

GENERAL NEWS

Year 11 Progress Evening

Year 11's final Progress Evening before their GCSE exams will take place on Wednesday 15th January 3:45pm – 6:30pm.

It is extremely important that all parents / carers attend. You will hear about the progress your child has made in terms of their character, behaviour and attainment. Staff will be able to give you information and ideas on how you can support your son/daughter at this crucial stage of their education. You will also be given the most current progress data, including the results from the December mock exams in all subjects and information about preparation for the final set of mocks in March. Students will also have an interview with SLT and the Sixth Form Team about their next steps. Students must bring their planners with them on the evening.

Please sign the sticker in your child's planner to confirm your attendance.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Miss Duncan
Head of Year 11

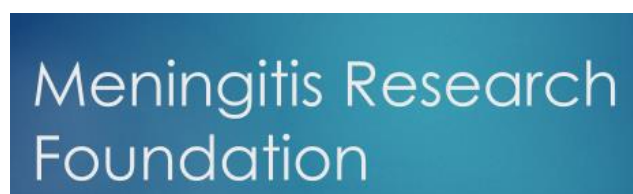
Year 9 Options Evening Wednesday 22nd January 2020

Year 9 Options Evening will be held on Wednesday 22nd January 2020 from 3.45-6.45pm. This is an important event for Year 9 students and their parents or carers as they will have the opportunity to explore all subjects on offer to them in Year 10. Students will also receive their Options Booklets during this event. Letters to parents and carers have been sent home this week that explain more.

The next Year 9 key date for your diary is Year 9 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 4th March 2020. Parents/carers and their child will meet with all current subject teachers before an interview with a member of SLT about final options choices. Students will then hand in their final options choices before they leave.

I look forward to seeing all parents and carers at these two important events.

Mrs Rowland
Head of Year 9



The total raised for non-uniform day on Thursday 19th December was £846.90. This is being paid into the Meningitis Research Foundation charity.

Thank you!



Thank you to all students who donated to our local food bank.

Our Year 12 students did an amazing job of organising this and our team of elves did a brilliant job delivering the donations on Wednesday 18th December and the food bank were extremely grateful for how much we donated as a school.

Miss England
Head of Dance

ARP Christmas Trips

Year 7 ARP students enjoyed a day bowling at Hollywood Bowl, Dagenham. They showed the JRCS value of respect as they were fantastic at cheering each other on and helping each other bowl their best.

The Year 8 students showed great responsibility in taking the journey to the

London Transport Museum and finding their way around the three stories of the old Grade II-listed Covent Garden Flower Market building and completing the challenges they were set.



The students can be very proud of themselves, and excellent days were had by all!

Ms Lynch
ARP Teacher

JRCS Dance Christmas Dance Show

Huge congratulations to all the performers in the Christmas dance show and thank you to all who came to support. The show was able to raise £60.00 for the Macmillan Cancer Charity, a cause close to the dancer's hearts so thank you again for your support.

Wings Dance Academy Auditions

The next set of auditions for Wings Dance Academy will be on Tuesday 21st January 2020, 3:15pm – 4:15pm in DA1. Students will need to complete a 30 second solo or duet for the audition. They can use any style of dance

they wish; this is open to all students from Year 7-9.

Hip Hop Dance Classes



A reminder that Hip Hop Dance Classes held by Nathan, an experienced professional Hip Hop teacher and performer, will start again every Thursday in DA1 from 3:15pm – 4:15pm.

Performing Arts Career Fair:

Thursday 16th January 3:30pm – 6:00pm

We have a very exciting opportunity open to Year 9 – 13 students interested in further study or a career in the performing arts industry. JRCS will be hosting a Borough Performing Arts Career Fair in Boothroyd Hall On Thursday 16th January 3:30pm – 6:00pm. The evening consists of a range of dance, drama and music talks, workshops and information stands from universities, professional artists and vocational routes within the industry. Parents/carers are also welcome to attend.

We look forward to seeing you there.

