

# The Seagull



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Next week is Week 1

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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

### Travelling to and from school

Since we started the school back in 2002, we have always worked hard to ensure that our students behave responsibly and appropriately both inside and outside of school. Any issues that arise from our students' behaviour whilst travelling to and from school are dealt with swiftly and firmly. I expect the highest standards of behaviour at all times and will not tolerate any poor behaviour that impacts upon the local community.

Over the coming week we are ensuring that our students get this message through assemblies and tutor time activities. Could you please make sure that you talk to your son or daughter about the importance of positive behaviour in our local community at all times.

### Gold Seagull



Congratulations to this week's Gold Seagull winner: Maria – Year 7

Well done Maria!

### Advance Warning

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February school will be finished for students at the slightly earlier time of 12:30pm. This is to enable some very important staff health and safety training to take place at JRCS. Lunch will not be available on this day, however our usual lunch menu will be available at breaktime. Also no clubs or activities will run during the afternoon. My apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions relating to this early closure.

Mr Smith  
Headteacher



## GENERAL NEWS



February is LGBT+ History Month and the theme this year is Poetry, Plays and Prose. Students and visitors will notice the school decorated with rainbow flags and LGBT+ History will be the focus of two assemblies this month. It is important to mark LGBT+ History Month because by learning about how people were mistreated in the past, we can build a better future of understanding and tolerance.

"The mystery of love is greater than the mystery of death" - Oscar Wilde

Jo Richardson values every student, however they choose to identify. If anyone would like to support the LGBT+ community at the school, JRCS Pride and Allies runs Wednesdays at 1:30pm in MS2.

### **If I Could Tell You**

Time will say nothing but I told you so  
Time only knows the price we have to pay;  
If I could tell you I would let you know.

If we should weep when clowns put on their show,  
If we should stumble when musicians play,  
Time will say nothing but I told you so.

There are no fortunes to be told, although,  
Because I love you more than I can say,  
If I could tell you I would let you know.

The winds must come from somewhere when they blow,  
There must be reason why the leaves decay;  
Time will say nothing but I told you so.

Perhaps the roses really want to grow,  
The vision seriously intends to stay;  
If I could tell you I would let you know.

Suppose the lions all get up and go,  
And the brooks and soldiers run away;  
Will Time say nothing but I told you so?  
If I could tell you I would let you know.  
- WH Auden

Ms Harland  
Head of Media Studies

### **Music Update:**

#### **Winter Concert**



On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January, students from Years 7 - 13 participated in our first major performance of the year, the Winter Concert. Standout performances of the evening came from Tia (Year 9), Kwame (Year 11) and Mae (Year 11), and we were able to enjoy

performances from a number of ensembles including the JRCS Choir, JRCS Wind Band, JRCS Jazz Band and JRCS Gospel Choir. Thank you to all of our performers, many of whom have not performed before in a school concert at JRCS as they are new to the school, new to Year 7.

The students supported one another excellently on the night, and we were also grateful to our team of technicians who put in time to set up the Hall and look after the technical side of the event throughout.

Well done to Sean (Year 9), Simi (Year 10) and Nathan (Year 9).



### **Music Theory Club**



Music Theory Club continues to take place every Tuesday from 3:10pm – 4:00pm in MU2.



It's been great to see such a range of students attending, from Years 7 to 11, and here's a reminder that all students who wish to develop their knowledge of music theory are welcome to attend, no matter your current ability! This club helps to support students who are learning an instrument, those preparing for GCSE Music, and those about to take their Year 11 GCSE Music Listening and Analysing examination.

### **Jack Petchey Perfect Pitch Competition**



Members of the mighty JRCS Choir have worked with Miss Herel and Mr Jenner since 2019 to prepare for the Jack Petchey Perfect Pitch Competition. Students succeeded in the heats to get through to the semi-final, held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at the Broadway Theatre, Barking.

During an amazing day of competitive rehearsals, fun and relaxation time, 19 students from JRCS took to the stage, performing to a packed auditorium under the bright lights, to entertain family, friends, teachers and Judges.

Our Choir performed two hits a capella (unaccompanied), with additional movement and choreography. The experience was so valuable and everyone involved had a great day.

Congratulations to our Team Leaders who were awarded LOCs for their ability to motivate and support their respective groups on the day: Kwame (Year 11); Venessa (Year 10); Taiwo (Year 10); Kehinde (Year 10) and Elio (Year 8).

### **Dates for your diary**

Year 11 GCSE Music Performance Recording Window, January - March 2020.

Miss Hurst  
Head of Music

### **GCSE Citizenship**

Elizabeth, Samuela, Trey, Madison and Tate had the pleasure of meeting Councillor Margaret Mullane (Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Enforcement for the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Council).

The purpose was to discuss some of the concerns young people have about Post code gangs within the area. As part of their GCSE Citizenship action, the students independently contacted Ms Mullane and arranged an interview which took place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Ms Mullane was very impressed with the students' knowledge on the topic, professionalism and the range of opinions on such an important issue. As a result of this, Ms Mullane has asked the group to attend Parliament to share their opinions and raise these concerns to a Government level.



Well done! You should be very proud of yourselves!

