

# The Seagull



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Next week is Week 2

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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

### Christmas Hampers

JRCS students are busy spreading goodwill by putting together Christmas hampers with their tutor groups to support our local community. The hampers are so important in providing key items to those in need at a time of year when so many struggle.

Please help us to give back by sending in any donations you can manage. We are looking for the following:

- Warm items – new hats, gloves, scarves, socks
- Chocolate, biscuits, selection boxes
- Tinned goods and long life items such as pasta, beans, soups, hot chocolate
- Unwanted and unused Christmas presents
- Toiletries, toiletry gift sets, cosmetics
- Baby items
- Sanitary products
- Books and colouring books, pens etc

The deadline for tutor groups to submit their hampers is Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021, after which they will be collected by London Riverside Church.

Last year, they were blown away by the generosity of JRCS – here is a picture of our Christmas elves busily coordinating last year's hampers. Let's make this year even bigger and better.



### Covid update

Due to the current national rise in cases and concerns around the Omicron variant, all secondary schools have now re-introduced masks in communal areas. Please ensure your son or daughter brings a mask to school with them every day, and continue to support us to keep everyone safe by lateral flow testing twice weekly at home.

The government has issued a requirement that all schools test students on site on return after the Christmas holidays. I will be sending home a letter shortly with further information on this. Please read it carefully as the testing may have implications for the time/day your son or daughter is due back in school in January.

### No extra-curricular clubs - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021

School will finish at the usual time of 1.30pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, however no clubs or activities will be running during the afternoon on this day. All students should leave school at 1.30pm unless they are having lunch which will be served until 2.00pm.

### Dates for your diary – the JRCS Christmas Countdown!

As we approach the Christmas break we have lots of exciting events lined up in the calendar. Please have a look at the dates for your diary below so that your son or daughter does not miss out on any.

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December: KS3 Music Winter Showcase, 5.00pm – 6.30pm
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Elf on the Shelf festive hunt for Year 7 and Year 8
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas hamper collection
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December: KS4 & KS5 Music Winter Showcase, 4.00pm – 6.00pm

- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas jumper day
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Sixth Form Christmas fair
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas lunch
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Sixth Form festive celebration event
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas parties in tutor groups/final day of term. Students should arrive in school at normal time but will be dismissed early at:

Years 7 and 8 - Dismiss at 12:00pm

Years 9, 10 and 11 - Dismiss at 11:30/11:45am

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – students begin return to school. Please see my letter to confirm timings for each year group, as we will need to factor in requirements around covid testing students on our return.

### Gold Seagull

Special Congratulations to Keyra in Year 9 who has won the first Gold Seagull of this academic year.



Well done Keyra!

Ms Keane  
Headteacher



### GENERAL NEWS

#### Christmas Lunch

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

JRCS will be celebrating the festive season with a full Christmas dinner for students. As a result, normal food service will be modified.

Each year group will have the opportunity to have a Christmas dinner during one of their break slots. If they usually have two breaks, there will be no other food service during the second break. If you wish your child to partake in this meal, please ensure they have funds on their ParentPay account in advance of the day (£2.35). If you do not wish for them to have the Christmas meal, please ensure they have a packed lunch as we will not be serving any alternative meals on this day.

Mrs Morris  
Assistant Headteacher

### 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

### Lost Property / School Uniform

We have a very large amount of lost clothing items here in school. This will be available for parents to look through in the school foyer every day until 17<sup>th</sup> December. Any uniform not claimed by this date will be disposed of.

Please clearly name each item of your child's clothing to enable it to be returned if lost.

The lost property basket will be available in the foyer every weekday:

8:00am-10:00am – Monday to Friday

1:00pm-2:00pm – Wednesday only

Main School Office

### JRCS Poet Laureate 2021

This year we have a fantastic opportunity for all our young writers and creative minds in KS3 (Years 7, 8, and 9) to get involved with! JRCS will have its very own Poet Laureate, an accolade given to the most deserving student to represent our school through poetry.

Our Poet Laureate would act as literary representation for the school, writing poetry



inspired by key events within school, the wider community and as a global citizen. These key events could range from World Mental Health Day to Black History Month.

If you are chosen, your name will become a JRCS legacy embossed in gold on our new achievement board located in Boothroyd Hall for all to see! Additionally, there are also opportunities for 5 Laureate Deputies to work with our Poet Laureate and get your voices heard. Over the year, you'll only be tasked to write around 3 or 4 poems inspired by key events chosen by our deputies, and will be mentored by Miss Meehan for any poetry competitions you wish to enter.

This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone looking to become a Year 10 peer mentor in the future, or even Head Student! If you are interested in applying, please see Miss Meehan in either the English Staff Base or EN11 to pick up an application form. Deadline for the return of application forms is Wednesday 15th December.

Good luck!

Miss Meehan  
English Department



# CHAMPIONS SUPPORT NETWORK

Real parents, real problems  
Discovering real solutions together

The **Champions Support Network** connects parents and carers together to support each other, develop friendships, and build stronger families.

If you need some support or guidance with a parenting issue, or just a friend to talk to or bounce ideas off, then join the **Champions Support Network!**

### Workshops

We offer a series of workshops filled with tips and strategies to help build stronger relationships, covering topics such as how to be a VIP parent, communication, resilience, conflict, and more.

### Difficult Conversations

Not sure what to say? Join us on Zoom to get together and thrash out topics that can be hard to talk about so we can all be more confident next time they come up.

**FIND OUT MORE AND JOIN US AT**

[www.lifelineprojects.co.uk/champions](http://www.lifelineprojects.co.uk/champions)



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## 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 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Combined Science Physics Separate Science Physics	9:00am
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	History Paper 3	11:30am
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Maths Paper 3	2:00pm
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Media Studies Paper 1	9:00am
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Citizenship	11:30am
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Geography Paper 2	2:00pm
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	BTEC Business GCSE Business Studies	9:00am
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	RE Paper 2	11:30am
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Construction	2:00pm
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Media Studies Paper 2	9:00am
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Computer Science	11:30am
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	PE - Paper 2	2:00pm
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Dance DT	9:00am
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Music	11:30am
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Art	All Day
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Art	All Day
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Engineering Practical	11:30am



GET A TASTE OF

# Christmas

**Tuesday 14th December**

Crispy Roast Chicken , Sage and Onion  
Stuffing, Pigs in Blankets  
Yorkshire Pudding  
Or  
Quorn Roast  
Ultimate Roasties  
Sprouts & Carrots  
Gravy  
Homemade Festive Biscuits

