

# The Seagull



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Next week is Week 2

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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

### Year 11 intervention

It is fantastic to see so many Year 11 students starting to engage with after school intervention sessions this term, including a brilliant History session this week where staff put on a dramatic performance for our Year 11 Historians in Boothroyd Hall. We are so fortunate at JRCS to have a committed staff who go above and beyond to support Year 11 students during this vital year by offering intervention in addition to their day-to-day lessons.

I have included the Year 11 intervention timetable in this edition of The Seagull so that parents and carers are aware of when sessions run during the school week. Sometimes these sessions are open to whole classes, while on other weeks teachers may notify individual groups of students whom they require to attend intervention so that they can work on a specific gap in their learning. Students should write all intervention sessions into their planners. Please encourage your son or daughter to attend and to make the most of this extra support. It really does make such a difference to students' progress as they work towards sitting their final GCSE exams next summer.

### Whole school ACHIEVE Days

Students will have brought home their leaflets regarding our ACHIEVE days. This year they are scheduled to take place on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st October 2021. Reply slips should be completed and returned to the school by Friday 8th October, with payments made in full Friday 15th October. If you have not received a leaflet, please ask your son or daughter to collect one from the main School Office.

Please be aware that students (unless exempt) will be required to wear a face mask on public

transport for any trips that involve travelling on the London Underground. This is in line with TfL's policy that face coverings must still be worn for the full duration of journeys on their network, including inside stations.

### Year 13 Stubbers Trip

On Wednesday 29th September, our Year 13 students enjoyed a day of action and adventure at the Stubbers outdoor activity centre. The Sixth Form team skilfully managed to pick the one day this week where the weather was kind to us! This meant students could make the most of the fresh air and the full range of physical outdoor activities available. From archery to climbing, students and staff took on the challenges with courage and humour, pushing themselves out of their normal comfort zones to take on new skills and to use great team work. I hope the day was a chance to build positive memories that students will carry with them for many years to come.

### Staff training: dates for your diaries

Please be reminded that the school is closed to students all day on Friday 22nd October 2021 due to a staff training day.

There will also be staff training taking place on some upcoming Wednesday afternoons this term. This means extra-curricular clubs will not be running on the following Wednesday afternoons:

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### Jeans for Genes Day

Last week I promised to report back on how much money was raised on our Jeans for Genes Day. Staff and students managed to raise an impressive £500 to help support children and families living with genetic disorders. Well done to all!

## Students' forgotten items

Please be reminded that due to the amount of students in school, we are unable to accept forgotten items at reception. While we have exercised flexibility with this for Year 7 students during their first few weeks, as they get used to life at secondary school, we are encouraging them to be independent and take responsibility for the items they need to bring in themselves. As such, we would ask Year 7 parents to now refrain from dropping forgotten items off during the school day, unless of course in an emergency e.g. medical supplies.

Ms Keane  
Headteacher

## GENERAL NEWS

### Catering update

Due to the ongoing distribution issues in the food industry, Aspens (our catering provider) is having difficulty receiving some of the products on their usual deliveries. Please note that menus may need to change at short notice depending on what stock arrives on deliveries but we will ensure we keep the menu as varied as possible with the stock available. We hope the situation improves soon but will keep you updated.

Mrs Morris  
Assistant Headteacher

### Year 10 re-designing Becontree

Last week a Year 10 Design and Technology class generated great ideas for the redesign of a Gale Street Junction. They collaborated with Nintim Architects who ran an ideas workshop as part of their Becontree Forever project 'Squaring the Corners'.

As a class we walked to the junction and the architects, Mhairi and Jack, lead us in a site analysis. We thought about how the place looks, if it feels safe, if the junction has anything interesting and if we would want to meet our friends or spend time there. The class had some great insights that informed wonderful design ideas; for bridges, different boundaries, seats and shelters that would feel both safe and inviting.

Our ideas may well inform how the junction changes so watch out for your ideas being built in November Year 10 DT!



This was part of the Becontree Forever Festival, led by LB Barking and Dagenham to mark 100 years of the Becontree Estate. It's worth looking out for more opportunities on their web page [becontreeforever.uk](http://becontreeforever.uk).

