

The Seagull



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Next week is Week 2

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Bikes at JRCS

As I mentioned in last week's Seagull, the new rules relating to bikes at JRCS come into place on Monday 9th March. From this date all bicycles will need to be registered with your son or daughter's Head of Year and all cyclists will need to follow the rules that have been put into place. You will find a copy of the new rules on page 6 of this edition of The Seagull.

Gold Seagull

Congratulations to this week's Gold Seagull winners (pictured above): Oluwafisayomi, Iainmari and Majid (Year 7). Yasmina (Year 8) and Safa (Year 9).

Well done!

Mr Smith
Headteacher

GENERAL NEWS

Year 7 Summer ACHIEVE Day – France

As part of the ACHIEVE Day Programme all Year 7 students will be visiting France for the day on Wednesday 8th July 2020. Further information including prices will be sent home within the coming weeks. However, we would like to give you advance warning that all students will require a valid passport and EHIC card which will need to be photocopied and handed into the Main School Office by Wednesday 10th June 2020.

If passports are not handed in by this date your child will be unable to attend the France trip.

Thank you.

Mrs Garland
Educational Visits Administrator

City Farm Visit

On Wednesday 4th March 7R4 took a trip to Hackney City Farm with Ms O'Neill and Ms Worlock. It took us about an hour to get to the farm using the District Line and London Overground. We were greeted by big, fat chickens who were running around and chasing each other in the courtyard. We saw pigs rolling in mud and lots of fluffy sheep. We saw a horse chasing a donkey. The horses were very friendly. We learned lots of fun facts about the animals. Our favourite was that Gary the donkey enjoyed flirting with Clover! Some of us enjoyed lunch with a squirrel.

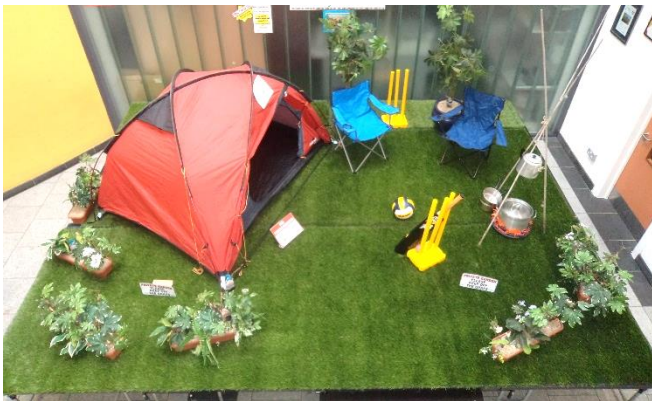
Chloe rates the trip 8.5/10 losing a few marks for the smell! Even though the farm smelled bad, we had a great day learning about the animals and would highly recommend a visit.



World Book Day

What a brilliant day students had on Thursday 5th March, as the school celebrated World Book Day by holding an all-day reading marathon. Every 15 minutes throughout the day different students read to keep the marathon going. A stage was set up in Main Street with a tent, camping chairs, camp fire (mock of course) and other props.

This event is always very popular with students and encourages them to acknowledge 'reading can be fun'. Each student who took part received a certificate, book mark and credits.



Every student in school received a £1 book token to get a WBD book for FREE or £1 OFF a book costing £2.99 or more from local booksellers.

World Book Day is celebrated all over the world and not just by schools. Checkout the website www.worldbookday.com for news and events, competitions, quizzes, blogs, author on Twitter, books and lots more.

Many thanks to everyone.

Ms Osland
School Librarian



The 2020 A Level Sociology Conference at UCL:

On Thursday 23rd January 2020, the Year 12 Sociology classes came together at Becontree station to make their way to UCL University which hosted an open Sociology Conference. Multiple schools and colleges from across London attended. The experience was interesting and educational.

The conference consisted of multiple professional speakers and lecturers such as Paul Gilroy; a professor who is included in our sociology textbook. He gave a very impressive speech on the topic of 'Nationalism and Racism'. This was my favourite part of the entire trip because when he started talking about 'Typical British Values' and how they are reflected in the current education system, you could clearly see the interest in the eyes of all the students across the lecture room because it gave us all a different sociological perspective on our education system. Some of the other speeches made in this conference gave us a better insight into topics we are studying, such as one mentioning the concept of 'Habitus'.

To conclude, I believe this trip was very helpful to my study of sociology as well as it being a fun experience.



Ash – Year 12

Therapy Dog – ARP

Scooter has become a weekly visitor to the ARP and is very popular with students and staff. Scooter is a great resource for the ARP and is helpful in calming upset students and encouraging them to communicate their emotions.



The ARP would like to thank Ms Moody for letting him come and visit us.

Ms Lynch
ARP Lead Teacher

PDE Department Emotional and Physical Health and Wellbeing Unit

Year 7 will spend lessons focusing on mental and physical health which will include bullying and the consequences; various aspects of mental health and awareness; drugs education; bereavement and physical health.

This unit will explore many important factors, if you have any questions please feel free to contact Miss Hector.

Miss Hector
Head of PDE/Citizenship

Year 7 Football

Congratulations to the Year 7 boys' football team who beat Goresbrook School 6-0 on Tuesday. Goals from Kenzie (2), Eidanas (2), Frankie and Melchi lead the boys to a comfortable win and that is now the team's 5th win of the season. On 10th March the Year 7 team will be playing Barking Abbey School and the winner of that game will win the borough league. Good luck to the team in that game.

