

# The Seagull



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Next week is Week 1

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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

### Year 11 Head Students

We are delighted to announce the successful candidates for our Head Student and Deputy Head Student positions in Year 11.

Huge congratulations to Head Students Amidat and Mohammed and Deputy Head Students Joseph and Safa. We had such a strong field of applicants amongst the Year 11 students, but these four stood out for their confidence, self-expression and professionalism. They have been part of a stringent selection process involving interviews and a public speaking challenge whereby all shortlisted candidates presented to younger year groups in assembly this week.

I am confident that all four will do an excellent job of representing the school, and look forward to working with you both in your roles.

Well done to everyone who applied, you also really did yourselves proud and have gained crucial interview and self-presentation skills by taking part in this process.

### JRCS Performance Poet Champions!

Well done to our Year 7 and Year 8 students who took part in the Interschool Poetry Competition at Beauchamp School on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Our performance poets blew the judges away with their dramatic pieces, leading JRCS to victory with us scooping first place in the competition. Thank you to the Drama Department for supporting the students through their rehearsals, helping them to give winning performances and to deliver their poetry so confidently and eloquently on the night. Miss Branch, Head of Drama, has included a full article in this week's Seagull along with some photos of our JRCS performance poets in action.

### Road safety outside the school

I would ask parents who use cars to drop off or collect their child from school to please refrain from double parking outside the school building. Increasingly, we have had issues with cars double parked in the lay-bys and outside Castle Green at the beginning and end of the school day. We have a large number of students entering and exiting the building at these times and it is paramount that we keep everyone safe and abide by the rules of the road. This is also an area where traffic enforcement is in place, and where parking tickets are often issued.

### Staff INSET: dates for your diaries

Please be reminded that staff training is taking place on the following Wednesday afternoons this term. This means extracurricular-clubs will not be running on the following Wednesday afternoons:

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

Ms Keane  
Headteacher

### GENERAL NEWS

#### Sixth Form Progress Evening

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm-6.45pm we are holding a Sixth Form Progress Evening. Priority will be for Year 13 students and students have been asked to make appointments with their subject teachers. If teachers have enough time and capacity, they will also see Year 12 students. There will be a Sixth Form Progress Evening for Year 12 in February.

Many thanks.

Mrs Evans  
Director of Sixth Form

#### Flu Vaccinations

The Flu vaccinations will take place in school on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Only those students who have returned a consent form will receive an immunisation.

Thank you.

Students Services Department

#### Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property that has not been claimed. There are some practically new items like coats etc.

Students seem reluctant to reclaim these items so we are making parents aware. These items can be viewed by parents between the hours of 3:00pm – 4:00pm.

Please note that these items will need to be recycled if not claimed by the end of term.

Thank you.

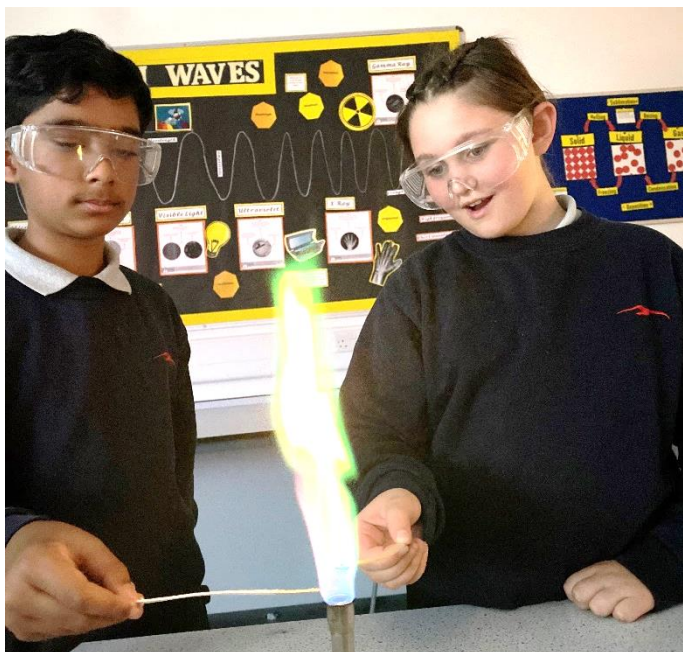
Main School Office

### Science Club

Recently, Science Club kickstarted our firework month with flame tests. Students tested different chemicals to find out what to use in their colourful firework product to design their firework packaging.







Well done to Zara from Year 8 who produced the best firework packaging and to our volunteers Delya, Noor, Chloe and Radville from Year 10 who led the week's session with confidence

Miss Tasnim and Miss Akhtar  
Science Department

### Interschool Poetry Competition



The Drama Department could not be more proud of the below students for their fantastic performance at the Interschool Poetry Competition at Beauchamp School.

