

# The Seagull



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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

### Headteacher



Two months ago, I informed you of my plan to retire from the Headship of Jo Richardson in the Summer of 2021. I am delighted to inform you that on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November the Governing

Body announced that they had appointed Ms Keane as the new Headteacher at JRCS. She will take up her post on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

Ms Keane was one of the four original members of Senior Leadership Team who set up the school way back in 2002. Her commitment to our school and community that we serve is unquestionable and I know that she will become an outstanding Headteacher over the coming years.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating her on her success.

### Face Masks

At JRCS, like every school in the country, we are working hard on a daily basis to make sure that we minimise the health risks for all members of our school community. It is now a national rule that all students and staff must wear a face mask or visor in communal areas. Can you please support us with this by talking to your son or daughter about the importance of them following these guidelines. Please ensure that they come into school everyday with the appropriate face covering and that they understand the importance of wearing it at all times whilst they are not in lessons.

Many thanks.

Mr Smith  
Headteacher



### Reporting Sixth Form absence

There is a new phone number to report Sixth Form absence. If you wish to report your son/daughter's absence please phone 020 8270 6222 and follow the required prompts. Please state the name of the student, their form and the reason for their absence.

Many thanks.

Mrs Evans  
Director of Sixth Form

### Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' Challenge at JRCS

On Monday 16th November, 24 Year 10 students (pictured on front page) took part in the Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' Challenge which is the biggest public speaking event for young people in the world. In this challenge, each participant attended a series of workshops about public speaking and then performed a 2-minute speech on something they felt passionate about, such as the negative effects of social media. At the end of the event, all of the students who took part received a Level 1 certificate in communication.

When asked, the students said they found the event extremely helpful in preparing them for their future as it gave them experience in public speaking. Moreover, they felt it enabled them to learn how to articulate and express themselves in a professional manner; therefore, the students highly valued this opportunity they were offered. The facilitator who came from Jack Petchey, Carl, stated that the students were highly engaged and responsive from the beginning and that he wouldn't hesitate to come back to the school if given the opportunity to in the future.

Miss Ryzak, the organiser of the event, found it was a great challenge to organise a face to face event in view of the pandemic but believes that the best way to practise public speaking is to be able to present in front of people in real life. She expressed that the students were absolutely amazing and displayed commitment and resilience which every student should aspire to show. Miss Ryzak said she felt proud to lead an event for such amazing young people our students

have proven to be and enjoyed seeing the shift in many of their confidence levels.

Importantly, Miss Ryzak would like to thank the Year 13 Business Students, led by Fesal, who provided valuable support in enabling the smooth running of the event whilst being an irreplaceable part of the judges' panel. Also, Abigail, a Year 13 English student who took on the task of being a journalist for a day and representatives of the Year 13 Media Team who helped to capture true memories.

The four winners, Elle, Anoy, Jorthy and Julia, will go through to a second round where they will need to perform a speech in an assembly in front of a whole year group which will take place at the end of November. Then the two best will go through to the regional competition where they will represent JRCS. Notably, Daniel, Zack, Temi and Ruby received the 'highly commended' certificate as recognition for going the extra mile throughout the day which is also a great accomplishment.

Overall, it was a great day where the students were able to develop and refine their public speaking skills and gain more confidence in these vital life skills. Well done to the winners and all those who took part for their accomplishments!

Abigail  
Year 13 English student at JRCS  
Acting School Journalist

### Year 13 "Young Professionals Conference" Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Year 13 students had the opportunity to opt into an amazing day conference hosted by Dan Miller through his company Young Professionals. The school has already benefited from several opportunities from the company since last March, including several students going on a virtual work experience.

The company provide an annual conference where they bring together speakers from top employment companies across a range of employment pathways but particularly from the business and technology sectors. This year it had to be virtual due to the current situation.

However, we made it as professional as possible by using the lecture theatre room and streaming the event live. Those students

who opted in should be additionally commended as this was in the middle of their VIMA internal exams so a few changes to exam timings had to be overcome.



