

The Seagull



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Year 7 Extra-curricular night



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Masks in schools

As you may well be aware, the rules relating to face coverings in schools change from Monday 17th May. Basically, it is no longer compulsory for students to have to wear masks in class or communal areas and staff do not have to wear masks unless they are unable to socially distance in communal areas such as staff rooms and corridors.

Below you will find two links to give you further information about these changes. The first is a letter from Matthew Cole, LBBD Director of Public Health, which has been sent to all parents of secondary age students in the borough. The second is link to the Department for Education guidelines outlining details about the changes.

Therefore, from Monday, we like every other school across the country will be implementing these changes. However, should staff or students wish to wear masks at any time, this is totally acceptable. At the moment, there are no plans to change any of our other interventions and systems and I will keep you up to date should I receive any further information.

<https://jorichardson.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/letter-from-DPH-110521.pdf>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/face-coverings-no-longer-required-in-schools-and-colleges-from-17-may>

Dates for your diary!

Monday 7 th June	Year 11 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 30 th June	New Intake Evening
Friday 1 st July	New Intake Day
Monday 5 th July	Year 13 Party
Monday 12 th July	Year 11 Prom
Wednesday 14 th July	Year 7/8/9 Sports Day Year 10 Chessington Trip Year 12 Brighton Trip

The table above gives you some information about some of the events we hope to be running between now and the end of the Summer term. Your son or daughter will receive more details about the events

involving their year group closer to the date. We hope that we will be able to run everything listed in the table but obviously we will need to follow the government guidelines as they are released.

Mr Smith
Headteacher



GENERAL NEWS

PE Extra-curricular

On Thursday 6th May the PE Department had a fantastic turn out for the Year 7 extra-curricular night. We had over 60 students attend and take part in either athletics, cricket, rounders or tennis. Students had the opportunity to practise multiple events for the JRCS Sports Day which will take place in July. All students earned themselves 10 credits and two 100 club signatures.



If you would also like to practise for this year's Sports Day, PE extra-curricular is available to all students on Thursday from 3:00pm - 4:30pm. Any questions, please ask a member of the PE Department.

PE Department

Army Careers Workshop



We had the pleasure of hosting an Army Careers Workshop with a select group of Year 9 students, which was led by Corporal Seeley and Guardsman Collins of the Coldstream Guards.

After a video presentation of the 72 careers that are open to students from 16+ years of age, the group went outside and took part in some practical exercises and tests involving physical strength, agility and problem solving.

This was followed by a 1:1 Q&A session with both the soldiers. Congratulations to Bobby for winning a task and being able to wear actual Army uniform and equipment while performing some of the drills.

All of the Year 9 team were very proud of the students who participated!!

Miss Thomas
Head of Year 9

Wear your own clothes fundraiser!

Please see letter below written to The Girls Network following our wear your own clothes fundraiser!

To whom this may concern,

Please accept our donation of £200. We chose to raise awareness towards the global issue of gender inequality and bring women's rights to the forefront of discussion. We chose this as our GCSE Citizenship action because we strongly believe it's overseen and not taken into consideration, and we wanted to raise awareness in our school and local community. We raised this money through a non-school uniform day in school, all Year 11 students and year team participated.

*Thank you and hope this letter finds you well.
Kiera, Arija, Molly and Alex (Year 11 students at Jo Richardson Community School)*

Miss Draisey
Head of Year 11

Library Information

How to borrow a book from the school library:
Go to the JRCS website and select library.
A student can either complete and submit the online questionnaire request form or reserve a book at www.readingcloud.net
(Login using student school username and password). If the book is available it will be delivered to the student's registration room.
Students maybe emailed if there are any issues with the request

A student can borrow a book for two weeks.
Library books need to be returned on time and books being returned go in the box outside the library doors. Any library questions email library@jorichardson.org.uk

Thank you for supporting your school library.

Ms Osland
Librarian

Dear Parents / Carers

As school begins to return to a level of normality and routine, the Government and Local Authority are urging schools to begin to monitor attendance and engagement with education, using the legal systems available. The time that students have had off school due to lockdown periods has seen some students struggle to resume normal routine and motivation. We are here as support for parents to re-establish resilience for those students who may be having problems with routine and anxiety with wanting to come to school.

Below is a reminder of the school's expectations:

Attendance

Over the next couple of weeks, the Attendance Team will be highlighting and addressing current attendance concerns. You may receive a letter or phone call if there are concerns with the level of attendance of your child. We may request a meeting with some parents where there is a continuous pattern of non-attendance. We will be looking at patterns of absences and persistent absence. If we have concerns for a child and we have failed to have contact with a parent, we will carry out a home visit in line with our safeguarding protocol. Any absences that were part of the lockdown or that have been previously been taken for Covid reasons have been excluded from the level of attendance. The overall attendance percentage is based on the time that your child could have attended school.

