

# The Seagull



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## FROM MONDAY FACE MASKS WILL BE COMPULSORY IN COMMUNAL AREAS AT JRCS

Please click on the following links for more information:

<https://jorichardson.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Face-masks-PP.pdf>

<https://jorichardson.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Face-coverings-in-schools-Sept-20.pdf>



### HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

#### Retirement

I have made the decision to retire from my post as Headteacher at JRCS in July 2021. It has not been an easy decision to make as the last 19 years have been some of the most fulfilling and enjoyable ones that I have experienced throughout my 37 year teaching career. I have always wanted to leave JRCS in a position of strength and sustainability and I know the school will continue to grow and develop over the coming years. We will be making the appointment of a new Headteacher in November and I will keep you fully updated about this process. I know that I will miss all members of the JRCS community enormously and I look forward to seeing you all, COVID permitting, over the coming months.

#### Face Masks

From Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September, face masks must be worn in all communal areas within Jo Richardson Community School. For more information please click on the following links:

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Mr Smith  
Headteacher



### GENERAL NEWS

#### Immunisation programme for this academic year is printed below.

Please return any forms promptly when you receives them ensuring to sign the correct permission/non permission box.

**Year 8** HPV dose 1 – **29/09/2020 & 30/09/2020**  
HPV dose 2 - **26/04/2021**

**Year 9** DTP + Men C - **29/03/2021 & 30/03/2021**

Programme organisers Vaccination UK:  
**0203 432 7301**

Thank you  
Student Services Department

#### ITV Documentary filmed at JRCS



On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September ITV came to JRCS to film a new documentary with Alison Hammond.

The inquisitive and excited Media Students of Year 12 and 13 had an opportunity to watch the crew in action and to ask questions. The questions ranged from "What is your work/life balance like?" to "How did you get into the industry?" The ITV crew were very accommodating and showed the classes how they film and edit, sending all the footage to editors back at the studio who were feeding back live. They discussed university choices and what it is like being a freelancer.

Ms Harland, Head of Media, said "I am so very proud of the Sixth Form students. They showed such maturity and intelligence, asking relevant and insightful questions. The ITV crew enjoyed speaking with them and offered advice on work experience. The crew coming to JRCS has changed some of our students' lives." Ellie in Year 13 said: "This has been such an important day for me. I now know what I want to do with my life. I feel so overwhelmed with how welcoming and kind the crew were. Thank you so much to ITV and Jo Richardson for giving me this opportunity".

Some of the advice given to Ashley, Jack and Ellie was:

- Have a passion and follow that passion. Live your passion.
- Be nice to people on the way up because you never know when you will see them again.
- Don't give up. You will get knocked back but don't let that hold you back.
- Get experience in whatever way you can, whenever you can.

Ms Harland  
Head of Media







## **DofE News**

### **New Covid-safe activity options**

It would be tempting to think that there is no DofE due to lockdown and COVID restrictions but this is very far from the truth. DofE as an organisation have been extremely proactive in finding ways for young people to continue with their activities. Students who find that activities are no longer available are now able to change each one of their activities to COVID safe alternatives. A list of these activities can be found by following this link:

<https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/activities>. Anyone changing their activities

should inform me about what they are going to do via eDofE or via e-mail

[Imontague@jorichardson.org.uk](mailto:Imontague@jorichardson.org.uk) As we are not meeting in school at the moment, please use e-mail to ask questions if you need to.

### **Year 9 Bronze DofE – Now it's your turn!**

The week after next will see an assembly to launch the bronze DofE programme to Year 9. The assembly presentation will be placed on the school website under *Information-Duke of Edinburgh*, along with the application form. Students are encouraged to consider COVID safe options for their activities (please see the link above); they can always change their activities as and when restrictions ease. Application forms are also available from form tutors. Forms must be returned to form tutors by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Year 10 Bronze and Silver DofE**

Students continuing with bronze DofE are going to be enrolled on an E-learning programme to start their expedition training. Students who have completed all their activities can now start on silver DofE, please watch out for e-mails about this. There is also an opportunity for Year 10 to become straight entrants to silver DofE. If you are interested in this option please e-mail Ms Montague.

### **DofE annual celebration event**

This event was due to take place on 21<sup>st</sup> April, and I did hope that we could organise a socially distanced event later this term. However, due to the 'rule of six' and new restrictions, this is regrettably not going to be

possible. I am therefore in the next few weeks going to get certificates presented in assemblies and send badges and certificates out to ex-students. I would encourage all recipients of awards to send photos in of themselves with their awards and/or wearing their badges. I can then create a display in school and on the school website to celebrate these young people's considerable achievements.

### **Expeditions**

There are a number of students who should have completed expeditions last summer. Unfortunately, these are now going to be postponed until at least next spring or summer. These students have not been forgotten, and I will do everything possible to enable them to complete their expeditions in 2021. I will forward dates and information to all those concerned by the end of March 2021. In the meantime, I would encourage all of them to get their other activities completed.

If any parents or students have questions or comments about the DofE programme, please contact me via e-mail

[Imontague@jorichardson.org.uk](mailto:Imontague@jorichardson.org.uk)

Ms Montague  
DofE Manager

### **LOC Incentive – Return your library book**

Just one week remaining for students to return their school library book(s) and an LOC will then be awarded. There has been a great response from students returning their library books already, so thank you and those students will receive their LOC shortly. All books need to be returned before Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September. There is a box clearly labelled outside the library doors for students to put library books being returned.

If a student has a preference for an I or V ACHIEVE LOC, a note needs to be put inside the book being returned stating which letter they prefer.

If a library book cannot be returned for any reason, the £5 library fine can be paid via ParentPay to go towards the cost of a replacement book. Any queries, email [josland@jorichardson.org.uk](mailto:josland@jorichardson.org.uk)

Thank you to everyone for supporting your school library.

Ms Osland  
School Librarian

## WORD OF THE WEEK

28 September- 2nd October 2020

### JRCS 200 word challenge



#### Read It

## Epitome

#### Define It

1. A perfect example; the embodiment of a quality. The person or thing that is the epitome is the typical/ideal example.

#### Digging Deeper:

Pronounced as ep-it-om-ee the word requires the definite article 'the' before it to differentiate it from an archetype. An archetype is an **original model**, **epitome** is the perfect example. Epitome used in verb form *to epitomise* is a particularly useful verb in analytical essays i.e. Dickens' style epitomises life in urban England in the 19th century.

#### Draw It

On the whiteboard/paper/ mini whiteboards

#### Deconstruct It

The word descends from Greek *epitemnein*, meaning "to cut short," which in turn formed the verb *temnein*, which means "to cut." The word then became to mean to summarise. When summarising we usually cut out information and just leave the best bits, hence why epitome became to mean the perfect example!

#### Link It

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

#### Use It

1. He was the epitome of good sportsmanship.
2. Molly and Daniel were the epitome of resourcefulness.