Through the day students had 11 “TedTalk” style presentations from top companies including PwC, GSK, Capgemini and CGI to name just four, they explained their sector, their personal journey to the job they are currently in and the options they have for school leavers and graduates (taking into account that some students will want to go straight into an apprenticeship/job whilst others may wish to go to university first). Dan Miller also presented a segment about setting up a professional LinkedIn account and the day was completed with a recruitment panel consisting of a representative from each company giving hints and tips on applications, interviews employment pathways and responding to questions that were sent in from those attending.

There was something for everyone, a couple of interesting options linked to degree apprenticeships were introduced, opening dates for applications and opportunities were highlighted. The scope of pathways into the different companies was interesting to see and showed that there really is more than one way to get to a career dream.

My thanks to not only Dan Miller and the companies that made the day informative and beneficial, but also to the Year 13 students who opted in and the way they engaged. Hopefully, many will benefit from the information and maybe specific opportunities that they now know about. Who knows in a few years’ time – they may be the presenter for a company for the future Year 13s!

Miss Campbell  
Deputy Director of Sixth Form  
Head of Year 13

### Year 7 Cooking Club



We had a really excellent Year 7 Cooking Club. All students really enjoyed learning new skills and cooked chocolate brownies. They all did really well and produced some great practicals.

Well done to all the students who attended on Monday evening after a hard day in the office. I would like to thank Ms Moffatt for her support.

Mr Hargreaves  
Food and Catering

### New arrival



Congratulations to Mrs Eastman (SLT) on the arrival of her baby girl Rose Careena, born 14<sup>th</sup> November weighing 8lb 7oz.

## Year 11 Intervention Timetable

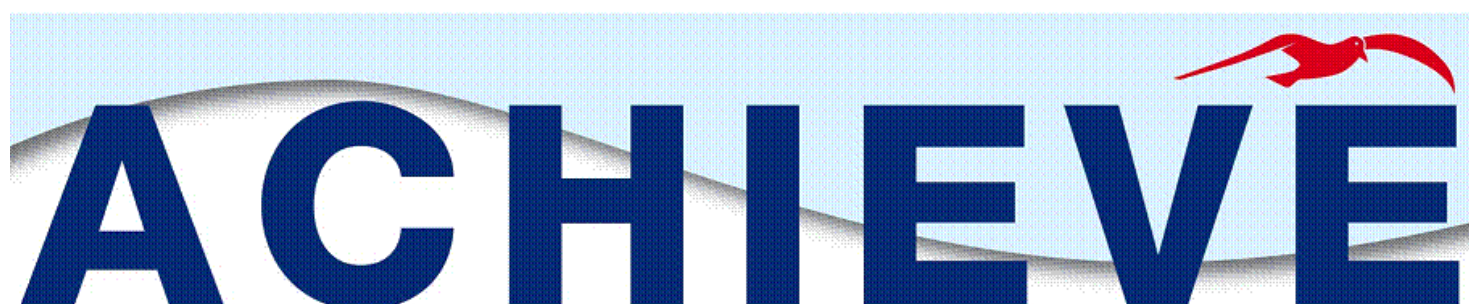
J Block		R Block			S Block	C Block	
Monday (am)	Tuesday (am)	Tuesday (pm)	Wednesday (am)	Thursday (am)	Thursday (pm)	Friday (am)	Friday (pm)
<b><u>Geography</u></b> 8:50am-9:50am ROS1 EN10/KAU EN7  <b><u>Computer Science</u></b> 8:45am-9:50am CAM2 IT1  <b><u>French</u></b> 8:30am-9:30am UME1 EN5  <b><u>Spanish</u></b> 8:30am-9:30am DUN SS1	<b><u>Art</u></b> 8:45am-9:45am HAS AR1	<b><u>Drama</u></b> 3:15pm-4:15pm WIL3 DA2  <b><u>RS</u></b> 3:15pm-4:15pm KEN EN3  <b><u>Citizenship</u></b> 3:15pm-4:15pm HEC EN8/MTC EN7  <b><u>Art</u></b> 3:15pm-4:15pm FRA2 AR2  <b><u>GCSE Business</u></b> 3:15pm-4:15pm GEN1  <b><u>Engineering</u></b> 3:15pm-4:15pm MAS2 DT8  <b><u>Food</u></b> 3:15pm-4:15pm HAG FC4/DEB2 FC1	<b><u>English</u></b> 9:15am-10:00am catch up for selected students RUT1  <b><u>Media</u></b> 9am-9:45am HAR2	<b><u>History</u></b> 8:45am-9:45am (all 6 groups) in Boothroyd Hall	<b><u>Drama</u></b> 3:15pm-4:15pm WIL3 Boothroyd Hall  <b><u>Citizenship</u></b> 3:15pm-4:15pm SAL3 EN5/MTC EN7  <b><u>RS</u></b> 3:15pm-4:15pm KEN EN4  <b><u>PE</u></b> 3:15pm-4:15pm HWD SS1, EME1 EN6, COU3 EN12  <b><u>French</u></b> 3:15pm-4:15pm BEL2 EN9  <b><u>Construction</u></b> 3:15pm-4:15pm DOR DT2  <b><u>Music</u></b> 8:30am-9:10am HUR1 MU1	<b><u>Geography</u></b> 8:20am-9:10am BNE EN5  <b><u>Drama</u></b> 8:15am-9:10am WIL3 DA1  <b><u>Citizenship</u></b> 8:50am-9:10am HEC EN6  <b><u>GCSE Business</u></b> 8:50am-9:10am HOW EN7  <b><u>RS</u></b> 8:50am-9:10am ARB2 EN12  <b><u>Spanish</u></b> 8:30am-9:10am DUN EN4  <b><u>Construction</u></b> 8:30am-9:10am DOR DT2  <b><u>Engineering</u></b> 8:30am-9:10am MAS2 DT8  <b><u>DT</u></b> 8:30am-9:10am MCK2 DT5	<b><u>Music</u></b> 3:15pm-4:00pm HUR1

