

# The Seagull



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Next week is Week 2

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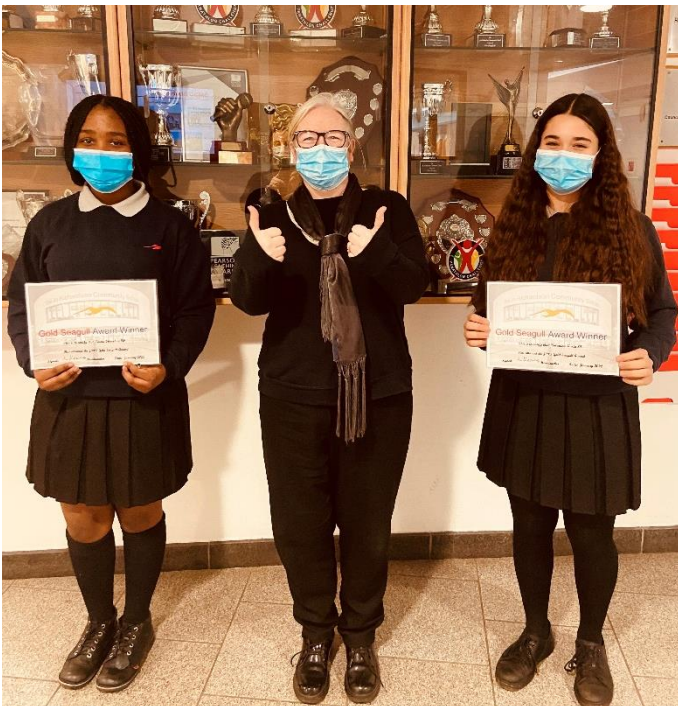


## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

### Year 9 Options

Students will be bringing their options booklets home next week to begin thinking about the choices they will make for their GCSEs. They will also receive a number of assemblies from different subjects, particularly ones that they will have not had experience of at KS3 such as Media Studies and Business. Please have a look at the booklets with them at home and spend some time discussing what subjects might be the best for them as individuals. If you have any questions regarding your son or daughter's options choices, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 9 team.

### Gold Seagull



Congratulations to this week's Gold Seagull winners:

Valentina – Year 8 and Emma – Year 9

Well done!

### Saturday catch-up tuition

What a flying start to our Saturday tutoring programme our Year 7s and Year 8s had last week! 53 students spent three hours in school and worked in small groups to develop their reading skills and confidence. There was a brilliant atmosphere and all of the students were extremely focused throughout. Many thanks to our members of staff who are coming in on Saturday mornings to run the tuition.

To reward students for 100% attendance at the five weeks of Saturday school, we will be arranging a very special reward afternoon in recognition of your hard work and commitment to being in school on Saturday mornings.



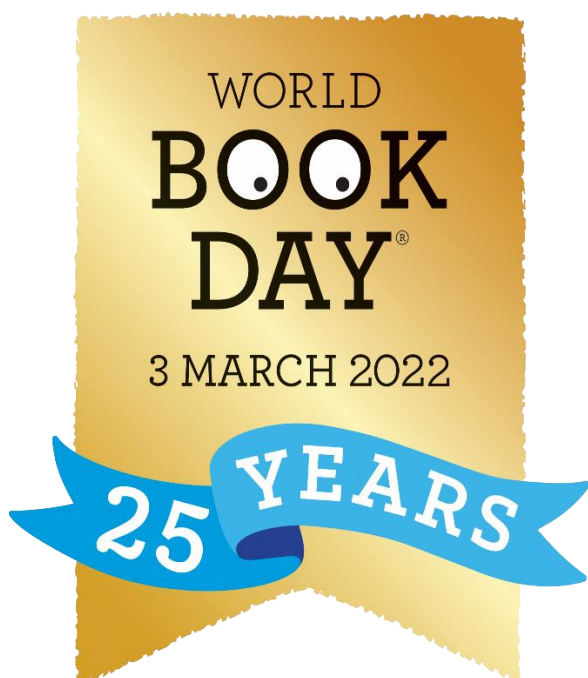
We do still have a small number of places remaining: the tuition is open to all Year 7 and Year 8 students who are eligible for Pupil Premium/Free School Meals. If you would like to sign your son/daughter up to attend, please contact Ms Eastman on [NEastman@jorichardson.org.uk](mailto:NEastman@jorichardson.org.uk).



### Covid update

While case numbers remain high, we would ask that students continue to wear a masks in communal areas of the school. Please also support us in keeping everyone safe by continuing to lateral flow test all students twice weekly and to keep your son or daughter off school if they are displaying symptoms of Covid-19.

Ms Keane  
Headteacher



**WORLD BOOK DAY - Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March**  
Get ready to join in and take part!  
Watch this space for more information to come!

Ms Osland  
School Librarian

### KS4 Wellbeing Club



This week in Wellbeing Club we treated ourselves to homemade Bubble Tea. We used a traditional Taiwanese recipe using tea, milk and tapioca pearls (or 'boba'). We used sugar

and caramel syrup to sweeten the tea and accidentally experimented with adding salt when Ms Hunt opened the wrong box! Having a tea break, trying something new and being creative in the kitchen are all excellent self-care strategies that can boost our wellbeing.

