

The Seagull



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Next week is Week 2

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Year 10 Rugby Squad



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Gold Seagull



Congratulations to this week's Gold Seagull winner

Rahim Year 11

Year 11 Progress Evening: Wednesday 30th March

This is such an important upcoming event for Year 11 students, as it's their final Progress Evening before they sit their GCSE exams. Please ensure you attend and that your son/daughter books appointments with all their teachers ahead of the evening.

Teachers will take students and parents through their results and key findings from the most recent mock exams and give advice on what each student now needs to focus on in order to boost their grades in the run up to the Summer exam series. Students will also receive information about the upcoming Easter Revision School.

British Science Week 2022: 11th – 20th March

Many thanks to Mrs Brook and the Science Department for organising a range of

informative assemblies and form time activities for students this week to mark British Science Week. Students have spent time considering the changes science brings about in society, including how careers might change with a growing and ageing population and thanks to ever-evolving new technologies emerging.

Climate Change Summit

On Monday this week, JRCS hosted a borough-wide climate change summit in Boothroyd Hall which was run by VotesforSchools. Students from our Eco and World Affairs Student Action Teams attended this meaningful opportunity to discuss and input into the borough's climate change roadmap. They met with the Deputy Leader of the Council, Cllr Ashraf, and Cllr Achilleos (Climate Change Champion) as well as hearing from Martin Offiah MBE, ex-professional rugby player and now ambassador for Connected Kerb, who delivered an inspiring speech.

Year 9 STEM careers event

Several of our Year 9 students attended a careers summit with students from other schools across the borough this week. They had the chance to meet several ambassadors working in jobs across science, technology, engineering and maths. Our students heard about the ambassadors' first-hand experiences in various career options and had the chance to ask questions to help them think about their own potential future roles.

Chewing gum

Please be reminded that we are a chewing gum-free school. Students should not bring gum into school or be chewing it anywhere on site, including break and lunch times. The sanction for those who are found to be chewing gum is a 1-hour detention.

Ms Keane
Headteacher



GENERAL NEWS

Year 12 Herbert Smith Freehills Network Scholarship Scheme

Year 12 had the opportunity to secure one of only seven places the school were offered by Herbert Smith Freehills to be part of their Networked Scholarship Scheme. The school has been part of this opportunity for over 10 years, over 60 students have benefitted from the experience and eight students gained a 5-

year scholarship to help with university fees, networking and movement into working life. Year 12 completed their initial application in November and the successful seven were then informed.



On Wednesday 16th March they got to start their experience and process of applying for the final scholarship. We travelled up to HSF main offices at Liverpool Street. The students met in a conference room with students from the other four invited schools. During the morning they found out about HSF, what type of law they practise and also the large range of non-law-based jobs they have in the company.

After this the students had the chance to "speed-date" a number of the employees from a range of departments. This was particularly interesting for the students to get some greater information about what it is like to work in a law environment and in our great city.

After a networking lunch, which was delicious, the students took part in a mock tribunal – either defending the rights of the employee who was claiming to have been unfairly dismissed, or defending the company. It took analysis to create the case from the case study and then great communication skills to present. Add in the ability to sway the judge with key facts and persuasive argument.

We were also delighted to see Reece at the event, being a current HSF Scholar having won his place during last year's event. A great motivator for this year's cohort.



After the hearing the students settled down to hear about what they needed to do to complete their application and prepare for their interview in a couple of months' time.

Our students Doris, Toni, Euan, Megan, Jenny, Bisma and Maisey were a real credit to the school, held their own in discussions and stand an excellent chance of being awarded a scholarship place.

Watch this space for a student point of view next week.



Miss Campbell
Deputy Director of Sixth Form
Very Proud Head of Year 12!

Textiles Club

Exciting times for Textiles Club; six new students joined the club and it was amazing to see how supportive and inspiring the rest of the group were.

Textiles students have been working hard on new projects, such as lino and silk screen printing. The first involves accurately carving a design on lino, then printing them on different fabrics, creating patterns for bags and cushions.

I am extremely proud of all textiles students; they all aspire to be their best and engage with the opportunities and challenges new techniques may bring, and it's lovely to see how confident and resilient they all have become. You are a wonderful bunch to be around. Keep up the good work.



Mrs Mir
Teacher of Design Technology

Year 10 Rugby - Essex Schools 7s

Last week the Year 10 Rugby Squad took part in the prestigious Essex Schools 7s Competition at Campion School in Hornchurch. All the top rugby playing schools in the county took part. The Jo Richardson Community School were drawn in a group with Coopers, Baddow and Westcliff Grammar School.

In their first game the boys were absolutely superb and beat a strong Coopers Coborn team 19-0. It was said by many teachers attending to be the performance of the day by any school. The boys had to play immediately after and lost 7-17 to a Baddow team who eventually made it to the final. Again, the boys gave their all and the game was only decided in the last seconds. This meant to qualify from the group, we had to beat Westcliff Grammar School who have been previous winners of the competition.

