

The Seagull



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Next week is Week 1

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Gold Seagull



Congratulations to this week's Gold Seagull winners:

Ruth Year 7, Lydia-May Year 8, Liliany Year 8, Ronni Year 9 and Harpreet Year 9. (Ruth Year 7, Lydia-May Year 8, and Liliany Year 8 not pictured).

Year 9 Progress Evening – Wednesday 23rd February

It was a pleasure to be able to invite our Year 9 students and their parents/carers in for this face-to-face event. For this year group in particular, we have not been able to host parents inside the building due to the past two years of Covid restrictions, so it was especially good to welcome you all in person. There was such a positive atmosphere with students listening carefully to their feedback from teachers and engaging in useful discussions

about next steps for GCSE. If you have any questions or require further information about GCSE options before students submit their final choices, please contact the Year 9 team.

SubWize assemblies

Due to the lifting of Covid measures, we have this week been able to return to our larger Key Stage assemblies. Students in Years 10-13 attended an assembly by our partner organisation SubWize this week: this raised awareness about the hidden harm of cannabis, including its effects on the body and the legal implications of cannabis use. Assemblies are an important part of our drugs and personal development education for all students. SubWize will be coming back into school next week to lead an assembly for Key Stage 3.

Year 11 mocks

The final set of mock exams are in full swing for our Year 11s and will continue for the next two weeks. Please support your son or daughter by ensuring they are on top of revision at home and arrive at school in plenty of time for morning exams. Good attendance is absolutely vital: by this stage, every lesson will be covering key content to help students in their final exams.

Saturday tutoring

A reminder that tutoring starts again this coming weekend, with the following remaining dates for our current cohort of students:

Saturday 26th February 2022, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Saturday 5th March 2022, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Covid measures update

Following the government announcement on the lifting of all restrictions this week, headteachers are currently finalising with the

borough what our Covid plan will look like moving forwards. I will issue further information on this in the coming week. For now, please continue to follow all our existing procedures and if your child tests positive for Covid, do not send them in to school. The staggered start and finish times will also remain in place until further notice.

World Events - support for students and families

We are conscious that students will be hearing about some complex political events happening around the world in the news at the moment. I would just like to signpost once again that if you are at all worried about your son/daughter or feel that they are being adversely affected by any of these events, please do not hesitate to contact their Head of Year or a member of their pastoral team so that we can ensure support is put in place.

Ms Keane
Headteacher



GENERAL NEWS

Year 13 VIMA Cycle

Next week Year 13 students start a two-week VIMA cycle. Students have received their exam timetables and should be working hard in preparation for these assessments.

This is the final formal assessment period that students have before the start of their summer exams. We wish them the very best of luck!

Mrs Evans
Director of Sixth Form

Year 12 First Give: Sharing Good Practice Across the Country

Within the first couple of months of being in Sixth Form at JRCS, all Year 12 students were given the opportunity to take part in an organisation called First Give. Year 12 students were divided into small groups in their forms and researched a local charity that they were passionate about supporting. Each form then came back together in the second week and voted for the charity that they wanted to represent. Each team then went face to face in an exciting competition against the other forms in Year 12.

On 17th January 2022, in an event hosted by First Give located in Boothroyd Hall, each group were given the opportunity to talk about

their chosen charity and the social issues that they tackle. There was a judging panel who selected the winning group and gave them £1,000 for their chosen charity. There were six groups, all supporting different charities. Even after presenting, we still are supporting Barking and Dagenham Carers, which was our chosen charity, by raising awareness and much more. The First Give organisation reached out to us, asking if they could come to our school and film our presentation to put on their website, so future year groups and teachers can access this video across the country and see a demonstration of what a good and powerful presentation looks like. We learnt a range of skills within our time completing our First Give presentation and it was an honour to be filmed and put on their website.

Catrina and Katie- Year 12

Thursday, 3rd March World Book Day Marathon

Remember to book your 15-minute time slot, there are a few times still available.

Students can only take part on the day if a time has been booked. Each student who takes part will receive a certificate and reward for taking part in the reading marathon.



To book your 15 minutes, see Ms Osland in the library. Lookout for the posters in school giving information about the day.

WBD is acknowledged at JRCS, all over the UK and the world.

Ms Osland
Librarian

Pi Day

On 14th March, or for those familiar with the Americanised version of the date, March 14th, Mathematicians and Maths Departments across the world will be celebrating Pi Day.

For those of you who have met the number pi ($\pi \approx 3.141592\dots$) will be familiar with its significance when working out the circumference or area of a circle.

In fact not just there, we also use pi when dealing with cones, spheres and cylinders, objects we see and use every day. The significance of March 14th as pi day is due to March being the third month of the year hence March 14th becomes 3.14, which is pi correct to 2 decimal places.

More details on the activities we will be running within the department will follow so keep a look out for these.

