

The Seagull



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Next week is Week 2

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

As this is our first Seagull of the new term, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and successful new year.

Covid safety measures – January 2022

Students are quickly adjusting to the new covid measures we've put in place this term, including staggered start and finish times and a one-way system to allow for better distancing in corridors and around the building.

Thank you for continuing to help us keep everyone safe by following these guidelines:

- From Monday, 17th January, people with COVID-19 in England can end their self-isolation after five full days, as long as they test negative on day 5 and day 6.
- Your son/daughter should test twice weekly at home using a lateral flow device;
- They should not come into school if they have symptoms that may be caused by Covid-19, and should get a PCR test if symptomatic. They will not be able to return to school until a negative test result is confirmed;
- Ensure your son/daughter brings a mask to school every day. It's now a government requirement that secondary school students wear masks at all times inside the school building. If your child is exempt they should wear the lanyard provided to show this;
- Remind your son/daughter to arrive at school at the correct time for their year group's staggered entry, and at the correct entry point;
- We have had some issues with over crowding outside Castle Green due to some Year 7 and Year 8 students arriving on site well before their 8.30am and 8.45am entry times. We would ask that, while these measures are in place, students do not arrive to school early so that we are able to

maintain social distancing in reception while students are waiting to come into school.

Covid catch-up tuition (Year 7 and Year 8)

A letter has been sent home this week to parents of all students who are eligible for additional Saturday morning tutoring. Several of our teachers and support staff have signed up to provide small group tuition to support Year 7 and Year 8 students over the course of this term as part of our Covid catch-up plan.

The tutoring is free of charge to parents, and a vital opportunity to make sure students are not left behind by the 2020 and 2021 school closures. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium/Free School Meals, please read the letter carefully and return the sign-up slip to Ms Martin (Year 7) or Ms Worlock (Year 8) no later than Tuesday, 18th January 2022. We have also published the letter in this edition of the Seagull, so please have a look if you require further information.

Gold Seagull

Congratulations to the following Gold Seagull winners:

Sophia and Archie in Year 7



Year 11 mock results

Unfortunately, we had to make the decision to postpone our Year 11 Progress Evening this week due to the current situation with Covid

infection levels. We will update you shortly with a plan for the amended date, and rest assured we continue to do all we can to support the Year 11s through this vital final term of lessons ahead of the Summer exam period.

Students received their mock results and a copy of their latest report in form time this week, which they should now have brought home. The report card has an up to date attainment grade which is a good indication of where the students are currently at in each of their subjects. The report also has a prediction for the end of the year which is the likely grade they will achieve if they continue working as they have been. Students should discuss with their teachers when interventions are running and make sure they attend all that apply to them.

Ms Keane
Headteacher

GENERAL NEWS

Castle Green Uniform Shop

A gentle reminder that The Jo Richardson Community School have a strict uniform policy whereby hoodies are not allowed to be worn on site. With the weather changing and it becoming colder, if you haven't done so already, or need to stock up, you can purchase your Jo Richardson Community School sweatshirt from our shop or online; we have all sizes in stock. Details are on our web page under the uniform section www.castle-green.org.uk

Mrs Bowness
Events & Sales Manager

Christmas lunch

On Tuesday 14th December we had our annual JRCS Christmas lunch. The students were able to enjoy a full Christmas dinner prepared by our fantastic Aspens staff and sit together in Boothroyd Hall. Ms Keane was an honorary member of Aspens for the day and served the students their dinner. It was a lovely atmosphere and the students really enjoyed their festive lunch!



Mrs Morris
Assistant Headteacher

The RSPCA Bake Sale- we're back!

We are holding a bake sale for the RSPCA, which stands for Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) and they have been here for animals since 1824. We are doing this for our Duke of Edinburgh award.

We sold handmade sausage rolls, buttery shortbread biscuits, chocolate butterfly cakes and had a guess the sweets in the jar competition. The competition was won by Aiden in Year 9 and Daniels in Year 10.

We made over £40 for the RSPCA which will be used to help animals in need. Thank you to everybody who bought something. We are hoping to raise more money this half term.



The bake sale will be returning on Friday 14th January at 1:30 – 2:00pm in Main Street (near the egg). It will be every week until February half term. We hope we see you there.



If you really loved what we were selling every Friday, then we can still bake.

We would also like new suggestions of what we should bake next.

We could carry on making sausage rolls and chocolate cakes or new ideas for example cookies.

Keyaan, Kalem, Amber and Daisy - Year 9



Wednesday, 12th January 2022

Dear parent/carer,

Saturday tutoring opportunity: Year 7 and Year 8

We are launching a Saturday morning tutoring provision this term as part of our covid catch-up plan.

I am writing to offer your son/daughter an important opportunity to benefit from this additional weekend tuition. It is free of charge to parents and is a valuable chance for students to receive tutoring sessions that will help support the work they are already doing in school.

The tutoring is being offered on a first-come-first-served basis to **all Year 7 and Year 8 students who are eligible for Pupil Premium/Free School Meals**. The opportunity is open to students of all abilities, and sessions will be differentiated by tutors to make sure that each student is supported according to their individual starting points and abilities.

The aim of the tutoring is to help as many of our students as possible to recover lost learning time from the pandemic, and to ensure they are not left behind by the 2020 and 2021 school closures. Nationally, research shows that this lost learning time has had the greatest impact on students' reading, therefore the Saturday tuition programme will focus on reading and KS3 literacy skills.

Dates

Students who sign up will attend school for small group tuition on the following five Saturday mornings:

- Saturday 22nd January 2022, 9am – 12pm
- Saturday 29th January 2022, 9am – 12pm
- Saturday 5th February 2022, 9am – 12pm
- Saturday 26th February 2022, 9am – 12pm
- Saturday 5th March 2022, 9am-12pm

Students will have a short break during the three hours they attend and may bring snacks to eat during this break. They should also bring a bottle of water with them. Students will need to attend in school uniform and bring their usual school equipment and planner.

We hope you will take up this important opportunity for your son/daughter. If you wish to sign them up to benefit from Saturday tuition, **please contact the Main School Office for a consent form which should be returned to the relevant Head of Year by no later than 9am on Tuesday 18th January 2022.**

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 020 8270 6222 or by email NEastman@jorichardson.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Ms Eastman
Assistant Headteacher

Are you looking for ways to reconnect with your community?

Connect with a Wellbeing Navigator

Thames Ward Community Project and the Council are launching a pilot to help local people connect with their neighbours and get healthy.

Wellbeing Navigators are local residents who are there to listen, offer friendly support and connect you with health services and fun local activities, such as sports, gardening, arts & crafts, wellbeing events and many other community groups.

Wellbeing Navigators will:

- Have warm conversations with you in a public space.
- Understand your health needs.
- Create a personalised plan to get you connected to fun local activities and groups.
- Refer you to a local GP if required.

Contact Us

Contact us if you want to be connected to a Wellbeing Navigator:

alex@twcp.org.uk

