

The Seagull



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Next week is Week 1

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

A warm welcome back to school for the start of the summer term.

My Child At School App

All parents of students in Year 7 to Year 10 should have received a link to the My Child At School (MCAS) app. Thank you to those parents who have already downloaded and are using this. If you haven't activated your account please do this as soon as possible. If you haven't received your link, please email Mrs Stone office@jorichardson.org.uk or use the 'contact' button on the website.

RPC Mentoring

Well done to the Year 10 students who were involved in their second mentoring session with our partner organisation RPC this week. The students involved had a very short time to prepare formal presentations and impressed the staff from RPC tremendously. Thank you to Ms Ryzak for organising the event.

Knife crime workshops

This week, the school hosted a full day of workshops to help educate Year 9 students about the dangers and consequences of knife crime. The sessions were thought-provoking and beneficial in helping students to keep themselves safe.

Catch-up tuition: Year 7 and Year 8

Letters have gone home to all Year 7 and Year 8 parents this week inviting you to apply for a place on our Saturday tutoring provision for your son or daughter. This is an excellent opportunity for students to work with JRCS staff in very small groups to help boost their Maths and writing. Please see the letter enclosed in this edition of the Seagull for further information. Parents and guardians must apply

no later than Wednesday next week to secure a place on the tuition scheme. Please email Ms Eastman for further details, NEastman@jorichardson.org.uk

Ms Keane
Headteacher



GENERAL NEWS

Year 8 Progress Evening

Year 8 Progress Evening is due to take place on Wednesday 27th April 2022. We are looking forward to welcoming Year 8 parents/carers into school for face to face appointments with teachers to discuss students' progress so far.

To ensure we run this event safely, we have put special measures in place including a staggered time slot. Students in forms 8A, 8C, 8E, 8G and 8I are invited to book 5 minute appointments with teachers between 3.45pm – 5.00pm. Students in forms 8B, 8D, 8F, 8H and 8J will be invited to book appointments between 5.15pm – 6.30pm.

The event will take place in Boothroyd Hall and Main Street with teaching staff spaced adequately

Miss Simpson
Assistant Headteacher

She Can Be Project

On Thursday 31st March I had the pleasure of accompanying ten students, (who had all completed or were currently involved in a DofE award) from Jo Richardson to attend a careers day at a company called Freshfields in the City



of London. The purpose of the day was to encourage young women to think about work in the City of London and to encourage young women to think about work in the city as a realistic career option.

We were based at Freshfields on the 22nd floor of a skyscraper right next door to the Gherkin, very different to being at school. We were greeted warmly by Bex Barclay and a



team of women from Freshfields which is a global corporate law firm with offices all over the world providing advice, and support with transactions and litigation to corporate clients. We met many women from across the firm including Executive assistants (PA's), those working in human resources, marketing experts, paralegals and lawyers. This showed the huge range of job opportunities at a law firm.

It was also interesting to learn that the women we met came from a wide variety of backgrounds, all went to state comprehensive schools, some were single parents or had been raised by a single parent, and all had, various setbacks in their lives, including being rejected by Oxford University, family illness and complete changes of career direction. What they had in common was hard work and a great deal of self-belief despite everything they had been through.

A great piece of advice was that many people will look at a list of skills needed for a job and think they won't get the job as they only have half the skills needed, so they don't apply, but if you don't apply for a job you definitely won't get it! It's always worth applying and following your dream because at least then you are in with a chance.

Thank you to the students who attended the day; Sam, Alina, Precious, Summer, Katelyn and Aimee in Year 10 and Skyla, Fatimah, Noorjahan and Adiyat in Year 12.

I was especially impressed by their performance in the negotiating task, a real boardroom atmosphere was achieved and some formidable negotiations between landlords and tenants took place.



It was also inspirational to be re-acquainted with Paula, an ex JRCS student who left in 2015 having taken part in both bronze and silver DofE. Following sixth form at another school she went to Cambridge and is now a trainee solicitor at Freshfields.

Thanks also to Bex Barclay and her brilliant team of colleagues at Freshfields for creating such a really useful and interesting day and for nurturing the aspirations of our students. Last but by no means least my thanks goes to Miss Ross for re-organising her day in order to assist me in accompanying the students on the day.

Ms Montague – DofE Manager

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Practice Expedition

During the Easter break from 4th- 8th April four members of the JRCS sixth form went to South Wales to complete a practice expedition for their gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.