Miss McMillan  
PDE/Citizenship Department

### **Year 7 and 8 Borough Indoor Athletics Championships**

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January a group of Year 7 and 8 students represented the school at the Barking and Dagenham Indoor Athletics Competition at Eastbrook school. All students trained extremely hard at lunchtimes and after school and went into the competition with lots of confidence. A special mention to the Year 7 squad as this was their first time competing in a big event. The JRCS students should be very proud of their

achievements on the day. There will be further athletics competitions this term so please keep training hard.



Year 7 Indoor Athletics Team



Year 8 Indoor Athletics Team

### **Results:**

Year 7 Boys - 6<sup>th</sup> Place

Year 7 Girls - 4<sup>th</sup> Place

Year 8 Boys - 6<sup>th</sup> Place

Year 8 Girls - 6<sup>th</sup> Place

Well done to all squads!

Miss Pridie & Mr Howard  
PE Department

### **Year 9 - Netball Rally**

Well done to the Year 9 girls netball squad for coming 5<sup>th</sup> in the borough at this year's Borough Rally. In the group stages the girls took on Riverside, Eastbrook, Sydney Russell and Robert Clack. Due to two losses in the group stages, the girls were unable to continue into the semi-final stages.

All girls have worked tremendously hard since September and have battled through lots of injuries this year. However, the Year 9 girls have two games left in this year's league and could still win.

Well done and good luck to all of the girls!

Miss Pridie  
Head of Year 7



## Year 10 Mock Exams

Below is a copy of the Year 10 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 10 Mock Exam Timetable February 2020

Day/Date	Paper	Length	Time
Monday 10th February	Citizenship	1 hour	11:30am
Monday 10th February	Food & Catering	1 hour 45 mins	2:00pm
Monday 10th February	GCSE Business Studies	1 hour	2:00pm
Tuesday 11th February	RS	1 hour 25 mins	11:30am
Tuesday 11th February	Computer Science	1 hour	11:30am
Tuesday 11th February	English	1 hour	2:00pm
Wednesday 12th February	History	1 hour 15 mins	9:00am
Thursday 13th February	French Listening & Reading	1 hour 45 mins	9:00am
Thursday 13th February	Spanish Listening and Reading	1 hour 45 mins	11:30am
Thursday 13th February	Geography	1 hour	2:00pm
Friday 14th February	Media Studies	1 hour 30 mins	9:00am
Friday 14th February	Engineering	1 hour 30 mins	9:00am
Friday 14th February	Dance	1 hour 30 mins	11:30am
Friday 14th February	DT	2 hours	11:30am
Friday 14th February	Construction	1 hour 15 mins	11:30am
Friday 14th February	French Writing	1 hour 15 mins	2:00pm
Friday 14th February	Spanish Writing	2 hour 15 mins	2:00pm
Tuesday 25th February	Art Practical	All day	



## **Coronavirus – Advice for all early years providers, schools and further education providers**

**The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad.**

The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate. However we understand that people may be concerned where there are children, students or staff returning from or visiting China.

Public Health England and the Foreign Office have issued advice for anyone travelling to the area. This can be found at:

- <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china>

Latest information and advice can also be found at:

- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Please share this advice with your staff and cascade as appropriate.

## **Advice for parents/guardians**

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link above.

## **What action you can take**

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus.

Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

You can do this by:

Displaying this poster in relevant public spaces:

- <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5e35b25740f0b609169cb52a/coronavirus-public-info-poster-2.pdf>

Sharing DHSC content from the following social media links:

- <https://twitter.com/DHSCgovuk/status/1223888531262726144>
- <https://www.facebook.com/DHSCgovuk/videos/194227541968649/>
- [https://www.linkedin.com/posts/dhsc\\_coronavirus-coronavirusoutbreak-coronavirusuk-activity-6629655670331318273-Djpu](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/dhsc_coronavirus-coronavirusoutbreak-coronavirusuk-activity-6629655670331318273-Djpu)

## WORD OF THE WEEK

3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### JRCS 200 word challenge



#### Read It

**implicit**

#### Define It

Something that is *suggested* but not said or shown openly.

#### Digging Deeper:

Synonyms (words with similar or the same meaning) include: implied, undeclared, unspoken, unexpressed. The antonym (opposite) to implicit is explicit – when something is made clear and said openly. Being able to identify implicit meanings in written texts is a skill you use across many different subjects. Knowing a writer's intentions will help you understand the implicit meanings or significance of the language used within a text. For example, if a writer is clearly biased (one-sided) towards a certain political agenda, their text is likely to include a mix of implicit and explicit criticisms of any opposing views.

#### Draw It

*On the whiteboard/paper/ mini whiteboards*

#### Use It

1. There is **implicit** criticism of the royal family in this newspaper report;
2. They shook hands as an **implicit** sign that their argument was now over.

#### Link It

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

#### Deconstruct It

Originally stems from the Latin root *implicatus*, meaning to be involved or entangled.

# Vietnam 2020

## Menu

### Example Choices

Beef Pho  
Rice noodle with  
fresh herbs  
Crunchy summer rolls  
Spiced rice with garlic  
and ginger  
Prawn noodles  
Crispy Seaweed  
Prawn crackers  
Vegetarian Option

## FOOD NIGHT

BYOD

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

6pm – 8pm

Join us for

Food

Entertainment

Raffle



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