

The Seagull



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Next week is Week 2

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Sixth Form Progress Evening
Wednesday 16th March
3.45pm-6.45pm

Year 11 Progress Evening
Wednesday 30th March
3.45pm-6.45pm

Year 8 Progress Evening
Wednesday 27th April
3.45pm-6.45pm

Benik Afofe visit - Wednesday 2nd March

This week we had a real treat in the form of a visit from ex-JRCS student and professional footballer Benik Afofe (pictured above). Benik moved on to be a great success in his life after school, signing a professional contract with Arsenal and going on to play for several other clubs including Millwall FC where he is currently signed.

Benik has upheld close ties with his roots by offering to come back to JRCS and speak to

our next generation of students. Benik has also faced personal adversity and spoke powerfully to our students about overcoming challenges and building resilience for success.

During his visit, Benik presented to a group of students on mental health awareness, met some of our student voice action teams and played football with our Wings Academy. It was an inspiring day for all and a fantastic opportunity for our students to hear from a motivating member of the school's alumni.

#NCW2022

Coming up next week is National Careers Week. Students will receive assemblies and tutor time curriculum sessions over the coming fortnight which help them to consider their options for life beyond JRCS and to gain career and labour market information.

On Monday 7th March, an excellent virtual careers fair goes live online at www.ncw2022.co.uk. We will be signposting this website to all students. The virtual careers fair has lots of exhibits and activities from major national employers such as the NHS, BBC and Civil Service. Please do encourage your son or daughter to log in from home and use this as a

valuable opportunity to support them in thinking about potential future careers.

Covid measures

We are continuing to encourage mask wearing in communal areas of the school and carrying on with the staggered start and finish times for all students. Please continue to keep your son or daughter home if they test positive and only send them back to school once they have received two negative lateral flow tests from day 5 onwards.

Dates for your diaries

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World Events - support for students and families

We are conscious that students will be hearing about complex political events happening around the world in the news at the moment and that some of our school community has family members and friends who are directly impacted. 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.

Gold Seagull

Congratulations to this week's first Year 11 Gold Seagull winner: Enis Year 11

Ms Keane
Headteacher



GENERAL NEWS

Year 10 Geography Fieldwork

In the middle of Storm Franklyn and the aftermath of Storm Eunice, 30 students from Year 10 arrived at the Trewern centre, to enrich their GCSE Geography experiences.

The weather wasn't going to stop them and being kitted up with the finest Trewern waterproofs and wellies, they had a fantastic week of experiences that will hopefully last a lifetime. The aim was to enhance their fieldwork skills, especially decision making, but also to

expose them to new environments and give them real life examples of content covered in class.

We had a day in Talgarth looking at the Mill, which was rebuilt in 2010 as part of the Village SOS program, and its impact on the town, which we later compared with Capel-y-ffin at the other end of the rural continuum. We also had a day on the River Dulas, which forms the border between England and Wales, looking at how it changes as it travels from its source towards its confluence with the River Wye.

Back at the centre allowed for a few activities alongside the hard work, so in the evenings the students were able to use the low ropes course and the climbing wall to blow away the cobwebs. It had been a great few days, which we hope have been really memorable and valuable giving these students extra confidence going into their exams and will complement the fieldwork they will do over the coming months with the rest of the class.



We were really impressed with how conscientiously the students worked and how thorough they were in collecting data, especially arguing over how to rate environmental quality!

Mr Bourne
Head of Geography

Year 7 Netball

Congratulations to the Year 7 Girl's Netball team who last week played Riverside and Barking Abbey.

The girls played extremely well against Riverside and Barking Abbey despite the rain. Unfortunately, both games ended in defeat but a great effort was displayed by all the girls.

Player of the match goes to Danae in Year 7. All the girls played extremely well and should be very proud!



Year 8 Netball

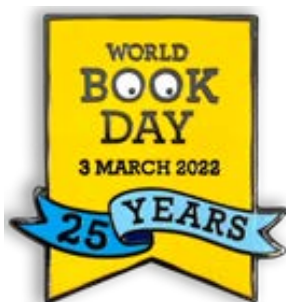
On Tuesday evening the Year 8 netball squad travelled to Eastbrook school to play their penultimate league game. All the team worked extremely hard to keep up with a very talented Eastbrook team.

The game unfortunately resulted in a 2-1 loss with the only goal scored by 1fe in Year 8. Player of the match was given to Deborah in Year 8. The Year 8's next game is against Robert Clack next Thursday.