Mr Howard
Head of PE

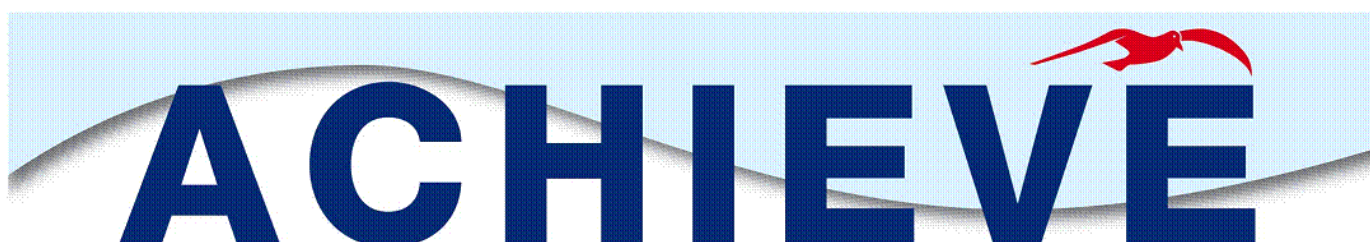
Year 11 Mock Exams

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 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



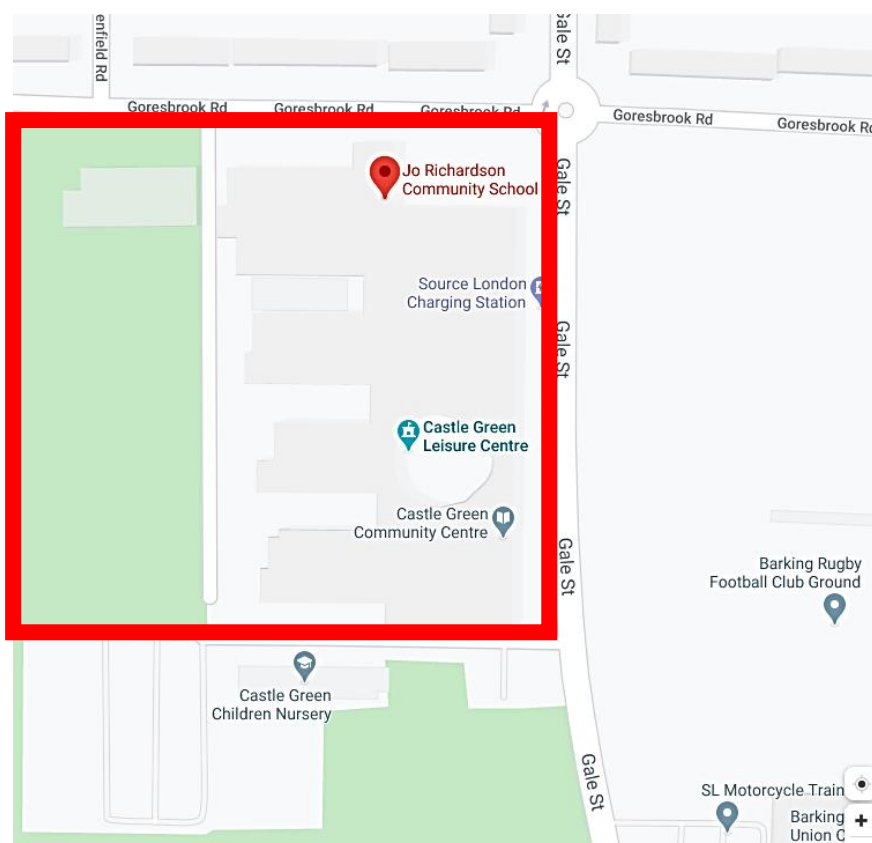
Cycling to School

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.

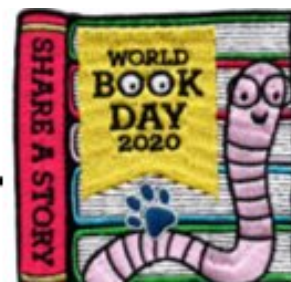
We thank you for your support with the simple measures above to address the safety of students and the positive reputation of the school.

Mr Brierley

Designated Safeguarding Lead for Jo Richardson Community School

WORD OF THE WEEK

2nd – 6th March 2020



JRCS 200 word challenge

Read It

bibliophile



Define It

1. A person who loves books;
2. An individual with an enthusiastic (sometimes even extreme) interest in collecting books.

Digging Deeper:

This Thursday (5th March) marks World Book Day, a national celebration of reading for bibliophiles of all ages. Lots will be happening around the school to mark the day, including free book tokens for students, a specially themed readathon on Main Street, special activities in your English lessons...you might even spot a few staff sporting fancy dress costumes! The first recorded use of the noun **bibliophile** was in 1824, emerging from the French *un bibliophil* meaning 'a lover of books'. Whenever you see the root 'biblio' at the start of an unfamiliar word, you can now work out that the word must have something to do with books.

Draw It

On the whiteboard/paper/ mini whiteboards

Use It

1. Jason is a **bibliophile** who reads at least four books each week.
2. **Bibliophiles** could spend hours browsing in bookshops and libraries.

Link It

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

Deconstruct It

Stems from the root words:

- *Biblio* – book, paper, scroll
- *Phile* – one that loves, likes, is attracted to