Parents are legally responsible for making sure their child attends school. Missing school causes severe disruption to a child's education and affects their performance in exams and chances in later life. Non-attendance can also lead to legal action being taken against you as a parent.

Medical appointments / long term absence (longer than 7 days including weekends)

Please provide proof of appointments if your child is leaving school during the day for an appointment. Students are encouraged to attend around appointments where possible rather than missing a whole day of school.

If your child is absent from school for a long period of time due to an ailment or an operation, we will require confirmation in the form of copies of a doctor's letter or appointment cards. Please note that it is the school's decision to authorise an absence so supporting documentation is really useful in these situations.

Holidays during term time

Also a reminder that as opportunity to travel returns, holidays during term time will be unauthorised. Penalty notices will be issued by the Local Authority. The penalty notice is issued separately to both parents per child.

If you are having issues getting your child to school, please contact the Attendance Team or the Year Team to support you with this issue.

Calling the absence line

We ask parents to call the absence line daily when their child is not coming to school. Please call the main school line on 0208 270 6222 and make the **selection 1** through to Staff/Student absence then **select 1** for Absence for students in Year 7 – 11 and **select 2** for a Sixth Form absence.

Truancy

If your child is missing from school and you have not reported them absent, you will receive a text or a phone call. In some instances you may receive a home visit if we are carrying out an attendance sweep.

We do understand that parents work and often leave the house before their child leaves for school, but it is important that you check that they are on their way to school. Maybe get together with other parents who can support you with this. This is an important safety measure.

If you are not aware of your child's absence and you do not know their whereabouts, we recommend that you report this to 101. The school has a duty of care to also report to 101 any concerns where a child is missing from school.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Student Services / Attendance Team with any concerns you may have.

Thank you.

Lynn O'Keefe Student Services Manager / Attendance & Safeguarding Lead

Karen Murrell Attendance Officer – Years 7, 8 & 9

Becca Harding Attendance Officer – Years 10 & 11

May Assessments

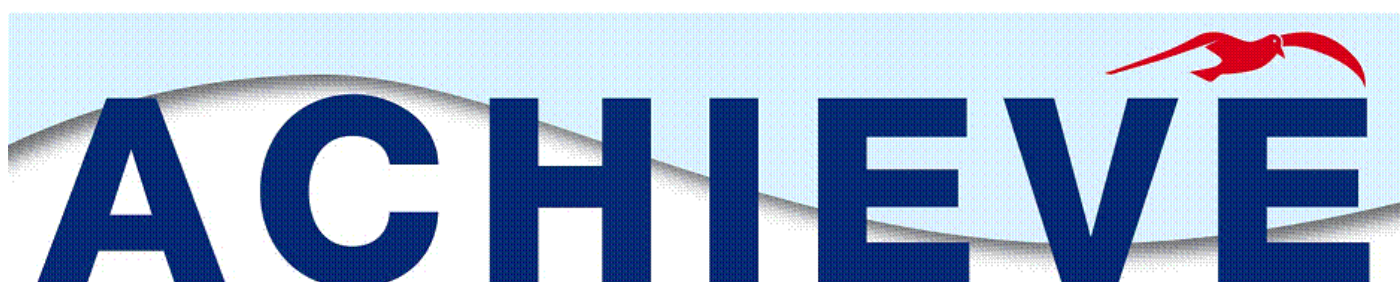
Below is a copy of the May Assessment Exam Timetable. These are internal exams and students will be required to attend normal lessons. Please make sure students have a good breakfast and they have the correct equipment with them for each exam, including a calculator (if needed) and a black pen.

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.

Day/Date	Paper	Exam Start
Monday 17th May	Year 11 Comb Science Physics P2	9.30am
Monday 17th May	Year 11 Sep Science Physics P2	9.30am
Monday 17th May	Year 13 RE	11.30am
Monday 17th May	Year 11 French Reading	1.30pm
Monday 17th May	Year 11 Spanish Reading	1.30pm
Tuesday 18th May	Year 11 GCSE Business Studies Paper 1	10:00am
Tuesday 18th May	Year 11 Computer Science Paper 1	12.30pm
Tuesday 18th May	Year 13 English Paper 1	2.00pm
Tuesday 18th May	Year 13 Maths Paper 1	2.00pm
Tuesday 18th May	Year 13 Core Maths Paper 1	2.00pm
Tuesday 18th May	Year 13 Drama Component 3	2.00pm
Tuesday 18th May	Year 11 PE - Paper 1	2.00pm
Wednesday 19th May	Year 11 French Writing	10:00am
Wednesday 19th May	Year 11 Spanish Writing	10:00am
Wednesday 19th May	Year 11 DT	12:30pm
Wednesday 19th May	Year 11 Dance	12:30pm
Thursday 20th May	Year 11 Citizenship	10:00am
Thursday 20th May	Year 11 Engineering Written Paper	10:00am
Thursday 20th May	Year 13 Politics Paper 2	11.30am
Thursday 20th May	Year 11 Construction	12:15pm
Thursday 20th May	Year 11 Media Studies	12:15pm
Friday 21st May	Year 11 Art	All day
Friday 21st May	Year 12 CeFS Part B	9.00am
Friday 21st May	Year 13 Sociology - Paper 2	9.00am
Friday 21st May	Year 13 Biology - Paper 2	9.00am
Friday 21st May	Year 13 PE - Paper 2	1:00pm