Miss Pridie
PE Teacher

WORLD BOOK DAY 2022

Thursday was World Book Day and this year marks the 25th Anniversary of WBD. The first World Book Day in the UK and Ireland took place in 1997 to encourage young people to discover the pleasure of reading.



JRCS acknowledged the day by holding an all-day reading marathon. Every 15 minutes throughout the day different students would read to keep the marathon going. Over 60 students eagerly took part, and even more wanting to get involved.

It was a successful day which does acknowledge what the day is about. Every student involved received a certificate and a special edition WBD reading book.

Students are encouraged to look on the WBD website www.worldbookday.com where an

abundance of things to read, get involved with and do can be found.
Keep Reading!

Ms Osland
School Librarian

Lost Property / School Uniform

We have a large amount of lost clothing items here in school. These need to be collected by the Easter Holidays, Friday 1st April.

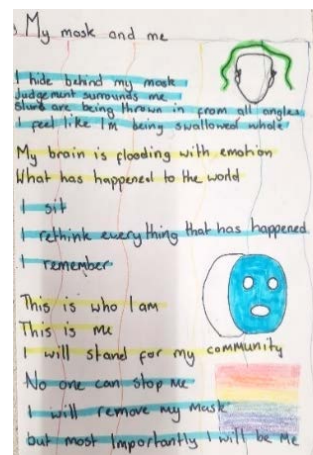
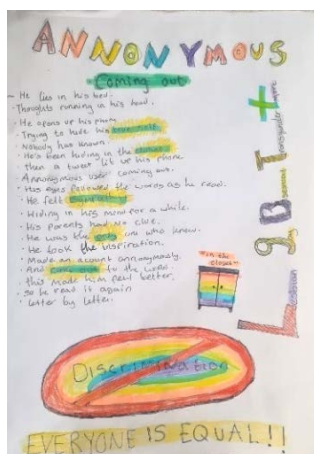
Please clearly name each item of your child's clothing to enable it to be returned if lost.

Any uniform not claimed by this date will be disposed of.

Main School Office

LGBTQ+ Poetry in English

As part of LGBTQ+ Month, Year 7 spent time creating their own poetry to give a voice to the community as allies. They then illustrated their poems and performed them to the class, culminating in an opportunity to 'walk through' the poems at the end of the lesson as we treated the classroom like a gallery. Students' effort, compassion and determination to raise their voices about such an important topic is definitely something to celebrate.



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
Monday 7 th March	Year 13 Maths Paper 2	9:00am
Monday 7 th March	Year 13 Core Maths Paper 2	9:00am
Monday 7 th March	Year 11 Business Studies Paper 2	9:00am
Monday 7 th March	Year 11 Combined Science Chemistry	11:30am
Monday 7 th March	Year 11 Separate Science Chemistry	11:30am
Monday 7 th March	Year 11 Maths Paper 3	2:00pm
Tuesday 8 th March	Year 11 Combined Science Physics	9:00am
Tuesday 8 th March	Year 11 Separate Science Physics	9:00am
Tuesday 8 th March	Year 13 Biology Paper 2	11:30am
Tuesday 8 th March	Year 13 Business Studies Paper 2	11:30am
Tuesday 8 th March	Year 13 English Paper 2	11:30am
Tuesday 8 th March	Year 13 Geography Paper 2	11:30am
Tuesday 8 th March	Year 11 RS	11:30am
Tuesday 8 th March	Year 11 PE Paper 2	2:00pm
Wednesday 9 th March	Year 13 History Paper 3	9:00am
Wednesday 9 th March	Year 11 History- Weimar & Nazi Germany	9:00am
Wednesday 9 th March	Year 11 Media Studies Paper 2	11:30am
Thursday 10 th March	Year 13 Psychology Paper 2	9:00am
Thursday 10 th March	Year 11 Geography Paper 2	9:00am
Thursday 10 th March	Year 13 Physics Paper 2	11:30am
Thursday 10 th March	Year 13 Politics	11:30am
Thursday 10 th March	Year 13 PE Paper 2	11:30am
Thursday 10 th March	Year 11 Spanish Writing	11:30am
Thursday 10 th March	Year 11 National Ref Test Eng Scribes	12:30pm
Thursday 10 th March	Year 11 National Reference Test English	2:00pm
Friday 11 th March	Year 11 Citizenship	9:00am
Friday 11 th March	Year 13 Media Studies Paper 2	11:00am
Friday 11 th March	Year 13 Chemistry Paper 2	11:30am
Friday 11 th March	Year 13 Sociology Paper 2	11:30am
Friday 11 th March	Year 11 DT	11:30am
Friday 11 th 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	