

# The Seagull



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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

### Light at the end of the tunnel!

It has been quite a week in relation to some positive news about both the relaxation of Covid restrictions and also the fact that we are in our first international football final for over 55 years!

This week, the Government announced changes to the rules around face masks, bubbles in schools, testing and social distancing amongst many others. The first indications are that in September we may be able to return to something that resembles the old 'normal'. However, all students will have to take two in-school lateral flow tests at the beginning of the Autumn term as well as continuing testing at home.

Next week's Seagull will be my last and the last of this academic year. I will make sure that you have as many details as possible relating to our return to school in September. On top of this, we will be hopefully celebrating winning the Euros!

### Last day of term

Our last day of term on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July will be a non-uniform day. Students should bring a £1 contribution which will go towards charity.

All students should arrive at their normal time and will be dismissed early at the following times:

Year 7: 11:20am

Year 8: 11:20am

Year 9: 11:30am

Year 10: 11:45am

Food will be available at break time and free school meal allowances can be used at this time.

### Gold Seagull

Congratulations to this week's Gold Seagull winners:



Year 7: Valentina, Scarlett, Stefani, Gabriella, Sallyann and Adrian (not in photo)



Year 8: Shain and Vesa



Year 9: Katelyn, Maya, Kyle and Chelsea



Year 10: Christina, Julia and Lucy (not in photo)

Year 12: Rodrigo (Unfortunately no photo).  
Special congratulations to Katelyn Year 9 who has achieved the Double Gold Seagull.

Extra special congratulations to Valentina Year 7 who has achieved the Triple Gold Seagull.

Mr Smith  
Headteacher

## GENERAL NEWS

### JRCS Sports Day 2021

This year Sports Day will be taking place at Jo Richardson, with separate events taking place for Year 7, 8 and 9. The dates for the different Sports Days are as follows:

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Year 9 Sports Day  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Year 7 Sports Day  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 8 Sports Day

The events will take place in the morning and then students will return to normal lessons when it has finished. On the day, students need to come to school in their full JRCS PE kit, be prepared for any warm or wet weather and have plenty of drinks to take with them on the field while they are competing. Students will still be able to access the normal school food provisions as the events will finish in time for the students to take their normal break/lunch time.

The PE Department is excited to be able to deliver a Sports Day this year to students, especially those in Year 7 and 8 who will be experiencing a JRCS Sports Day for the first time. We hope all the students enjoy their day.

Mr Howard  
Head of PE

## Saying goodbye to Year 11 and hello to new beginnings



On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June it was time to say our final farewell to the best year group (no bias from me at all!). They came in, signed shirts, enjoyed a wonderful celebration assembly, and released eco-friendly balloons into the atmosphere to signify the end of KS4 at JRCS. During the assembly we heard from Mr Smith who commended the year group on their resilience to complete their GCSEs amid the pandemic and their humility. Our Head Girl Rachel and Head Boy John also spoke fondly of the year group and how they had become a large bubble of support for one another throughout their time here.

As you will know, we have had to cancel our Year 11 prom, which is such a shame, they really deserved a prom. However, I am really grateful that we got to spend the 7<sup>th</sup> June together celebrating. Now, we look to the future! Here are a few important notices for Year 11:

Sixth Form transition work – All Year 11 students are now part of a new Microsoft Team entitled 'JRCS Year 11 Transition'. Here they can find taster work for each subject. I encourage all students intending to study at JRCS to have a look at the work for their chosen subjects so that they can get a good notion of what the subject is about.

Prom Awards – Just because we do not have a prom, it doesn't mean we can't still celebrate those whom we had planned to. If you are a Year 11 student, please check your emails to vote.

Yearbook – We will still be having a yearbook, so please pay your full amounts as soon as possible. I am still waiting for several of you to



send me an appropriate quote to include under your name. See the Year 11 weekly bulletin for the link.

Personal information – As a way of keeping in touch with Year 11 when they leave, we need personal email addresses and phone numbers. Again, please check the link in my emails to Year 11 to provide this information.

Finally, please ensure that if you are in Year 11 you are checking your emails regularly, this is the way that we will contact you about results/Sixth Form and more.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on the 12th August to collect your results!

Work Hard. Be Nice. Take Opportunities.

Miss Draisey  
Head of Year 11

### Year 7 Science Club



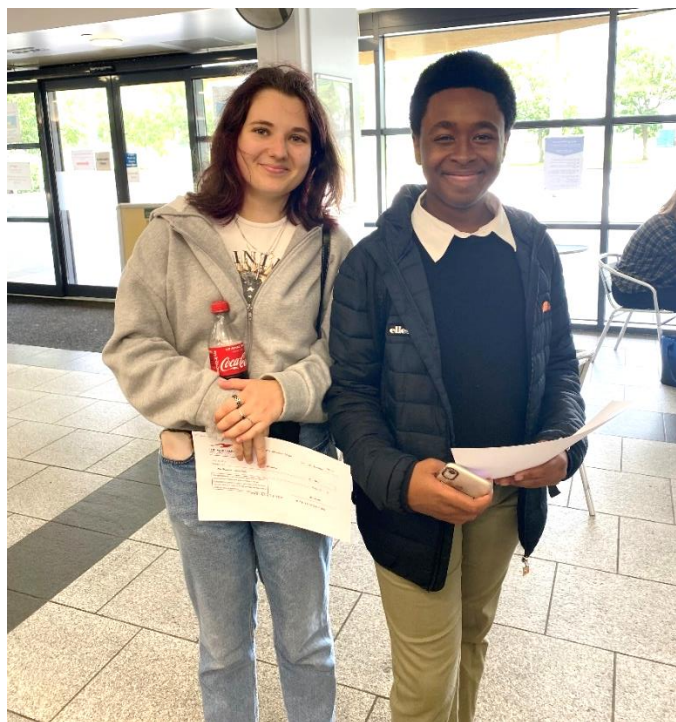
Last week Year 7 Science Club had a fantastic time with being part of the forensics team! We searched for gun powder in the crime scene and managed to produce some fingerprints!

