

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:

Hannah Year 7, Anika Year 9, Lilly Year 9 and Natasha Year 9

Kehinde Year 12 Sixth Form first Gold Seagull winner this year.

Good luck Year 11 and Year 13

It's hard to believe that Year 11 and Year 13 are approaching their last full week of lessons before the exams start on 16th May. May I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best of luck in the forthcoming weeks. As always, if you require any support during this time, myself and school staff are here to help.

Catch-up tuition: 1,000 hours!

A huge well done to the many Year 7 and Year 8 students who joined us last weekend for the start of this term's Saturday catch-up school. Students are working hard to recover lost learning time from the pandemic. This weekend, we'll cross the milestone of having taught 1,000 student hours of catch-up tuition since January 2022. Thank you to our staff members who come in to work with students on Saturday mornings. If your son/daughter has been enrolled for this term, please make sure they attend every Saturday. Students with

100% attendance will be invited to a reward event at the end of this term. Students should wear school uniform and bring their equipment, planner, water and a snack for the morning break.

Young Person's Safety Summit

On Thursday we hosted the Young Person's Safety Summit at JRCS. This event is aimed at capturing young people's views, feelings and perceptions of safety around the borough. This information is shared at senior partnership level within Barking and Dagenham to help make the borough a safer place for all. The summit was delivered in partnership with the University of Bedfordshire, who are working closely with the Local Authority on contextual safeguarding. JRCS was represented by our Year Representatives, students selected from a range of our Student Action Teams, and of course Zubin in Year 10 who was recently elected Young Mayor of Barking and Dagenham.

Year 7 Progress Evening: Wednesday 11th May 2022

We look forward to welcoming Year 7 parents/carers and students into school next week. Please attend at the following times, depending on which form your child is in:

7A, 7C, 7E, 7G and 7I should attend between 3.45pm–5.00pm

7B, 7D, 7F, 7H and 7J should attend between 5.15pm–6.30pm

Parents/carers of students on the Trewern trip should still attend Progress Evening, but please make sure you bring your child's planner with you. Please ensure you have signed the sticker in your son/daughter's planner to confirm you are attending.

My Child At School App (MCAS)

All parents/carers of students in Year 7 to Year 10 need to download the MCAS app to receive news and notifications from the school. If you haven't received your link or have trouble setting up your account, please email Mrs Stone office@jorichardson.org.uk or use the 'contact' button on the school website.

Ms Keane
Headteacher

GENERAL NEWS

Eid Year 7



Year 7 took part in office decorating to celebrate Eid and to show support for their peers during Ramadan.

Students had shown their value and respect for each other by learning about the month of Ramadan, and putting down on a small star a fact, message of celebration/motivation or even

a small reflection point since being back this term.

Special mention to Oliver Year 7 who had helped hand pick the best messages and effort to hand out V LOCs for our ACHIEVE agenda!



Ms Matin
Head of Year 7

Business and Enterprise University taster week review

A group of seven Year 10 students attended City University to complete a University taster week in Business and Enterprise. Below is an account from one student which suggests others should definitely take part next year!

"I had a wonderful and informative experience at the City University of London. We took part in many sessions, learning about the world of business and the vital skills you need. We also learnt about the life of a student at university

and how much it differs from being at secondary school. It was a great experience and the last three days has convinced me even more that University is definitely for me. If others ever think about taking part in these taster sessions in the future, I would surely recommend it".

Kind regards,
Ameera."

Well done to all students who attended, Leeyah, Skye, George, Ayesha, Ameera, Radvile and Monjola; you are a credit to JRCS!

Ms Draisey
Head of Year 10

Year 10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition

Many congratulations to the twelve students from Year 10 and two students from Year 12 who took part in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award practice expedition last weekend.



This was the first time that the students had to work independently and carry all of their kit to a campsite and learn how to undertake a truly self-sufficient expedition.



The two students from Year 12 Fatimah and Skyla, were there to get extra experience in navigation as they are straight entrants to the

gold award this year. The group set off from Lea Valley Country Park and found their way to Theobalds Park campsite, however it was the last group to set off that were the first to arrive – I think the others took a more 'scenic' route!



Once at camp the group quickly got to grips with putting up tents and preparing a meal.

Then came the biggest challenge of the weekend –

staying warm on Friday night. The temperature dropped like a stone after dark and we awoke to a sheet of ice on our tents, however Saturday dawned bright and sunny which everyone was certainly very grateful for.



Both groups were up and away by 9:30am enroute to Cockfosters. As the day went on, lessons about navigation technique began to sink in and the students began to bring together information from their maps, timing, compass and route cards before making a decision about route choices, leading to a perfect last leg for everyone.

I would like to thank all the students involved for their commitment and brilliant attitude to the training, as well as the fact that they kept a very neat and tidy camp. The Year 10 students involved were: Zubin, Theo, Daniels, Aimee, Katelyn, Summer, Aline, Chloe, Sam, Precious, Nikhil, and Murtaza.



