

The Seagull



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Next week is Week 1

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Covid update:

As many of you are aware, the Government have announced that face masks no longer need to be worn in classrooms. However, the local authority advisor from Public Health England has advised that staff and students should continue wearing face masks in corridors and communal areas. Our risk assessment has been updated to remove the need for face coverings whilst in classrooms and lists the measures we have in place to ensure the safety of all staff and students. Can I ask parents to support us by ensuring students continue with twice weekly lateral flow testing and that they follow the latest self-isolation guidance on the Government website.

First Give Finals – Year 12



It was a pleasure to take part in judging the finals for First Give on Monday this week. Every tutor group in Year 12 has been working on a plan to support a local charity of their choice. They have nominated a charity, organised a plan for some fundraising or social action and then, in Monday's final, gave formal

presentations reporting back on their projects. Well done to our overall winners, 12D, and to all that took part.

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

We are excited to launch our Saturday morning catch-up tuition this coming, 22nd January. A large number of Year 7 and Year 8 students have signed up to benefit from this opportunity, where they will receive reading support in very small groups from our teachers and support staff.

The programme will run for five weeks, and covers 15 hours of English tuition for each student who enrolls. We do still have some capacity to include further students: please contact Ms Eastman on NEastman@jorichardson.org.uk if you would like further details. This is open to all students who are eligible for Pupil Premium/Free School Meals in Year 7 and Year 8.

Year 9 Options

Although we were unable to run our usual Year 9 Options Evening this week due to Covid restrictions, the Year 9 team are well underway with helping students start to think about their GCSE subjects. Over the coming weeks there will be a number of assemblies and tutor times dedicated to supporting students to make the right choices for them. Students will receive their options booklets on Wednesday, 2nd February and will be able to bring these home to discuss the range of subjects open to them and which options they would like to study.

Final options interviews will take place with SLT at the Year 9 Progress Evening on Wednesday, 23rd February.

Ms Keane
Headteacher



The JRCS Enterprise Provision Introduction

The enterprise provision at Jo Richardson Community School is led by Miss Ryzak with the support of the Sixth Form enterprise champions, Feba, Trey and Melani. The definition of enterprise is “having or showing initiative and resourcefulness”. It’s all about being able to spot opportunities and then make the most of them.

The aim is to raise aspirations by creating meaningful and immersive encounters to enable the highest possible outcome for everyone involved. The fundamental enterprise skills that are challenged through contribution to the encounters provided by the provision and targeted by employers allowing students to triumph in the world of work are: strategic thinking, commercial awareness, decision making, innovative and original thinking, prioritising, working independently and being able to communicate professionally.

The enterprise zones

Enterprise Zones are a fundamental part of the provision and will give students an opportunity to fundraise or run enterprise events. There will be a half-termly sales focus where different year groups will be able to showcase their ideas and make profit. 10% of their profits will fund the provision and allow purchase of completion rewards or setting up rewards events.

The enterprise zones will be used on rotation meaning that not only will the upper years or business students be able to sell goods, but also the younger years, actively supported by enterprise leaders. This would allow all students to gain the experience in managing their own business if they are thinking of pursuing one in the future. An example of this would be a group of Year 9s who are selling their own baked goods at school, supplying a diverse business setting as everyone can take part.

Enterprise Zones in the Autumn Term Winter Fair

During the last week of the Autumn term before Christmas we hosted Christmas themed sales. We had Christmas music and lots of different products such as hot chocolate, cones of sweets, popcorn, candy canes, as well as different games students could play and a raffle giving the chance to win Apple airpods.

These sales and activities were led by Sixth Form students where Year 13 Business students were selling for profit as part of their course assessment and Year 12 students were raising money for charity as part of the First Give programme.

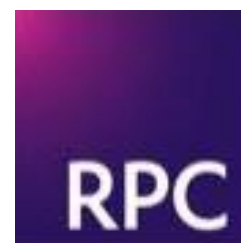
DofE

We also have a term long ongoing activity taking place where Year 9 students, lead by their teacher Mrs Montague are selling home baked goods to complete 12 hours of volunteering as part of DofE. All the money they are collecting will go towards their chosen charity RSPCA.