## Weekly Outline of Out of School Hours Learning Activities Autumn 2020

Club	Year Group	Staff	Time	Venue
<b>Monday</b>				
Year 11 EAL Intervention	11	Mrs Way	8:30am - 9:00am	EN3
SDD Homework	7	Mrs Roults & Mrs Debono	11:00am - 11:30am	SD3
Step into Dance Hip Hop	7	Visiting Dance Teacher	11:00am - 11:30am	DA1
SDD Homework	8	Mr Bashir & Ms Newman	12:30pm - 1:00pm	SD3
Step into Dance Hip Hop	8	Visiting Dance Teacher	12:30pm - 1:00pm	DA1
SDD Homework	9	Mr Bashir & Miss Hunt	1:30pm - 2:00pm	ARP1
Step into Dance Hip Hop	9	Visiting Dance Teacher	1:30pm - 2:00pm	DA1
Cooking Club/Cake Club	7	Mr Hargreaves	3:30pm - 4:45pm	FC4
Year 8 Wings	8	Mr Kersey	3:45pm-4:30pm	Astro
<b>Tuesday</b>				
Year 7 Fitness	7	Miss Emeny	7:45am - 8:15am	Sports Hall / Astro
Year 7 Wings	7	Mr Richards	7:45am - 8:15am	Sports Hall / Astro
Wings Dance Academy	7	Miss Jones & Miss Simpson	7:45am - 8:15am	DA1
SDD Homework	7	Miss Chandler	10:00am - 10:30am	SD3
SDD Homework	9	Mrs Prockter	10:30am - 11:00am	SD3
Wings Dance Academy	8	Miss Jones & Miss Simpson	12:30pm - 1:00pm	DA1
Wings Dance Academy	9	Miss Jones & Miss Simpson	1:30pm - 2:00pm	DA1
Bronze DofE (starts 10/11/20 then every 2 weeks)	10	Mr Hargreaves/Miss Deboo/ Ms Montague	3:05pm - 4:30pm	FC4
Bronze D of E (starts 17/11/20 then every 2 weeks)	9	Mr Hargreaves & Miss Deboo	3:10pm - 4:10pm	FC4
CAD/CAM Electronics	9	Miss McKenzie	3:15pm - 4:10pm	DT3
Engineering	9	Mr Massop	3:15pm - 4:10pm	DT3
Year 8 Football	8	Mr Howard/Mr Coupland	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Astro
Year 8 Netball	8	Miss Emeny & Miss Jones	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Netball Courts
Year 7 Wings	7	Mr Richards	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Rugby Club
<b>Wednesday</b>				
Year 8 Fitness	8	Miss Jones	8:00am - 8:30am	Sports Hall / Astro
Year 8 Wings	8	Mr Seeds	8:00am - 8:30am	Sports Hall / Astro
Year 9 Music Band	9	Mr Jenner	8:30am - 9:00am	Music Recording Studio
Panathlon Club	8	Ms Montague	1:30pm - 2:00pm	Sports Hall
Peace Garden Club (Year 11 only for Autumn Term)	11	Mr Kilminster	2:10pm - 3:10pm	Peace Garden