Ms Kamalathanan  
DT Department

### DofE Autumn News

#### Year 10 Explore in Danbury

Last weekend saw twenty-one Year 10 Bronze DofE students and five staff heading to Danbury for the start of their expedition training programme. Having attended some basic skills training earlier in the week, the students had no problems putting up their tents, and assembling their camping stoves to cook dinner. I was impressed with the care that the students took learning how to safely light and cook on the stoves, and dinner of pasta and sauce got the thumbs up. After dinner and once it was dark, we explored the camp site and found the campfire circle. Once the fire got going, there was campfire songs and yells and even a bit of dancing, followed by marshmallow toasting.

Saturday dawned with the campsite shrouded in mist. The students were up at 7:00am cooking a breakfast of beans and sausages. Once the vans were packed, the students divided into three groups to set off on their



seven-mile walk. They were also joined by Daniels and his mum Jelina. Mr Kilminster's group was Alex, Nikhil, Murtaza, Sam, Chloe, Alina and Precious, they were complimented by him on their excellent teamwork and enthusiasm, apparently, they even had a team song! Miss Matin's group were Abie, Priscilla, Barakat, Ife Vinna, Maya and Asharni. They walked so fast that Bill missed them for their first water stop, well done girls on keeping up such a good pace. Last but by no means least was Miss Hunt's group, Daniels, Summer, Aimee, Katelyn, Tiesha, Zubin and Theo, who came back clutching a load of onions that apparently fell into the road off the back of a passing farm lorry. I want to commend this group for their brilliant resilience as early on they got a little lost in the woods and so probably walked eight miles instead of seven.



Thanks to everyone involved in the weekend, to the students for their respect for the staff, good behaviour, and for being such great ambassadors for JRCS and especially allowing everyone to get a good night's sleep on Friday night, and to the staff for their brilliant support of both the students and I. Good luck to the students as they continue with their expedition training each Tuesday after school, preparing for further expeditions in April and May.

### **Calling all Year 9's - now it's your turn!**

If you are in Year 9 and fancy getting involved in a similar adventure next year, you should listen out in the next few weeks in form time and assemblies, as applications are invited shortly for the 2022/3 Bronze DofE group. Above all, get yourself involved in a variety of extra-curricular activities in or outside school as these are the key to success with a DofE award.

Ms Montague  
DofE Manager



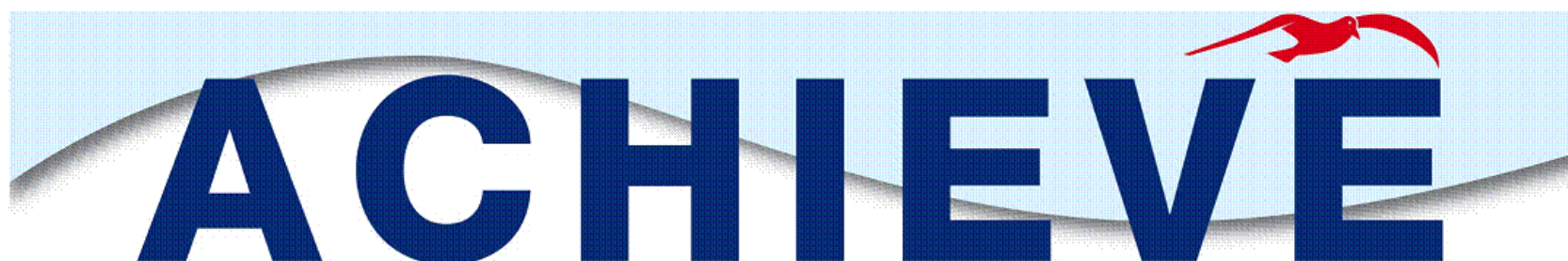
# Intervention timetable - September 2021

## Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	English	Assembly	Business BTEC	Maths	Science
P5/P6	Core intervention				
lunch		Spanish			
PM	Triple Science	History		Geography	French
	Drama	Media		Dance	DT/Food

## Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	English	Assembly	Business BTEC	Maths	Science
P5/P6	Core intervention				
PM	Computer science	Citizenship		PE	Business
		Art		RS	Music