Mr Gaudoin
Head of Maths



The JRCS Enterprise Provision



On 10th February we held a whole day 'Insight to

Construction' event, organised with Wates Group. Wates Group is one of the largest privately-owned construction, development and property services companies in the UK and are looking to bring a new generation of talent into their workforce.



They currently employ 4,000 people in the UK, and work with more than 10,000 supply chain operatives and partners to successfully deliver a wide range of building projects.

They invited to this event over 60 Year 11 students and had live sessions with lots of different divisions of the company. We explored the pathways within construction and learnt

that there are a lot of different roles within the construction sector. Construction jobs involve more than just what you see on a building site. There is a huge range of career choices in the industry. These involve designing, planning and project management, as well as doing the hands-on, practical work.

The main job roles for school leavers and graduates are:

- **Architects and Architectural Technologists**
Architects design the structure, while Architectural Technologists ensure that the technical aspects of a design work.
- **Building Services Engineers** make sure that a building has more than walls and a roof. They ensure that the lighting, power, ventilation, heating, cooling and water systems work. They might work on the designs of a building or ensure that the designs are put into practice correctly. They are sometimes known as mechanical and/or electrical engineers.
- **Building Surveyors** provide technical advice relating to construction and property. They have various roles, but the core of their work is to report on a building's condition (for example, if there is damp and what any repairs would cost).
- **Civil, Structural and Geotechnical Engineers** are essential in ensuring that project designs work in practice. Civil and Structural Engineers tend to work either in an office on the technical aspects of designs or out on site making sure that the designs are implemented properly. Structural Engineers have responsibility for ensuring that the structure (inner framework) of the project holds up. Geotechnical Engineers are responsible for structures' foundations. They design foundations and oversee foundation work on site.
- **Landscape Architects** aim to improve the quality of the environment by designing and managing the open spaces around us. They design and create public areas in towns, cities and the countryside.
- **Quantity Surveyors** help a construction project to make a profit. They are involved in working out either how much the design would cost to build in theory or how much the project is costing to build in reality.
- **Site Managers** ensure things get done on a construction site. They make sure that the building work is finished on time, within budget and to a high standard, managing teams of workers.

Working in a construction trade or craft is what most people think of as construction work. Trades and crafts include bricklaying, stonemasonry, carpentry, joinery, demolition work, electrical work, painting and decorating, plumbing, scaffolding, steeple jacking, and wall and floor work.

We also explored apprenticeships with Wates and learnt that they have two types of apprenticeships available, Level 2 and 3 programmes for school leavers (<https://www.wates.co.uk/careers/early-careers/apprenticeships/>) as well as higher and degree level apprenticeships (<https://www.wates.co.uk/careers/early-careers/apprenticeships/>)

They also advise to keep checking for apprenticeships opportunities on the National Apprenticeship website

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

The sessions allowed our students to gain knowledge about different options which are available alongside ways to apply. They also gave employability tips, the opportunity to look at CV building and interview techniques tips.



The JRCS Enterprise Zones and Tim Stillwell Partnership

Tim Stillwell attended the Year 10

Assembly on 2nd February giving tips on how a small business can be started at a very early stage and how he made his own one a success by taking opportunities and being resilient. He launched an opportunity for Year 10 students to make their own business ideas and have opportunities to sell during the International Fair at JRCS. We have received some interesting applications but decided to move the deadline to 10/03/2022 to allow more great ideas to come through.



Therefore, if you haven't applied yet, do not waste the extension of this opportunity. Apply by 01/03/2022 to Miss Draisey.



RPC Mentoring Scheme- update

I'm so proud to announce that some of our Year 10 students have been successful in securing a place on our very exclusive mentoring scheme which will run from March 2022 until June 2022. This scheme is being offered to JRCS by a company called RPC, who are a leading London based law firm. RPC was named Technology, Media and Telecommunications (TMT) Team of the Year at the Legal Business Awards 2020.



The project brings together the successful candidates in Year 10 and employees of RPC to help students individually develop essential employability skills, such as team building, presentation and communication skills, as well as enhancing their CVs and interviewing skills. This is an exciting opportunity which will aid our students in developing their confidence as well as enhance their transferable skills. It will also give them access to a very successful London firm and staff as their mentors.

The successful candidates are:

Aimee, Ameera, Angel, Annita, Casey, Dinara, Ifeoluwasimi, Katelyn, Naima, Sadia, Sahil, Saule, Summer, Teeyah, Zainab, Zubin Beatrice and Hepzibah

We wish all our participants immersive learning experience enriching them on their journey to success.