Monday 24th May	Year 11 History Weimar & Nazi Germany	9.30am
Monday 24th May	Year 13 History British Experience of Warfare	11.30am
Monday 24th May	Year 11 Food Prep & Nutrition	1.30pm
Monday 24th May	Year 11 Hospitality & Catering	1.30pm
Monday 24th May	Year 11 Drama	1.30pm
Tuesday 25th May	Year 11 GCSE Business Studies Paper 2	10:00am
Tuesday 25th May	Year 11 Computer Science Paper 2	12.30pm
Tuesday 25th May	Year 13 English Paper 2	2.00pm
Tuesday 25th May	Year 13 Maths Paper 2	2.00pm
Tuesday 25th May	Year 13 Core Maths Paper 2	2.00pm
Tuesday 25th May	Year 12 Health & Social Unit 4	2.00pm
Wednesday 26th May	Year 11 RE	10:00am
Wednesday 26th May	Year 13 Business Studies Paper 2	10:00am
Thursday 27th May	Year 13 Psychology - Paper 2	9.00am
Thursday 27th May	Year 11 Geography Paper 2	10:00am
Thursday 27th May	Year 13 Physics -Exploring Physics	11.30am
Thursday 27th May	Year 13 Politics Paper 3	11.30am
Thursday 27th May	Year 11 Music Listening	12:15pm
Friday 28th May	Year 13 Media Studies	9.00am
Friday 28th May	Year 13 RE - Paper 2	9.00am
Friday 28th May	Year 13 Chemistry Paper 2 H432/02	9.00am
Friday 28th May	Year 11 PE - Paper 2	2.00pm

*Please note some start times for these exams are earlier for some students; please refer to individual timetables that have been given to students.



Weekly Outline of Out of School Hours Learning Activities - Summer 2021

Club	Year Group	Staff	Time	Venue
Monday				
Year 8 Wings Boys Football	By referral or invitation	Mr Kersey/Mr Richards	7:45am - 8:30am	SC4
SDD Homework	7	Mrs Roult & Mrs Debono	11:00am - 11:30am	SD3
Step into Dance Hip Hop Classes	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 Classes	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 Classes	9	Visiting Dance Teacher	1:30pm - 2:00pm	DA1
Debating Club	12	Rodrigo / Ms Duncan	1:30pm - 2:10pm	SD4
Cooking Club/Cake Club	7	Mr Hargreaves	3:30pm - 4:45pm	FC4
Year 8 Wings Football	By referral or invitation	Mr Kersey/Mr Richards	3:15pm - 4:45pm approx	Astro
Year 7 Wings Rugby	By referral or invitation	Mr Kersey/Mr Richards	3:15pm - 4:45pm approx	Sports Field
Tuesday				
Year 7 Wings Girls Football	By referral or invitation	Mr Kersey/Mr Richards	7:45am - 8:30am	Astro
Year 7 Volleyball	7	Mr Coupland	7:45am - 8:15am	Sports Hall
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
Debating Club	12	Rodrigo/ Ms Duncan	1:30pm - 2:10pm	SD4
Year 10 Bronze D of E	10	Ms Montague	3:05pm - 4:30pm	SD4
Mad Hatters Drama and Dance	7 & 8	Ms Hallas	3:10pm - 4:10pm	Year 7 DR3 & Year 8 DA2
Engineering Club	9	Ms Hinds	3:15pm - 4:10pm	DT5
CAD/CAM Electronics	8	Miss McKenzie	3:15pm - 4:10pm	DT3
Year 8 Athletics, Cricket, Rounders & Tennis	8	All PE staff	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Astro and Field
Year 7 Wings Football Boys/Girls	By referral or invitation	Mr Richards	3:15pm - 4:45pm approx	MU3
Year 8 Wings Rugby	By referral or invitation	Mr Kersey	3:15pm - 4:45pm approx	Sports Field
JRCS Pride has moved online. Email Ms Harland jharland@jorichardson.org.uk for access to the group				

