

The Seagull



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Next week is Week 1

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Year 9 Progress Evening: Wednesday 4th March 3:45pm – 6:45pm

A huge thank you again to everyone who attended Options Evening with their Year 9 students. I was so happy to see everyone asking mature questions and investing in their future.

A quick reminder that Year 9 Progress Evening is next Wednesday 4th March and so I look forward to another great turnout. This evening is their only opportunity to hand in their Options decisions to secure their first choices. The evening will also allow you to meet with all of their subject teachers for an update on their progress. I look forward to welcoming you then.

If you cannot attend, please contact Mrs Rowland directly at the school or by email: nrowland@jorichardson.org.uk

Bikes

At JRCS we are introducing new rules relating to students bringing bicycles to school and our expectations around how they ride safely on their way to and from school. During next week, all students who bring a bicycle into school will need to register it with their Head of Year. A simple registration form will be distributed during tutor time at the beginning of the week.

During this week students have been spoken to about the new rules and an area around the school where they will no longer be able

to cycle. Our aim is to ensure the safety of all members of the JRCS community and also ensure that members of our local community are not endangered or inconvenienced by students not being sensible in riding their bikes around the local area. These new rules will be fully implemented from Monday 9th March and will part of the school's behaviour management policy from that date onwards.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions in relation to this new initiative. Further details are available in this edition of The Seagull.

Gold Seagull

Congratulations to this week's Gold Seagull winners (pictured above): Maya (Year 7), Noor-ul-ain, Natalie and Shanmitha (Year 8)

Well done!

Mr Smith
Headteacher



GENERAL NEWS

LGBT+ History Month



February was LGBT+ History Month across the world. Here at Jo Richardson we marked the event with assemblies for Year 7, KS3, KS4 and KS5 as well as seeing Main Street and the entrance from Castle Green decorated with Rainbow Flags. Students spoke in assembly about why they felt LGBT+ History Month mattered and how treating people equally is really important.

Majid in Year 7 said: "A quote I like is 'Don't ever be afraid to show off your true colours'. The meaning is that you shouldn't be afraid of who you are."

Nifemi in Year 7 received spontaneous applause for her comments: "It doesn't matter what sexuality or age or skin colour we are. We are all humans. We all bleed red blood if we cut ourselves, therefore we are all

considered as a person in this universe as well as us all being different on the inside as well as out – no two people are the same. I like to consider life as a book, our book of our life. You write the pages, you decide the plot, you're the main character. So fall in love with whomever you want because at the end of the day – no one can stop you. So write these pages because you can be whatever you want to be, and you can love who ever you want to love."

If anyone wants to support LGBT+ people at JRCS, or if they have questions or want to find help, come to JRCS Pride, Wednesdays 1:30pm in MS2 or find Ms Harland.

Ms Harland
Head of Media Studies

Jack Petchey Award Winner



Congratulations to John (Year 10) who has received the Jack Petchey Award for his hard work, determination and resilience.

Well done John!

Ms Salih
Assistant Headteacher

Miss Draisey
Head of Year 10

Year 11 students study Macbeth

On Thursday 13th February we were fortunate enough to welcome an actor from the Globe Theatre into school to work with 105 of our Year 11 students. As part of their English

Literature GCSE, students are required to study William Shakespeare's Macbeth.



The English Department constantly strives to find creative ways to engage our students, and these workshops enabled them to bring the play to life; they were able to analyse the staging and crafting as it would have been intended in Elizabethan times.

These opportunities provided some invaluable learning for students and will set them up well for a visit to the Globe to see Macbeth later in the year.

Mrs Patel
English Department

World Book Day Thursday 5th March



To acknowledge World Book Day our school holds an 'all day reading marathon'. Every 15 minutes throughout the day different students read to keep the marathon going.

The marathon is held in Main Street on a staged area set up as a camping theme.

To take part students need to see Ms Osland in the Library to sign up and choose their 15 minute time slot.

I am looking forward to seeing students to book their time slot.

Ms Osland
School Librarian



Year 11 Mock Exams

Below is a copy of the Year 11 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 11 Mock Exam Timetable March 2020

Day/Date	Paper	Length	Time
Monday 2 nd March	Maths - Paper 1	1 hour 30mins	9:00am
Monday 2 nd March	Maths - Paper 2	1 hour 30mins	11:30am
Monday 2 nd March	Maths - Paper 3	1 hour 30mins	2:00pm
Tuesday 3 rd March	English Language Paper 1	1 hour 45mins	9:00am
Tuesday 3 rd March	Triple Science Paper 1	1 hour 45mins	11:30am
Tuesday 3 rd March	Combined Science Paper 1	1 hour 10mins	11:30am
Tuesday 3 rd March	History Paper 1	1 hour 15mins	2:00pm
Wednesday 4 th March	English Language Paper 2	1 hour 45mins	9:00am
Wednesday 4 th March	Triple Science Paper 2	1 hour 45mins	11:30am
Wednesday 4 th March	Combined Science Paper 2	1 hour 10mins	11:30am
Wednesday 4 th March	Geography Paper 1	1 hour	2:00pm
Thursday 5 th March	Dance	1 hour 30 mins	9:00am
Thursday 5 th March	Media Studies Paper 1	1 hour 30mins	11:30am
Thursday 5 th March	PE Paper 1	1 hour	2:00pm
Friday 6 th March	Music Listening	1 hour 30 mins	9:00am
Friday 6 th March	Triple Science Paper 3	1 hour 45mins	11:30am
Monday 9 th March	Business Studies Paper 1	1 hour 30 mins	9:00am
Monday 9 th March	History Paper 2	1 hour 40mins	11:30am
Monday 9 th March	Citizenship	1 hour 45mins	2:00pm
Monday 9 th March	DT	2 hours	2:00pm
Tuesday 10 th March	Media Studies Paper 2	1 hour 30mins	11:30am
Wednesday 11 th March	Computer Science	1 hour 40mins	9:00am
Wednesday 11 th March	GCSE Food	1 hour 45mins	9:00am
Wednesday 11 th March	Dance in DA1 – 9:00am – 11:00am		
Wednesday 11 th March	History Paper 3	1 hour 20mins	11:30am
Wednesday 11 th March	PE Paper 2	1 hour	2:00pm
Thursday 12 th March	Geography Paper 2	1 hour 30mins	11:30am
Thursday 12 th March	RE	1 hour 45mins	2:00pm
Friday 13 th March	Business Studies Paper 2	1 hour 30 mins	9:00am
Monday 16 th March	Art - All day in Art Corridor		
Tuesday 17 th March	Art - All day in Art Corridor		
Monday 30 th March	English Literature Paper 1	1 hour 45mins	9:00am
Monday 30 th March	English Literature Paper 2	2 hours 15mins	11:30am

