

The Seagull



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Next week is Week 2

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Year 11 & Year 12 Welcome Evenings

It was lovely to see the Year 11 parents/carers this week and we look forward to working with you and your child in this important year. Year 11 have come back and made an impressive start and I am sure if they continue in this way they will fulfil their potential.

We will be holding a welcome event for Year 12 parents/carers next week on Tuesday 21st September. I am delighted to be able to say that the number of students who have joined us in Year 12 is one of the highest we have had in many years. These numbers not only reflect the excellent exam results achieved by our Year 11 students this summer, but also the success we have had with our Year 13 students. I would like to wish our new Year 12 students both from JRCS and other schools in the Partnership the very best of luck with their studies over the coming two years. I am sure they will achieve great things and make a very positive contribution to the school during their time in Sixth Form.

ACHIEVE Days

We are pleased to announce that we will be able to hold our ACHIEVE days on Wednesday 20th October and Thursday 21st October. Each year we suspend our curriculum for five days and take our students on educational visits or run in-house enrichment activities. These are an important part of our curriculum, enhancing students' enjoyment, raising aspirations and bringing learning to life. This year we have made some adjustments to the programme in order to ensure the safety of all students. We will therefore not be travelling abroad this half term but have organised a range of local experiences for our students. Booklets

detailing the trips for each year group and payment details will be circulated shortly.

Coats

As the weather starts to turn cooler, can I remind parents/carers that students should have a proper school coat on the way to and from school. Students should not wear hoodies or tracksuit tops on the journey to school or when in school. Students should only wear a proper JRCS school jumper if required.

Ms Keane
Headteacher



GENERAL NEWS

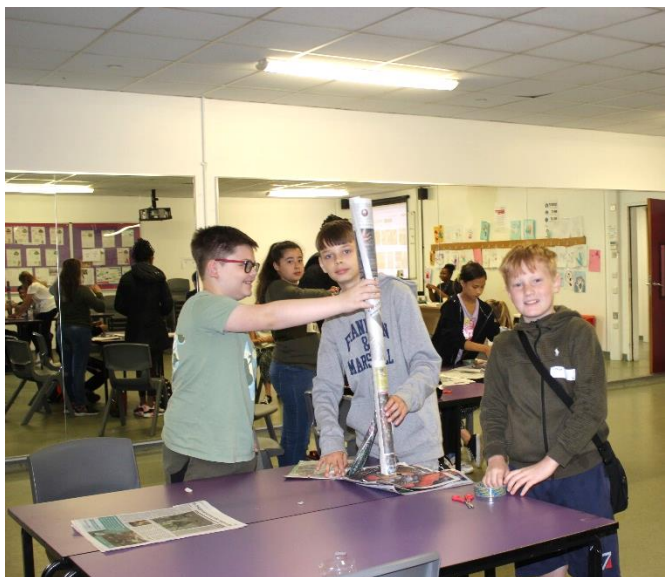
Summer School 2021



We were absolutely delighted to see some of our new Year 7s join us in Summer School. Our theme of Celebrating Diversity was a success as students took part in fun, educational activities including dance, arts and craft, identity, teambuilding, film making, social skills and sports sessions!

We are so pleased to see that this fresh start at Jo Richardson has led to new leaps of faith in confidence and friendships forming between

our students. Our new Year 7s also exercised their independence in making their own lunches and performing in the Summer Showcase. Here students showcased their crafts, sports skills and ended with a great dance performance!



We have no doubt our Year 7s will take on further opportunities and put their best foot forward for the rest of the year.

Ms Matin
Head of Year 7

Year 12 Parent Information Evening

We will be holding a Year 12 Information Evening for parents and carers on Tuesday 21st September 5:30pm – 6:30pm in Boothroyd Hall.

It will be an opportunity to find out more about Sixth Form routines, expectations and the ethos of our Sixth Form. Parents will also be able to meet the tutor team.

Mrs Evans
Director of Sixth Form

Poetry in Performance

Calling all Year 7s & 8s! Do you have a passion for performing or poetry? If so, we need you!

The Drama & English Departments are excited to announce we will be partaking in 'Poetry in Performance' – an interschool poetry recital competition, exploring the power of the spoken word.

What is it? Poetry in Performance is an inspiring competition for students to learn and to recite poems by heart.

Who is it for? Poetry In Performance is open to all Year 7 and 8 students.

How can I sign up? You can sign up using one of the sign up sheets outside of the Drama Office to take part a practical poetry workshop that will explore poetry and will be an audition. This will be on Tuesday 28th September 3:00pm – 4:00pm (You may bring a change of comfortable clothes).

How many students will get this opportunity? Five students (one x soloist and one x group) from each year group will then compete in an interschool competition to win a prize and coveted trophy.

For more information, feel free to come down to the Drama Office!

We hope to see you there!

The Drama & English Departments



YR 7 & 8 AUDITIONS! – Tuesday 28th September - 3-4pm (After school)

Sign up by the Drama office!

POETRY IN PERFORMANCE



Interschool poetry recital competition
exploring the power of the spoken word

Young Carers

A Young Carer is a child under 18 who regularly helps to look after a family member or friend who is disabled, ill, has a mental health condition or addiction problem.

Children may engage in:

- Practical tasks (cooking, housework and shopping)
- Physical care (lifting or helping someone use the stairs)
- Personal care (dressing, washing, helping with toilet needs)
- Managing the family budget (collecting benefits and prescriptions)
- Managing medication
- Looking after younger siblings
- Helping someone communicate

Jo Richardson Community School can support young carers.

If you, or a family member, needs support please contact:

Mrs. Staggs

All contact will be treated in the strictest confidence



HOUSE OF COMMONS

INVITATION: BARKING AND DAGENHAM BEST START

Location: The Ripple Centre, 121-125 Ripple Road, Barking, IG11 7FN

Friday 17th September 2021, 3.00 – 5.00 pm

Dear Resident,

I would like to invite you to a drop-in fair I am running on Friday 17th September 2021 from 3.00 – 5.00 pm.

These past couple of years have been tough for us all, but more than ever the last 18 months, in particular for children. Therefore, I am hosting this drop-in event for children, young people and families to connect with key local services in one place.

Lots of local services will be available to speak with you on the day. This includes Homes and Money Hub, Healthy Lifestyles, B&D Job Shop, Early Years and Youth Careers, and B&D College. There will be local playgroups such as Leyf Nurseries and Cocoon Club, and local health providers such as NHS Health Visitors. There will also be representation from local groups like Future Youth Zone and Studio 3 Arts.

This is a great opportunity to connect with, sign up for and find out about services in the Borough, see what activities are available locally for you and your children, or simply come down and have a cup of tea with me.

I hope that this event will be a great success. I am also planning on implementing a space where some of these local groups and services operate from on a permanent basis, for easy access in one place. I would welcome the opportunity to talk to you more about this on the day.

Please feel free to share this invitation with your friends and family, or anyone else who you think will be interested.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

With all good wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margaret Hodge'.

Margaret Hodge MP

WORD OF THE WEEK

20th-24th September 2021