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Club	Year Group	Staff	Time	Venue
Wednesday				
Year 8 Wings Football	By referral or invitation	Mr Kersey/Mr Richards	7:45am - 8:30am	Astro
Year 8 Fitness and Basketball	8	Miss Jones	8:00am - 8:30am	Sports Hall and Astro
Year 10 Band	10	Mr Jenner	8:45am - 9:20am	Music Recording Studio
Year 9 Wings Rugby	By referral or invitation	Mr Kersey/Mr Richards	2:00pm - 3:00pm approx	Gym
Year 7 Wings Football	By referral or invitation	Mr Richards/Mr Bashir	2:00pm - 3:00pm approx	Astro
Year 8 Panathlon	8	Ms Montague	1:30pm - 2:00pm	Sports Hall
Peace Garden Club	By invitation	Mr Kilminster	2:10pm - 3:10pm	Peace Garden
Thursday				
Year 9 Wings Football	By referral or invitation	Mr Richards/Mr Bashir	7:45am - 8:30am	Astro
Year 9 Wings Rugby	By referral or invitation	Mr Kersey	7:45am - 8:30am	Gym
Year 9 Basketball	9	Miss Emeny	8:15am - 8:45am	Sports Hall and Astro
Year 9 Music Band (starts 24/03/21)	9	Mr Jenner	8:30am - 9:00am	Music Recording Studio
SDD Homework	8	Mr Bashir & Mr Kilminster	11:00am - 11:30am	SD4
Year 7 Panathlon	7	Ms Montague	11:00am - 11:30am	Sports Hall
SDD Homework	9	Mr Bashir & Mrs Roulit	11:30am - 12:00pm	SD3
SDD Homework	8	Mr Kilminster	1:00pm - 1:30pm	SD3
Debating Club	12	Rodrigo / Ms Duncan	1:30pm - 2:10pm	SD4
Science Club	7	Miss Islam	2:50pm - 3:20pm	Science Lab
Mad Hatters Drama and Dance	9&10	Ms Hallas	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Year 9 DR3 & Year 10 DA2
Digital Photography	9	Ms Franz	Meets every 3 weeks 3:10pm - 4:00pm	Online / MS1
Textiles Club	8	Mrs Mir	3:10pm - 4:10pm	DT4
Built Environment Design	9	Miss McKenzie & Miss Kamalathanan	3:15pm - 4:10pm	DT5
Year 7 Athletics, Cricket, Rounders & Tennis	7	All PE staff	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Astro
Year 9 Wings Rugby	By referral or invitation	Mr Kersey	3:15pm - 4:45pm approx	Sports Field
Year 10 Wings Football	By referral or invitation	Mr Richards	3:15pm - 4:45pm approx	HU3
Year 11 Intervention	11	Mr Howard	3:15pm - 4:15pm	SS1
Cooking Club	9	Miss Deboo	3:15pm - 4:30pm	FC1
Friday				
Year 9 Wings Rugby	By referral or invitation	Mr Kersey	7:45am - 8:30am	MA1
Year 10 Wings Football	By referral or invitation	Mr Richards	7:45am - 8:30am	Astro
Year 10 Basketball	10	Mr Howard	8:15am - 8:45am	Sports Hall and Astro
Debating Club	12	Rodrigo / Ms Duncan	1:30pm - 2:10pm	SD4
Year 9 Athletics, Cricket, Rounders & Tennis	9	All PE staff	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Astro
Year 10 Wings Football	By referral or invitation	Mr Richards	3:15pm - 4:45pm approx	Astro

WORD OF THE WEEK

17th- 21st May 2021

JRCS 200 word challenge



Read it

Panegyric

Define it:

A public speech or piece of writing in praise of someone or something



Digging deeper:

Speeches for praise are common and have different terms depending on their context. Panegyric is exclusively for celebration and should not be seen as boastful. Other synonyms include tribute, although tributes can be actions not just written form like panegyric. Another form of celebratory speech is a eulogy. A eulogy is a celebratory speech for those who have passed away. For the Ancient Greeks, a panegyric would be recited at large national events. In our society, a panegyric could be as simple as a piece of writing to commend someone for their excellence.

Draw It

On the whiteboard/paper/ mini whiteboards

Deconstruct it

This word derives from the Greek 'pan' meaning 'all' and 'agyris' meaning place of assembly. Consider how many words commencing with 'pan-' we use when referring to *all* or a large number such as pandemic, pandemonium and Pangea.

Link It

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

Use It

1. In Elizabethan times, a writer might write a panegyric to their patron when writing a book.
2. The singer used a panegyric to praise those who supported her.
3. Their achievements were worthy of a panegyric.

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