Wellbeing Club is every Tuesday after school. If you would like to join us next week, please contact me.

Ms Hunt.  
Wellbeing Club



### The JRCS Enterprise Provision

#### DofE

Our group of Year 9 students are still successfully working towards completing their 12 hours of volunteering as part of DofE and selling delicious homemade goods on Fridays during lunch. All the money they are collecting will go towards their chosen charity RSPCA.

#### Enterprise Zone Future Opportunity

We have a really exciting opportunity coming to JRCS next week so keep your eyes and ears peeled.

#### New Partnership Alert



We are so fortunate to create another meaningful partnership with a successful entrepreneur, ex Apprentice candidate with wealth of experience of setting up and running a business in the UK, Tim Stillwell. He describes

himself as an 'owner of Burrito Kitchen, a food business that he started whilst in full time education and is now a business with over 10 locations which employs over 40 members of staff.'



Tim will be working with Miss Ryzak on building awareness and creating a buzz around entrepreneurship and enterprise skills across the whole school, sharing his valuable experiences and creating a lot of immersive entrepreneurship encounters during the school year for all students.

Watch this space for more news and JUST DO IT!



### RPC Mentoring Scheme

Last week we launched a new meaningful immersive encounter with employer, employees and workplaces for Year 10 students, the RPC Mentoring Scheme. RPC is a corporate and insurance law firm headquartered in London. They also have offices in Bristol, Hong Kong and Singapore. It has been named Law Firm of the Year three times since 2014, and Best Legal Adviser every year since 2009.

We were absolutely overwhelmed with a huge number of high quality applications, submitted within the deadline by our students. This made us so proud to present them for careful consideration and the selection process by representatives of RPC.

During this process, the team at RPC works extremely hard to select successful candidates and then match them with professionals who volunteer to be mentors for our students during the programme.

We are now awaiting the list of successful candidates and we will present the list during the Year 10 assembly as this will definitely be worth a celebration as the beginning of a new journey of discovery and raising aspirations.

Thank you for all your involvement so far.

Miss Ryzak, Melani, Feba and Trey

### Year 12 First Give Final



Year 12 students have been working on a project called "First Give" during their SPANGLE sessions since October half-term.

The aim of the project is to develop their awareness and understanding of social and charitable issues that affect society and specifically their local community.

Students work through research, own knowledge, debate and a structured programme to decide which issue and charity they would like to support as a form group. The groups then set about creating a programme to enlighten others about their chosen cause. This includes creating a presentation and also a social action, which might be taking an assembly, getting information out via posters or videos or fund-raising to support the cause.

As they got closer to the end of the project most groups conducted a form group final to identify which sub-group would pitch the presentation on the form's behalf at the final and hopefully win £1,000 for their charity and cause.

The final was attended by all Year 12 students, staff who had facilitated the project, guests from supported charities (particular thanks to Barking & Dagenham Carers' Hub & Aanchal Women's Aid who made it in person) and First Give themselves. We also received apologies from "mtr Elizabeth Line" – who are sponsoring one of the group's social action.



Excellent presentations from all six groups made it a difficult decision for our judging panel. After a lot of deliberation and checking of the mark criteria, they finally settled on the winning group being 12D, representing Sistah Space and presented by Fatimah and Sajida.

Individual recognition awards were received by Catrina and Kenny.

Huge congratulations to all involved. First Give were full of praise for the high quality of the presentations, the attentiveness and interaction of the audience and the overall quality of the final.

Congratulations to all who took part.



Miss Campbell  
Deputy Director of Sixth Form  
HOY 12

### Year 13 News

I am delighted to report that 101 applications for university have been sent to UCAS and many students have begun to receive offers. The next step is for some of them to go and see the universities that they think are their favourite places to make sure that they will be great places to study. (Students who need financial help to make a visit should contact me.) Later in the Spring Term we will have information sessions for parents and students about student finance. We outline how to apply for a student loan and how the loans work. I would like to underline that the student finance system, although daunting at first, is designed to help students get to university, not to stop them.

Another encouragement is that we have students who are beginning to make successful applications for apprenticeships. We are running workshops to help them in the interview and assessment stages of the process.

If you have any questions about supporting your son or daughter as they move on from

JRCS, please contact me directly, or through Mrs Evans, Director of Sixth Form.

Mrs Wren  
Post 18 Coordinator





# Get your COVID-19 vaccine or booster at a local walk-in site

12 TO 15  
YEAR OLDS  
WELCOME

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

**Visit the walk-in clinic:**

**Saturday 29 January, 1.30pm to 4.30pm.**  
**Better Trampoline Park, Mayesbrook Park,**  
**Lodge Avenue, Dagenham, RM8 2JR.**



Anyone who comes on the day will be entered into a prize draw to win FREE football tickets for a home game at Dagenham and Redbridge or tickets for FREE entry at Better Trampoline Park



Anyone aged 12+ is welcome to have their vaccination (first, second or booster depending on what you are due).

Do you want to talk to someone about having the jab?  
Come along to talk to a member of the team for advice and answers to your questions.



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**Saturday 26 February, 10am to 4pm.**

**Dagenham and Redbridge Football Club  
Victoria Road, Dagenham.**



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