

The Seagull



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Next week is Week 1
Week beginning 5th January 2022 is Week 2

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

London Riverside Church - Christmas Hampers

Many thanks to our brilliant students and families for your generous donations towards our Christmas hamper collection. Each year group went above and beyond to provide essential items and Christmas treats for families in need, creating wonderful Christmas displays on Main Street with their hamper boxes on Wednesday. Here are some photos of all their hard work: well done everyone!





Winter Music Showcase events - Monday 6th and Thursday 9th December 2021

This week, our KS3, KS4 and KS5 musicians hosted Christmas music showcases for staff and parents. It was really lovely to see our students performing and to be able to invite parents/carers into school to share this experience. Well done to all who performed across the two evenings, and a special thanks to our Music Department staff for organising and putting on these events.

Sixth Form Progress Evening - Wednesday 8th December 2021

It was excellent to welcome so many of our Sixth Form students and their parents/carers into school on Wednesday evening. I hope the conversations were helpful in terms of understanding their progress and next steps following the recent VIMA assessments.

No extra-curricular clubs - Wednesday 15th December 2021

A reminder that school will finish at the usual time of 1.30pm on Wednesday 15th 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:

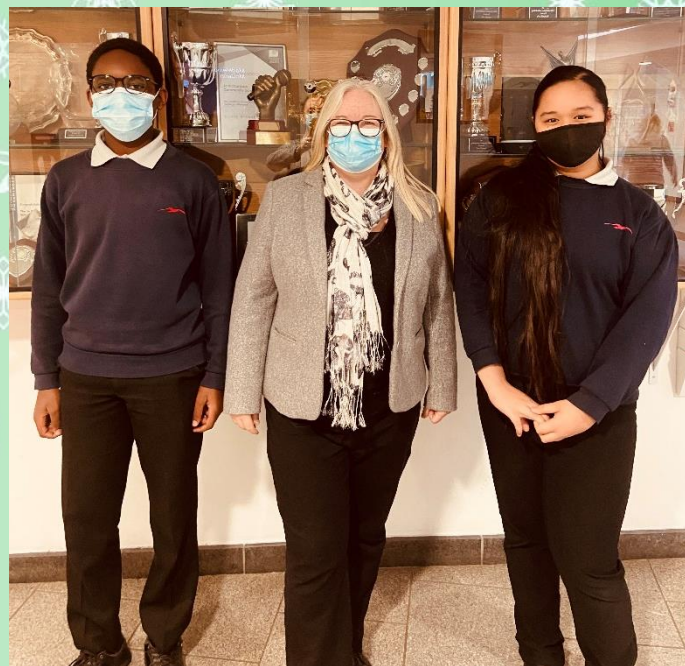
- Monday 13th December: Sixth Form Christmas fair
- Tuesday 14th December: Christmas lunch
- Wednesday 15th December: Sixth Form festive celebration event
- Friday 17th December: Christmas parties in tutor groups/final day of term. Students should arrive in school at normal time but will be dismissed early at:
Years 7 and 8 - Dismiss at 12:00pm
Years 9, 10 and 11 - Dismiss at 11:30/11:45am

- Wednesday 5th January – students begin return to school. Please check these details carefully so that you are aware of the return plans for each year group. We will be operating a staggered return during the first week back due to covid testing requirements in all secondary schools.

As this is the final Seagull of term, all that remains is for me to wish you all a very merry Christmas. I hope our students, staff and families enjoy a restful well deserved break, and that 2022 brings us brighter news in terms of being able to continue moving forwards from what have been difficult times for many people. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school in January.

Gold Seagull

Congratulations to this week's Gold Seagull winners: Ayen and Barimah both in Year 9.



Ms Keane
Headteacher



GENERAL NEWS

Christmas Lunch Tuesday 14th 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

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 17th 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

Library books

It is important all students return their library book(s) before the Christmas break.

Any issues returning a library book please speak to/email Ms Osland in the library.



Our school is fortunate to have such an inviting and popular library.

But what makes it so popular is the diversity of popular books students request to have in the library.

Please support your school library and return the books other students are waiting to read.

Thank You.

Wishing everyone a very happy festive break.

Ms Osland
School Librarian

A Poem by Gabija – Year 10

Case History: Astrid (Leg Paralysis)

(She glances at her golden reflection, and ponders...)