RPC Mentoring Scheme - A new opportunity Alert

This week we have launched a new immersive meaningful enterprise opportunity for Year 10, the RPC mentoring scheme.



RPC is a well-established law firm based in London, Hong Kong, Singapore and Bristol. As a school we are in an extremely fortunate position to have a great relationship with one of the firm's partners who created and is supporting a mentoring scheme for our students.

The programme will run for a year and will provide opportunities for students to experience the workplace as we will be travelling for some of the sessions to the RPC London office, learn from successful London city workers tips and skills for what makes a difference in workplace, as well as teach our students about different work and training opportunities for their future.

Additionally, every student who takes part is matched with a successful professional who will be their personal mentor and support them in their skills discovery and possible future plans, including further education, training and career aspirations. This programme for years now has been highly regarded by our students and makes an enormous difference to their perspective, can give them a push and support them with their ambitions and aspirations.

To apply, Year 10 students need to fill out an application that has to be sent to Miss Draisey. The deadline for this amazing opportunity is 24th January, where all the applications will be sent to RPC for careful consideration. The places are limited, so complete your application now and do not miss the opportunity. We are looking forward to receiving many applications.

This section will be updated weekly with our new Meaningful Immersive Experience coming up as well as progress of the current encounters.

Miss Ryzak, Melani, Feba and Trey

West Ham Stadium Tour

On the 16th December, just before the end of last term, 17 Year 7 students went to visit West Ham United Football Club's stadium, The London/Olympic Stadium which is in the heart of Stratford.

The students began the trip with a stroll through the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and saw the ArcelorMittal Orbit, an observation tower and Britain's largest piece of public art. They also witnessed the Copper Box Arena and the London Aquatics Centre, and finally reached the home of football, the London Stadium.



The JRCS students were taken through the history of the 2012 Olympics decision and the history of the football club. They were then taken to areas of the stadium they never knew existed, like the rich viewing seats with extra padded seats and inside dining for them while watching a football match. They also had access to the home team changing room, shirts such as Michail Antonio, Declan Rice and the world cup winning captain's shirt from the great Bobby Moore were all on show. The Olympic running track was also on show for the students, and they jumped at the opportunity to run and stand on the same lane that Usain Bolt ran on. The tour was capped off with an amazing take away gift (NFL Multiple cup holders).

Overall, a great rewards trip for the Year 7 students. Thanks to Mrs Steadman and Ms Eastman for their amazing facilitating and support.

Mr Thomas
West Ham Hub Officer

Year 12 VIMA II Exams

Below is a copy of the timetable for Year 12 VIMAs, which start on Monday 24th January. 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.

Date	Exam	Time
24/01/2022	History - History Paper 1	11:30am
24/01/2022	English Literature - English Paper 1	2:00pm
25/01/2022	English Literature - English Paper 2	9:00am
25/01/2022	Film Studies	9:00am
25/01/2022	Geography	9:00am
25/01/2022	Health & Social Studies - Health & Social Care	9:00am
25/01/2022	Biology	9:00am
25/01/2022	Business Studies	9:00am
25/01/2022	History - History Paper 2	2:00pm
26/01/2022	Drama	9:00am
26/01/2022	Religious Studies - RS - Paper 1	9:00am
26/01/2022	Core Maths	9:00am
26/01/2022	Maths - Pure Maths	9:00am
27/01/2022	Physics - Physics Paper 1	9:00am
27/01/2022	Politics	9:00am
27/01/2022	PE	9:00am
27/01/2022	Psychology	11:30am
27/01/2022	Maths - Applied Maths	2:00pm
28/01/2022	Chemistry	9:00am
28/01/2022	Economics	9:00am
28/01/2022	Sociology	9:00am
28/01/2022	Media Studies	9:00am
28/01/2022	Physics - Physics Paper 2	2:00pm

PLANT POWER

Daily Special
Thursday 27
January

Vegan Buffalo
Wings
Pineapple &
Beetroot Burger
Vegan Slaw
Spicy Wedges

P&H