Miss Islam  
Science Department

### 100% Attendance since Year 7

As the year ends it is time to celebrate the excellence of our Year 11 students who managed to maintain 100% attendance throughout their JRCS careers.

Here are some photos of them collecting their certificates and their reward of **£100**. What an incredible commitment to learning.



See below for the full list:

Callie, Matilda, Doris, Donte, Elias, Sulaiman, Melani, Stevie, Chelsea, Philip, Jeremy, Justina, Arthur, Rhianna, Aaliyah, Charlie and Lewis.

A huge well done to these fantastic students, we hope you have a brilliant Summer and get to treat yourself with your cash!

Miss Draisey  
Head of Year 11





# SAFER SCHOOLS & YOUTH ENGAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the second Safer Schools and Youth Engagement Newsletter! We hope you have a happy and safe Summer Holiday! Please remind your child when out to be vigilant of their surroundings and to be conscious of their personal safety such as not having personal possessions on display.



**JULY 21**

## HARD CALLS SAVE LIVES

Knife crime is a topic that strikes fear in the hearts of every parent and is something that our schools team are highly focused on.

The Safer schools Teams have delivered numerous weapons workshops to young people from year 6 to year 11. We often hear during these sessions that the reason that they or their mate may carry a weapon is for their own protection. **Carrying a weapon does not make them safer, it makes them more vulnerable.** Many children also tell us that even if they knew someone was carrying a knife they wouldn't tell anyone due to the fear of the consequences for telling but also because they have a misconception that everyone does it and it's almost now acceptable.

Our team have carried out numerous knife arch operations at schools and colleges as well as public places. Thankfully it is very rare that weapons are found during these operations. These knife arches are then followed up with weapon sweeps in the vicinity to check for any discarded weapons and again very rarely are they found – any that are get seized and destroyed. You may have heard about the charity **Crimestoppers** which is a **completely anonymous platform** for you to provide information that could ultimately save the life of your child or someone else's child. Please have a look on their website as they are currently running a campaign around this:

[www.hardcallsavelives.co.uk](http://www.hardcallsavelives.co.uk). You can also call them on **0800 555 111**.



Did you know that Crimestoppers also have a platform specifically aimed at young people called Fearless? The Fearless platform gives your child a safe place to give information about crime, and is 100% anonymous and untraceable. This takes away the fear of reprisals for telling someone, and gives the power back to your child to do the right thing. Fearless is accessible via link: [www.fearless.org](http://www.fearless.org)

**STOP & SEARCH** is an important tool used by officers in the prevention and detection of crime. To find out more please have a look at the following link: <https://www.app.college.police.uk/app-content/stop-and-search/>

**VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS** – police in Havering, Redbridge and Barking & Dagenham have been working closely with local authorities and other partner agencies to develop and implement proactive work in order to reduce violence against women and girls. Examples of this work have included our licencing team working with venues as part of the "Ask for Angela" campaign and our Safer Transport Teams patrolling school bus routes. Our schools team have been delivering presentations around "consent", and increasing awareness and encouraging reporting of sexual offences and harassment. We've also increased patrols in hot spot areas across the three boroughs and in parks and open spaces. For advice on safety please visit <https://www.suzylamplugh.org/personal-safety-out-and-about>

## THINGS TO KNOW:

### #LISTEN



Surveys have told us that there is a low level of trust & confidence in the Police among some young black men between the ages of 16 and 25 years. With that in mind the initiative #Listen has been created. This is a focused engagement survey that is accessible using the above QR code.

## VOLUNTEER POLICE CADETS



We are still actively recruiting young people for the VPC. If you'd like more information, please contact the co-ordinator for your Borough:

### Havering:

[Anthony.Kiddle@Met.Police.uk](mailto:Anthony.Kiddle@Met.Police.uk)

### Barking & Dagenham:

[Amanda.J.Miller@Met.Police.uk](mailto:Amanda.J.Miller@Met.Police.uk)

### Redbridge:

[Mark.Colyer@Met.Police.Uk](mailto:Mark.Colyer@Met.Police.Uk)

# WORD OF THE WEEK

## 12th-16th July 2021

### JRCS 200 word challenge



Read it

# Inimitable

Define it:

*That cannot be imitated, in a class of its own. An expression of admiration.*



Digging deeper:

Inimitable is often confused with its opposite, inimical. Inimical means adverse, unfriendly, hostile. This is a forceful word and means being deliberately unfriendly and antagonistic. Inimitable is the opposite compliment meaning so great they can never be copied.

Draw It

*On the whiteboard/paper/ mini whiteboards*

Deconstruct it

From Latin 'in' meaning 'not' and 'imitari' meaning not to be Imitated. The verb 'imitar' translates to Copy hence informing words like image (copy) and Imagination.

Link It

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

Use It

1. Nike discussed what was next for their inimitable brand.
2. Harry Kane's greatness was inimitable.
3. Her inimitable style made her stand out from the crowd.