Despite this being their third game in relatively quick succession, the team dug deep and put in a flowing but fierce performance and won 17-7 with Westcliff's only score coming in the final play. This meant we qualified for the Shield semi final and were up against another strong rugby school in Colchester. It was a game of contrasting halves. Colchester had the most possession in the first half and went over twice for a 10-0 half time lead. But our squad came back strongly, pulled the score back to 5-10 and then had a try somewhat harshly ruled out. The Jo Richardson boys pinned Colchester back but were unable to get over for another score and Colchester held out for a 10-5 win, and then went on to win the final.

For our squad to reach the semi-finals in their first Senior School tournament was a fantastic achievement and drew praise from the Essex County officials and many other Heads of Rugby from the attending schools. The squad did themselves and JRCS proud.

Pictured on the front page are the squad all of whom contributed Jack (capt), Taylan, Bobby, Valentino, Charlie, Christian, Lewis, Elijah, Riley, Frankie, Reece, Mayowa (pictured on the front page).

Mr Kersey
Pastoral Support Assistant



Year 7 Netball



Well done to the Year 7 girls' netball squad for coming 5th in the borough at this year's borough rally. All girls have worked tremendously hard since September. In the final game of the season the girls beat Eastbrook 3-0.



Well done girls!

Miss Pridie
PE Teacher

Future Youth Zone / Met Police Event



On Friday 11th March seven brilliant Year 10 students participated in the Future Youth Zone 5 A Side Tournament. Set up by the Met Police (who also had a team).



The aim of the day was to raise awareness of issues that go on in the local community and show that the community can all come together as one and have a great time.

We went up against other organisations and schools e.g.: Lifeline, Met Police and Robert Clack. Our Jo Richardson boys beat them all! To top off the day, we won the trophy and won individual awards such as man of the match and top goal scorer. Well done boys!



Mr Thomas
West Ham Hub Officer

Low Attendance

At JRCS we aim for the best outcomes for our students. As was the case from the Summer term, school attendance is compulsory for all school aged children who are registered on a school roll. You may have already received a letter or telephone call highlighting our concerns regarding your child's attendance. In school your child may be placed on attendance monitoring with their form tutor. This is to assist them in raising their attendance. The school have also issued a number of fixed penalty notices for non-attendance or holidays during term time.

The Government guidelines state that attendance is mandatory. The usual rules on attendance continue to apply, including:

- parents' duty to ensure that their child of compulsory school age attends regularly at the school where the child is a registered pupil
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, in line with local authorities' codes of conduct
- the duty on local authorities to put in place arrangements for identifying, and to follow up with, children missing education

Non-attendance which is not authorised by the school (i.e., it is unauthorised) could lead to statutory interventions and a prosecution under Section 444 (1) Education Act, 1996 or the issue of a Penalty Notice under the Anti-Social Behaviour Act, 2003.

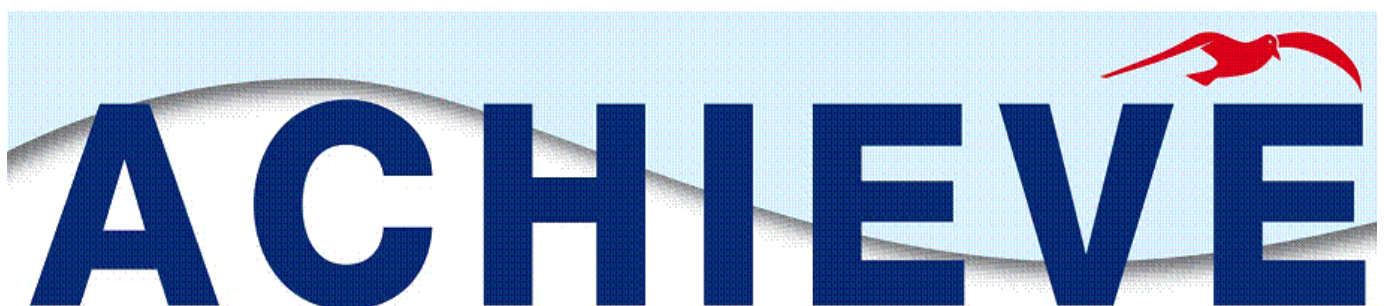
Reporting absences

It is a parent/carer's responsibility to report their child as absent on the first and each subsequent day of absence. A call must be made to the absence line on 0208 270 6222 which is available 24 hours, choose the student absence line option. This line has an answer machine which will ask you for the name, form class and the reason for the child's absence. The exact reason must be left on the message, i.e., bad cold or sore throat; saying just "unwell" is not acceptable. Failure to report an absence may result in you being visited at home by our Student Services Manager. If for any reason you are unable to call the absence line, your child should return to school with a note for their form tutor explaining absence.

If your child's attendance is causing us concern, you will be asked to provide information supporting your child's absence. The school must make the decision whether to authorise an absence. Supporting information is often required in the form of GP/Consultant/ appointment cards.

We thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Lynn O'Keefe
Student Services Manager
Attendance / Safeguarding Lead



KS3 HIP HOP DANCE CLUB

LED BY A PROFESSIONAL HIP HOP DANCE ARTIST

EVERY TUESDAY

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3.15-4.15PM

IF INTERESTED SEE MISS ENGLAND IN THE PE/DANCE OFFICE
TO PUT YOUR NAME DOWN