As I glided like a swan
On a crisp-cut rink
I felt my skates
Connected with the ice

Though I'd done this before,
Collected tins and trinkets
Of gold and silver,

The gut-wrenching feeling
Of being betrayed
Suffocated me

Until I could no longer
Indulge in the exhilaration
Of the audience.

When the final seconds advanced,
The smile of my partner
Twisted and turned

Eased but churned
Before suddenly,
The shrivelled complexion crept away

And the gentle hands
That once guided me to victory,
Danced away
On a solo journey

The last thing I recall,
When the spotlight cheered him on,
Was the guilt of not trusting
The feeling I had before.


As my body made an imprint
On the glacial stage below,
The cracks and crevices
Concussed me.

Blood seeped out
And imbrued the zone.
I was sure I broke a bone or two,
But my worries did not rest.

My legs felt scattered,
Numb, non-existent,
My heart rate raced
Along with the angst

The realisation that closed my chapter
And put a full stop to my career,
I could not move, I could not speak,
I could not think.





I was stunned.

I would've become
A worldwide winner.
My hopes and dreams
Would've been true

To skate to all four corners
Of the world
Was my prophecy

To have the immense success
In my grasp
Was my ambition,
But jealousy consumed him

I still vividly remember the moment.
The moment which changed me
Changed my life.

There was not a day since then
I hadn't wished him dead.

GT GARDINER
& THEOBALD

This Monday I attended a skills workshop, I wanted to learn more about being a part of project management. I was surprised to find out this opportunity would make me interested in the construction industry. There were four visitors from Gardiner and Theobald, an independent construction and property consultancy.



During this workshop, the visitors taught us different skills which would help in future interviews and careers. We were shown the best methods of presenting ourselves to interviewers and how to be the best candidate they see.

One of the activities was a presentation in groups. This was a good activity as it was helpful to receive feedback from professionals who have been in the industry for a while. I am glad I came to this workshop as it broadened my understanding of the range of jobs there are at firms, and what different jobs are available.

Maisie Year 12

Year 11 December Mocks

Below is a list of the final December Mock Exams 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.

Day/Date	Paper	Time
Monday 13 th December	Art	All Day
Tuesday 14 th December	Art	All Day
Tuesday 14 th December	Engineering Practical	11:30am



Merry
Christmas





Dear Parent/Carer

I am sure you are aware that the guidance regarding the wearing of face masks in schools has now changed. Please support us in keeping students safe by ensuring that your child brings a face mask into school. Students and staff are required to wear a face covering in communal areas and corridors unless exempt.

We have been asked to lateral flow test all students on site on their return to school after the Christmas break. To facilitate this, there will now be a staggered start to term in January. On arrival students will take a lateral flow test and, if this is negative, they will then go on to their normal lessons. Please continue to lateral flow test students at home during the Christmas break and next term, in addition to completing a test at home the night before their return which would hopefully minimise the number of students who arrive on site already infected.

Please check the table below carefully for the date and time that your child will be returning to school in January.

Wednesday 5th January 2022:

Year 7, Year 11, Year 12 & Year 13 return to school.

Arrival time	Group
8:30am	7A & 7B
9:00am	7C & 7D
9:30am	7E & 7F
10:00am	7G & 7H
10:30am	7I & 7J
11:00am	11A & 11B
11:30am	11C & 11D
12:00pm	11E & 11F
12:30pm	11G & 11H
1:00pm	11I & 11J
1:30pm	Year 13
2:30pm	Year 12

Thursday 6th January 2022:

Year 8 and Year 10 return to school.

Arrival time	Group
8:30am	8A & 8B
9:00am	8C & 8D
9:30am	8E & 8F
10:00am	8G & 8H
10:30am	8I & 8J
11:00am	10A & 10B
11:30am	10C & 10D
12:00pm	10E & 10F
12:30pm	10G & 10H
1:00pm	10I & 10J

Friday 7th January 2022:

Year 9 returns to school.

Arrival time	Group
8:30am	9A & 9B
9:00am	9C & 9D
9:30am	9E & 9F
10:00am	9G & 9H
10:30am	9I & 9J

We are committed to ensuring that we keep students in education and that your child is kept safe. We hope these measures will enable us to do this. We thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Ms Keane
Headteacher

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