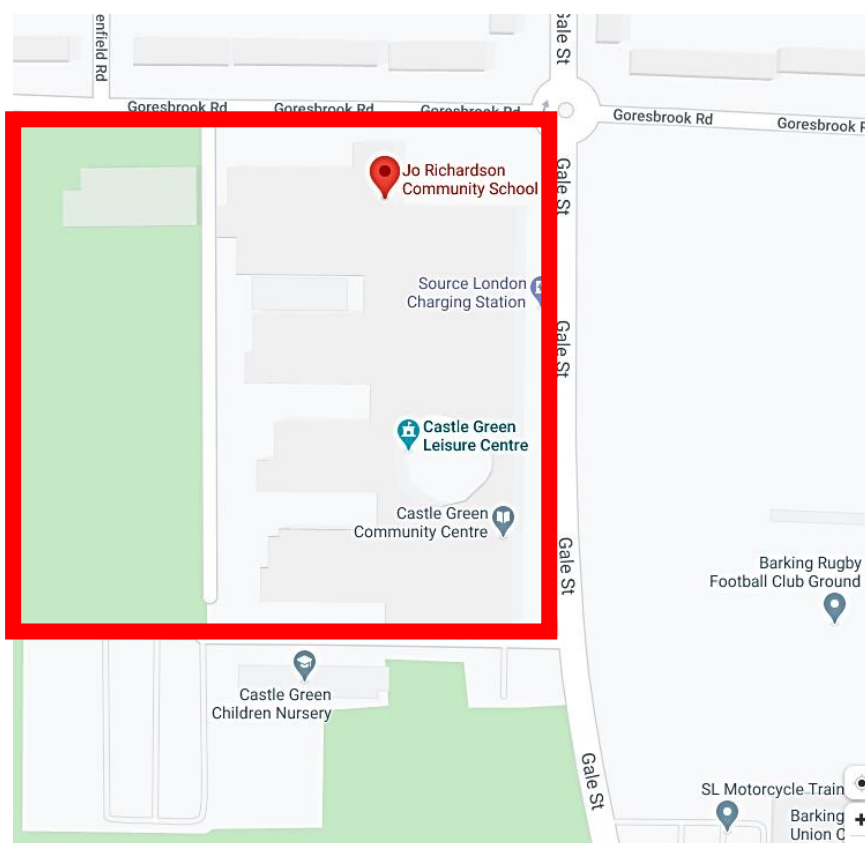
Cycling to School

At Jo Richardson Community School we encourage students to improve their health and well-being by cycling to school, offering safe places within the school grounds to securely lock their bikes. To promote the health and well-being of all students we want to ensure that student cyclists follow some simple guidelines written below. This is in response to concerns raised by members of the local community, staff and students who walk outside of our school.

Guidelines for cycling whilst attending Jo Richardson Community School

1. Students must register their bike with their Head of Year by collecting a letter from their form tutor and having the reply slip signed by them and their parent/carer.
2. Students not to ride their bike whilst inside the school grounds.
3. Students to lock their bike inside the school grounds.
4. Students not to ride their bikes in the area directly outside of school.
5. These areas are indicated in red as a 'no cycle zone'. Students to push their bike over one of the zebra crossings on Gale Street or Goresbrook Road before being able to cycle.

The guidelines will apply to our students at all times.



Students failing to comply with the simple guidelines should expect to receive the following tiered response.

1st Offence – 1 hour HOY detention and banned from bringing their bike for one week.

2nd Offence – 2 hour SLT detention and banned from bringing their bike for a half term.

3rd Offence – Student placed in LSU and banned from bringing their bike for the rest of the year.

N.B. Further offences would be dealt with accordingly.

We thank you for your support with the simple measures above to address the safety of students and the positive reputation of the school.

Mr Brierley

Designated Safeguarding Lead for Jo Richardson Community School

WORD OF THE WEEK

24th – 28th February 2020

JRCS 200 word challenge



Read It

etiquette

Define It

A code of conduct. Expected polite behaviour for operating within society, or in specific situations.

Digging Deeper:

Etiquette is all about good manners and what is considered polite in terms of behaviour within any given culture or community. In its original form, the word etiquette meant a 'label' or 'ticket'. Over time, a new meaning was added. Etiquettes, printed lists of rules for proper behaviour, were given to people being presented to the King or Queen in order to prevent them from making embarrassing blunders in how they acted around such senior members of society.

Draw It

On the whiteboard/paper/ mini whiteboards

Deconstruct It

Originally stems from the Old French *estiquette*, meaning label or sticker.

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 JRCS code of conduct outlines the correct etiquette for our school community.
2. Working abroad had given him an understanding of Japanese etiquette.