Miss Ryzak, Feba and Melanie



Year 11 Mocks & Year 13 VIMA Exams

Below is a copy of the timetable for Year 11 Mocks & Year 13 VIMA Exams. 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 |
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| Monday 28 th February | Year 13 RS | 8:30am |
| Monday 28 th February | Year 13 Drama | 9:00am |
| Monday 28 th February | Year 13 Maths Paper 1 | 9:00am |
| Monday 28 th February | Year 13 Core Maths Paper 1 | 9:00am |
| Monday 28 th February | Year 11 Business Studies Paper 1 | 9:00am |
| Monday 28 th February | Year 11 Music Listening | 9:00am |
| Monday 28 th February | Year 11 Dance | 11:30am |
| Monday 28 th February | Year 11 Computer Science Paper 1 | 11:30am |
| Monday 28 th February | Year 11 Maths Paper 2 | 2:00pm |
| Tuesday 1 st March | Year 11 English Language Paper 2 | 9:00am |
| Tuesday 1 st March | Year 13 Biology Paper 1 | 11:30am |
| Tuesday 1 st March | Year 13 Business Studies Paper 1 | 11:30am |
| Tuesday 1 st March | Year 13 English Paper 1 | 11:30am |
| Tuesday 1 st March | Year 13 Geography Paper 1 | 11:30am |
| Tuesday 1 st March | Year 11 PE Paper 1 | 2:00pm |
| Wednesday 2 nd March | Year 13 History Paper 1 | 9:00am |
| Wednesday 2 nd March | Year 11 History- Superpower Relations & the Cold War | 9:00am |
| Wednesday 2 nd March | Year 11 English Literature Paper 2 | 11:30am |
| Thursday 3 rd March | Year 13 Psychology Paper 1 | 9:00am |
| Thursday 3 rd March | Year 11 Geography Paper 1 | 9:00am |
| Thursday 3 rd March | Year 13 PE Paper 1 | 11:30am |
| Thursday 3 rd March | Year 13 Politics Paper 1 | 11:30am |
| Thursday 3 rd March | Year 13 Physics Paper 1 | 11:30am |
| Thursday 3 rd March | Year 11 Media Studies Paper 1 | 11:30am |
| Thursday 3 rd March | Year 11 Computer Science Paper 2 | 2:00pm |
| Friday 4 th March | Spanish Listening & Reading | 9:00am |
| Friday 4 th March | Year 13 Media Studies Paper 1 | 11:15am |
| Friday 4 th March | Year 13 Chemistry Paper 1 | 11:30am |

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| Friday 4th March | Year 13 Sociology Paper 1 | 11:30am |
| Monday 7th March | Year 13 Maths Paper 2 | 9:00am |
| Monday 7th March | Year 13 Core Maths Paper 2 | 9:00am |
| Monday 7th March | Year 11 Business Studies Paper 2 | 9:00am |
| Monday 7th March | Year 11 Combined Science Chemistry | 11:30am |
| Monday 7th March | Year 11 Separate Science Chemistry | 11:30am |
| Monday 7th March | Year 11 Maths Paper 3 | 2:00pm |
| Tuesday 8th March | Year 11 Combined Science Physics | 9:00am |
| Tuesday 8th March | Year 11 Separate Science Physics | 9:00am |
| Tuesday 8th March | Year 13 Biology Paper 2 | 11:30am |
| Tuesday 8th March | Year 13 Business Studies Paper 2 | 11:30am |
| Tuesday 8th March | Year 13 English Paper 2 | 11:30am |
| Tuesday 8th March | Year 13 Geography Paper 2 | 11:30am |
| Tuesday 8th March | Year 11 RS | 11:30am |
| Tuesday 8th March | Year 11 PE Paper 2 | 2:00pm |
| Wednesday 9th March | Year 13 History Paper 3 | 9:00am |
| Wednesday 9th March | Year 11 History- Weimar & Nazi Germany | 9:00am |
| Wednesday 9th March | Year 11 Media Studies Paper 2 | 11:30am |
| Thursday 10th March | Year 13 Psychology Paper 2 | 9:00am |
| Thursday 10th March | Year 11 Geography Paper 2 | 9:00am |
| Thursday 10th March | Year 13 Physics Paper 2 | 11:30am |
| Thursday 10th March | Year 13 Politics | 11:30am |
| Thursday 10th March | Year 13 PE Paper 2 | 11:30am |
| Thursday 10th March | Year 11 Spanish Writing | 11:30am |
| Thursday 10th March | Year 11 National Ref Test Eng Scribes | 12:30pm |
| Thursday 10th March | Year 11 National Reference Test English | 2:00pm |
| Friday 11th March | Year 11 Citizenship | 9:00am |
| Friday 11th March | Year 13 Media Studies Paper 2 | 11:00am |
| Friday 11th March | Year 13 Chemistry Paper 2 | 11:30am |
| Friday 11th March | Year 13 Sociology Paper 2 | 11:30am |
| Friday 11th March | Year 11 DT | 11:30am |
| Friday 11th March | Year 11 National Reference Test Maths | 2:00pm |
| Dance Practical | Wednesday 16 th March 9:00am – 1:00pm DA1 | |
| Food Practical - Real Exams | Thursday 17 th and Friday 18 th March - All day in Food Corridor | |
| Art Practical | Monday 21 st and Tuesday 22 nd March - All day in Art Corridor | |