To keep up to date with JRCS Dance news follow: https://twitter.com/jrcs_dance



Miss England
Head of Dance

Cake Club 2019 - Happy New Year



This was the last session of Cake Club 2019 and the students' finished results were excellent. The students put a great deal of effort and skill into the preparation and decoration of the cakes and were very pleased with what they produced and could not wait to take them home.

Well done to all the Cake Club members, you will all receive an LOC. I would like to thank Ms Deboo and Mrs Moffatt for their support with the club.



Mr Hargreaves
Food and Catering

Trip to the William Morris Gallery



The Art Department invited 25 Year 9 students to take part in a printing workshop held by a professional artist at the William Morris Gallery in Walthamstow.

On Wednesday 11th December we made our way over to Walthamstow, had some time to look around the fantastic, interactive gallery, which sits in the beautiful Lloyds Park in Walthamstow. We then enjoyed a two hour led session, in which we took inspiration from the work around the gallery and found out more about the social activist Morris, before being able to create our own prints guided by

a professional printmaker. A very enjoyable day!

Huge thanks to everybody involved!

Ms Franz
Art Department

Year 8 Emerging Schools Rugby Festival



Just before the Christmas break our Year 8 Rugby Squad took part in the Emerging Schools Rugby Festival at Barking RFC. The boys' commitment to training and then competing on the day was outstanding and they were a credit to the school in the way they played and represented JRCS.



Miss Robinson and myself would like to give a massive 'well done' to Teddy, Taylor, Thomas, Frankie, Reece, Charlie, Jack, Lamin, Hamid, Mark, Riley, Daeshon, Christian, Alfie and Lewis. Plus a big thank you from the boys to Mr Smith, Ms Keane and Miss Simpson who all came across to support the squad.

The boys played 5 and won 5 - results:-

Sydney Russell	30 - 5
Riverside	15 - 0
Goresbrook	35 - 0
Dagenham Park	20 - 15
Kingsford	15 - 0

We look forward to our fixtures that begin w/c 20/1/2020 and hope to enjoy a successful season. Anyone wishing to join the squad,

look out for training info in PE or the Year 8 Office.

Mr Kersey
Pastoral Support Assistant



Winter Concert 2020

Tuesday 14th January
6pm
Boothroyd Hall

Tickets are free of charge and
can be reserved from the
Music Department from
Monday 6th January



KS4/5 Performing Arts Careers Fair @ JO RICHARDSON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

**Thursday 16th January 2020
4:00-6:00PM**

- Take part in University Dance/ Drama and Music workshops
- Career Progression routes in Performing arts
- Vocational Routes
- Talk to Industry Professionals

INTERESTING FACTS

- 1 in 6 jobs in London are in the Creative Industries
- The GVA of the creative industries in London is estimated over £50 billion annually
- Creative jobs are future proof jobs

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WORD OF THE WEEK

6th – 10th January 2020

JRCS 200 word challenge



Read It

auspicious

Define It

A sign that everything will go well, or something that indicates a promising future.

Digging Deeper:

In ancient Rome, 'augurs' were experts who studied the flight and feeding patterns of birds, then made predictions and prophecies based on what they had observed. The right combination of bird behaviour indicated favourable conditions, while the wrong patterns were believed to spell trouble. This is why, to this day, different types of birds are still seen as omens of good or bad luck. This word is often used to refer to a positive start to a new calendar year. Around the globe, different beliefs exist about how to ensure an auspicious start to the year. For example, some cultures believe putting cash in your wallet before midnight will usher in a year of prosperity, while others believe opening your doors and windows just before midnight to let the old year out and the new year in will herald the start of a great year. Synonyms of auspicious include hopeful, encouraging, lucky.

Draw It

On the whiteboard/paper/ mini whiteboards

Deconstruct It

Stems from the Latin root word:

- *Auspicious*, which means 'predicting the future by watching birds'

Link It

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

Use It

1. The fact it is not raining is an **auspicious** sign for the new term.
2. With an **auspicious** start, the British runner was first off the block.