## Weekly Outline of Out of School Hours Learning Activities - Autumn 2021

Club	Year Group	Staff	Time	Venue
<b>Monday</b>				
SDD Homework	7 & 8	Miss Felton & Miss Marshall	10:00am - 10:30am	SDD/ARP3
Year 7 & 8 Indoor Athletics	7 & 8	Miss Pridie	12:30pm - 1:00pm	Sports Hall
SDD Homework	9, 10 & 11	Miss Newman	1:30pm - 2:00pm	SDD/ARP3
<b>Tuesday</b>				
KS3 Basketball	7, 8 & 9	Miss Emeny	7:45am - 8:15am	Sports Hall
Wind Band	All wind and brass players	Mr Way & Miss Ford	8:15am - 9:00am	MU1
SDD Homework	7 & 8	Mrs Roult & Miss Chandler	10:00am - 10:30am	SDD/ARP3
Badminton & Table Tennis	7 & 8	Mr Watts	12:30pm - 1:00pm	Sports Hall
SDD Homework	9, 10 & 11	Mrs Prockter & Miss Chandler	1:30pm - 2:00pm	SDD/ARP3
Bronze D of E	10	Ms Montague & Mr Hargreaves	3:05pm - 4:35pm	FC4
Poetry in Performance	Invited	Miss Hallas, Miss Willis & Miss Bryan	3:05pm - 4:05pm	DR3
Year 7 Football	7	Mr Watts	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Astro
Year 10 Football	10	Mr Coupland	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Astro
Year 11 Football	11	Mr Howard	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Astro/field
Year 7 Netball	7	Miss Pridie	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Ball Courts
Year 10 Netball	10	Miss Emeny	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Ball Courts
Year 11 Netball	11	Miss Emeny	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Ball Courts
Wellbeing Club	10 & 11	Miss Hunt	3:15pm - 4:15pm	TBC
<b>Wednesday</b>				
Fitness Club	All	Miss Jones/Miss Pridie	7:45am - 8:15am	Fitness Suite
Volleyball Club	All	Mr Coupland	7:45am - 8:15am	Sports Hall
Year 11 Band	Invited	Mr Jenner	8:15am - 9:00am	MU1
SDD Homework	7 & 8	Miss Felton & Miss Hunt	10:00am - 10:30am	SDD/ARP3
SDD Homework	9, 10 & 11	Mrs Debono & Mr Bashir	11:00am - 11:30am	SDD/ARP3
Panathlon Club	All	Ms Montague	1:20pm - 2:00pm	DR3
JRCS Pride	All	Ms Harland	1:30pm - 2:00pm	MS2
Indoor Cricket	All	Mr Howard	1:30pm - 2:00pm	Sports Hall
Peace Garden Club	By invitation	Mr Kilminster	2:05pm - 3:05pm	Peace Garden

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Club	Year Group	Staff	Time	Venue
<b>Thursday</b>				
Fitness Club	All	Mr Watts	7:45am - 8:15am	Fitness Suite
Silver D of E	11	Ms Montague	7:30am - 8:30am	SD3
Orchestra	All wind, brass and string players	Mr Jenner	8:15am - 9:00am	MU1
Panathlon Club	7 & 8	Ms Montague	10:00am - 10:30am	Sports Hall
Maths Club	7 & 8	Mr Khan & Ms Aragroug	12:30pm - 1:00pm	Math Atrium
SDD Homework	9, 10 & 11	Ms Montague & Miss Hunt	1:30pm - 2:00pm	SDD/ARP3
Badminton & Table Tennis	9, 10 & 11	Mr Coupland	1:30pm - 2:00pm	Sports Hall
DNA Production	11	Miss Branch, Miss Hallas & Miss Willis	3:05pm - 4:05pm	DR1/2/3
Science Club	7 & 8	Miss Tasnim, Miss Akhtar & Miss Omirinde	3:15pm - 4:15pm	SC7
Girls Football	All	Miss Pridie	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Astro
Year 8 Football	8	Mr Coupland	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Astro
Year 9 Football	9	Mr Howard/Mr Watts	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Astro
Year 8 Netball	8	Miss Jones	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Netball Courts
Year 9 Netball	9	Miss Boulton	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Netball Courts
Year 11 Intervention	11	Mr Howard	3:15pm - 4:15pm	PE1
<b>Friday</b>				
KS4 Basketball	10 & 11	Miss Emeny	7:45am - 8:15am	Sports Hall
SDD Homework	7 & 8	Miss Roult & Miss Newman	10:00am - 10:30am	SDD/ARP3
SDD Homework	9, 10 & 11	Mrs Debono & Mr Bashir	1:30pm - 2:00pm	SDD/ARP3
Badminton & Table Tennis	9, 10 & 11	Mr Coupland	1:30pm - 2:00pm	Sports Hall
Vocal Group	KS4 Singers	Vocal Teacher	3:05pm - 3:30pm	MU2



## WORD OF THE WEEK

### 4th-8th October 2021