Goodness, Ria, Sienna, Ayda, Remiel, Sophia, Blessing and Rayya.

Goodness blew everyone away with his solo piece that was awarded first place for his performance of Dance While The Hive Hatches. The judges said that he spoke eloquently and with real passion.

Sophia, Blessing and Rayya Year 7/8 came joint first with their group performance of We Have Everything We Need. We all thought that this piece demonstrated creativity and commitment. Gracie (Year 7) worked solidly in rehearsals leading up to the competition but had to pull out due to sickness. We wish Gracie a swift recovery!

The other students lead us to victory with their incredible performances, adding to our point score making us the overall winners.

The judges included a poet, actor and writer for Hollyoaks who concluded that we were the overall winners with the most points in both the solo and group categories. Which means we will be hosting the competition next year!

Congratulations to you all on a wonderful evening celebrating the amazing talent at Jo Richardson!

Miss Branch  
Head of Drama

## Year 11 December Mocks

Below is a copy of the December Mock Timetable Exam timetable for Year 11. 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.

<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Monday 29th November</b>	English Language Paper 2	9:00am
<b>Monday 29th November</b>	History Paper 1	11:30am
<b>Monday 29th November</b>	Maths Paper 1	2:00pm
<b>Tuesday 30th November</b>	Combined Science Biology Separate Science Biology	9:00am
<b>Tuesday 30th November</b>	Engineering Food & Catering Hospitality	11:30am
<b>Tuesday 30th November</b>	Geography Paper 1	2:00pm
<b>Wednesday 1st December</b>	RE Paper 1	9:00am
<b>Wednesday 1st December</b>	PE - Paper 1	11:30am
<b>Thursday 2nd December</b>	Combined Science Chemistry Separate Science Chemistry	9:00am
<b>Thursday 2nd December</b>	Spanish Reading & Listening	11:30am
<b>Thursday 2nd December</b>	English Literature	2:00pm
<b>Friday 3rd December</b>	Maths Paper 2	9:00am
<b>Friday 3rd December</b>	French Reading & Listening	11:30am
<b>Friday 3rd December</b>	Spanish Writing French Writing	2:00pm
<b>Monday 6th December</b>	Combined Science Physics Separate Science Physics	9:00am
<b>Monday 6th December</b>	History Paper 3	11:30am
<b>Monday 6th December</b>	Maths Paper 3	2:00pm
<b>Tuesday 7th December</b>	Media Studies Paper 1	9:00am
<b>Tuesday 7th December</b>	Citizenship	11:30am
<b>Tuesday 7th December</b>	Geography Paper 2	2:00pm
<b>Wednesday 8th December</b>	BTEC Business GCSE Business Studies	9:00am
<b>Wednesday 8th December</b>	RE Paper 2	11:30am
<b>Wednesday 8th December</b>	Construction	2:00pm
<b>Thursday 9th December</b>	Media Studies Paper 2	9:00am
<b>Thursday 9th December</b>	Computer Science	11:30am
<b>Thursday 9th December</b>	PE - Paper 2	2:00pm
<b>Friday 10th December</b>	Dance DT	9:00am
<b>Friday 10th December</b>	Music	11:30am
<b>Monday 13th December</b>	Art	All Day
<b>Tuesday 14th December</b>	Art	All Day
<b>Tuesday 14th December</b>	Engineering Practical	11:30am

## **Get your vaccine this weekend**

Still need to have your first dose of the vaccine or need to have your booster? Come along to a local walk-in clinic this weekend for your Covid-19 vaccine.

Its quick and easy, no appointment needed and you don't need to show proof of address, immigration status or NHS number just turn up!

Walk-in clinics:

- Friday 26 November: Sue Bramley Centre (Library), Bastable Avenue, Barking IG11 0LH  
11am to 4pm
- Sunday 28 November: Dagenham Library, 1 Church Elm Lane, Dagenham RM10 9QS  
11am to 4pm
- Vicarage Fields Vaccination Centre, Ground Floor, Ripple Road, Barking IG11 8DQ  
Friday 26 and Saturday 27 November: 9am-6pm  
Sunday 28 November: 11am-5pm

12-15 years old for your 1<sup>st</sup> dose only

16-17 year olds 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> dose must be 12 weeks after 1<sup>st</sup> dose)

18+ year olds 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> dose must be 8 weeks after 1<sup>st</sup> dose)

Booster jabs for 40+ (must be 6 months after 2nd dose)

**Have questions or want to talk to someone about having the jab? Pop along to the clinic and talk to a member of team for advice and answers to your questions.**