The students involved were Skyla, Fatimah and Sameer in Year 12 and Reece in Year 13. They stayed in the luxury of the brand new self-catering Lodge at Trewern for the first three nights.

On the first day of activity the group got to grips with the challenges involved in getting a wheelchair over some pretty rough terrain and got to the top of Twumpa. The following day they headed into the Brecon



Beacons and honed their navigation skills on the drovers path near Pen-y-fan, the highest peak in South Wales, and later on that day took a walk beside the canal to look at the safety measures that they needed to put in place when sharing a path like this with bike riders and runners.

The last two days were a two day expedition. Unfortunately there was some trouble with the off road wheelchair that we hired, and we had to walk and carry Reece and the chair for 1.5km. The group showed amazing initiative in following emergency procedures and doing their very best to repair the puncture, whilst making sure everyone was OK, however due to a fault with the valve the tyre could not be re-inflated.

The group camped out near the village of Llangorse. It was a beautiful spot overlooking a lake, but the weather was very cold during the night, still the group showed resilience in coping with the cold conditions.



The next day the group completed a shorter walk than planned using Reece's other wheelchair, and then returned to school tired but happy to be back in a warm bus again.



We wish them all the best in their continuing training and with their qualifying expedition which takes place in the Brecon Beacons early in September.

Finally, I would like to thank Bill Lockton our DofE volunteer, and Ms Ryzak for their invaluable help in supporting the students during the week, and Dave Barber and Justin Bradley of Trewern for their work with the group, and ongoing help and support with finalising a suitable route for the final expedition.



Ms Montague – DofE Manager



Friday, 22nd April 2022

Dear parent/carers,

Covid catch-up: small group tuition

We've recently launched a Saturday morning tutoring provision to help students catch up on lost learning time from the pandemic. The students who attended last term are overwhelmingly positive about their experience and feel it has helped with their grades and confidence.

I am writing to offer your son/daughter a place on next term's tutoring sessions. The lessons will be led by JRCS teachers and support staff, with a focus on maths and writing.

The tutoring is being offered to **all Year 7 and Year 8 students. Priority will be given to those who are eligible for Pupil Premium/Free School Meals**, with other places allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Saturday tuition is free of charge to JRCS parents but what students receive would cost up to £1,000 per child if you were to pay for this standard of private tuition outside of school.

Dates

Students will attend summer term tutoring on each of the following dates:

Saturday 30th April 2022, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Saturday 7th May 2022, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Saturday 14th May 2022, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Saturday 21st May 2022, 9:00am-12:00pm

Saturday 11th June 2022, 9:00am-12:00pm

Saturday 18th June 2022, 9:00am-12:00pm

Saturday 25th June 2022, 9:00am-12:00pm

Saturday 2nd July 2022, 9:00am-12:00pm

Saturday 9th July 2022, 9:00am-12:00pm

Saturday 16th July 2022, 9:00am-12:00pm

We hope you will take up this important opportunity for your son/daughter. If you wish to sign up, **please return the consent form below to Ms Matin (Year 7) or Ms Worlock (Year 8) by no later than 9:00am on Wednesday 27th April.**

We do ask that you take responsibility for ensuring that your son/daughter attends every Saturday. Our staff are dedicating their weekend time to being in school to support students, so it is only fair that each place we offer goes to those who will engage with the tutoring and attend regularly. There will be a reward event for students with 100% attendance at Saturday school.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 020 8270 6222 or by email NEastman@jorichardson.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Ms Eastman
Assistant Headteacher

I wish to sign my son/daughter up for Saturday morning tuition and confirm that they will attend school on the dates listed above.

Student name Form:

Parent/Carer name:

Address:.....
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Email address:

Telephone: home mobile

Medical condition(s):
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Signed: (parent/carers)

Please return this form to Ms Matin (Y7) or Ms Worlock (Y8) no later than 9:00am on Wednesday 27th April.



**Wednesday
27 April**

**Come along and
dine with us
Homemade
Fresh Comfort
Food**



Which
came
first...

the chicken or
the egg?

Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie
Oven Baked Wedges
Peas

Cheese & Tomato Quiche
Oven Baked Wedges
Peas

Eggy Bread & Vanilla Ice
Cream

**FOOD
FESTIVAL**

by Aspens