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<b>Thursday</b>				
Silver D of E	11	Ms Montague	8:00am - 9:00am	SD3
Year 9 Fitness	9	Mr Coupland	8:15am - 8:45am	Sports Hall / Astro
Year 9 Wings	9	Mr Kersey	8:15am - 8:45am	Sports Hall / Astro
Year 9 Music Band	9	Mr Jenner	8:30am - 9:00am	Music Recording Studio
SDD Homework	8	Mr Bashir & Mr Kilminster	11:00am - 11:30am	SD4
Panathlon Club	7	Ms Montague	11:00am - 11:30am	Sports Hall
SDD Homework	9	Mr Bashir & Mrs Roults	11:30am - 12:00pm	SD3
SDD Homework	8	Mr Kilminster & Ms Montague	1:00pm - 1:30pm	SD3
Science Club	7	Miss Islam	2:50pm - 3:20pm	Science Lab
Digital Photography	9	Ms Franz	Online / Meet every 3 weeks 3:10pm - 4pm	Online / MS1
Build Environment Design	9	Miss McKenzie & Miss Kamalathanan	3:15pm - 4:10pm	DT5
Year 7 Football	7	Mr Coupland/Mr Howard	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Astro
Year 7 Netball	7	Miss Pridie/Miss Emeny	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Netball Courts
Year 9 Wings	9	Mr Kersey	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Rugby Club
Year 11 Intervention	11	Mr Howard	3:15pm - 4:15pm	PE1
Cooking Club	9	Miss Deboo	3:15pm - 4:30pm	FC1
<b>Friday</b>				
Year 10 Fitness	10	Mr Howard	8:15am - 8:45am	Sports Hall / Astro
Year 10 Wings	10	Mr Richards/Mr Seeds	8:15am - 8:45am	Sports Hall / Astro
Year 9 Football	9	Mr Coupland/Mr Howard	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Astro
Year 9 Netball	9	Miss Pridie/Miss Jones	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Netball Courts
Year 10 Wings	10	Mr Richards/Mr Seeds	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Rugby Club





Let's get  
**COOKING**

**Year 7 Cooking Club**  
**Every Monday**  
**after school**

**FC4**

**3:10pm to 4:40pm**

**Mr Hargreaves and Ms**  
**Moffatt**



# WORD OF THE WEEK

23rd- 27th November 2020



## JRCS 200 word challenge



### Read It

## Laconic

*brief and to the point; effectively cut short; "a response so curt as to be almost rude"*

### Digging Deeper:

"Laconic" comes to us by way of Latin from Greek *Lakonikos*, which is derived from *Lakon*, meaning "native of Laconia." It has been with us since the 16th century and has sometimes been used with the basic meaning "of or relating to Laconia or its inhabitants". In current use, *laconic* means "terse" or "concise," and thus recalls the Spartan tendency to use the fewest words possible.

### Draw It

*On the whiteboard/paper/ mini whiteboards*

### Deconstruct it

Laconia was an ancient country in southern Greece, bordering on the Aegean and the Mediterranean seas. Its capital city was Sparta, and the Spartans were famous for their **terseness** of speech.

### 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 laconic reply 'yes' was short and easy to reply.
2. Usually, he was laconic. This time he gave me an outpouring of emotion.