I would also like to thank the JRCS staff who made this weekend possible and generously passed on their wisdom and support to these students: Mr Kilminster, Ms Hall, Ms Tang and Ms Omirinde. It only remains for me to wish the Year 10s the very best of luck with their qualifying expedition later this month.

Ms Montague
DofE Manager

Knife crime workshop – Wednesday 16th May

Next week, the school will host a second full day of workshops to help educate Year 10 students about the dangers and consequences of knife crime. The sessions are thought-provoking and beneficial in helping students to

keep themselves safe. All Year 10 students will be out of lessons on this day.

Ms Draisey
Head of Year 10

Attendance facts:

WHAT IS YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE?

Did you know

- Attendance of 95% for the year equals 10 days that your child has been absent, that is 2 full school weeks of your child's learning missed for that year.
- Attendance of 90% for the year equals 19 days that your child has been absent, that is almost 4 school weeks missed.
- Attendance of 85% for the year equals 29 days that your child has been absent per, that is almost 6 school weeks missed.
- Attendance of 80% for the year equals 38 days absent per year, that is over 7 school weeks missed.

The school year has 190 days for pupils to attend a year

These are compulsory days that are supported by laws.

- The school day has two attendance sessions AM and PM
- If your child seems unwell in the morning but seems better by lunchtime, please bring them into school for the afternoon session, this will help to keep your child's attendance as high as possible.
- If your child ever has to have an emergency medical appointment, please ensure that you try to make it at the beginning or end of a school day, this way your child would only miss a maximum of half a day for the appointment.

There are 175 days per year when your child does NOT have to attend school.

These days could be used to;

- Spend time together
- Go on family visits
- Visit friends and family
- Go on holiday
- Go shopping
- Go on days out
- Attend routine appointments

Leave of Absence in Term Time (including holidays, weddings, visits to family)

- If you wish to take your child out of school for ANY reason during term time, you must formally request this in writing, addressed to the Headteacher. You will be asked to complete a Leave of Absence form from the reception here at school. This applies whether it is for 1 day or a longer period.
- The Headteacher has a legal right to not authorise the absence. Only in exceptional circumstances will leave be considered. The student's level of attendance is a major consideration when the Head looks at any application.
- If you have a period of unauthorised absence during term time, you may be subject to sanctions including a penalty notice which at present is £120 per child per adult. Therefore, if a family of 2 children take unauthorised leave during term time, the fine will be £240 for the mother and £240 for the father.

Punctuality Matters

Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning,

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day adds up to 2 weeks' absence a year
- Arriving 30 minutes late every adds up to 19 days' absence a year

Please ensure your child is on time for school

Lynn O'Keefe
Student Services Manager & Attendance Lead
Safeguarding Team

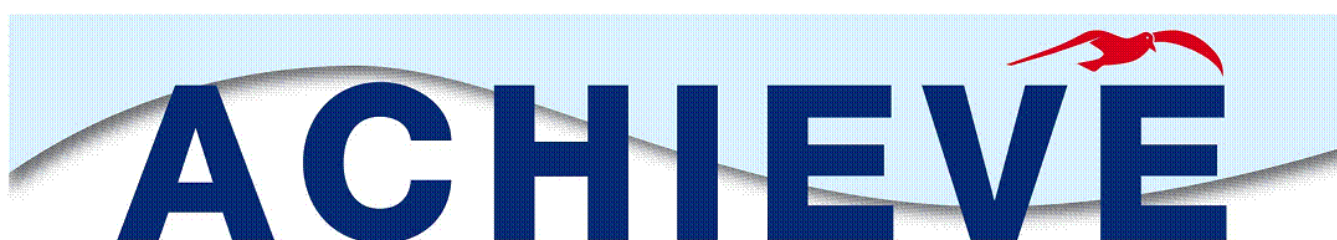


Weekly Outline of Out of School Hours Learning Activities – Summer 2022

Club	Year Group	Staff	Time	Venue
Monday				
Wings Football	7 Boys	Mr Bashir & Mr Richards	7:45am - 8:30am	Astro
SDD Homework	7 & 8	Miss Felton & Miss Marshall	10:00am - 10:30am	SDD/ARP3
Year 7 & 8 Basketball	7 & 8	Miss Emeny	10:00am - 10.30am	Sports Hall
SDD Homework	9, 10 & 11	Miss Newman	1:30pm - 2:00pm	SDD/ARP3
Tuesday				
KS3 Basketball	7, 8 & 9	Mr Howard	7:45am - 8:15am	Sports Hall
Wings Football	7 & 8	Mr Bashir & Mr Richards	7:45am - 8:30am	Astro
Wind Band	All wind and brass players	Mr Way & Miss Ford	8:15am - 9:00am	MU1
SDD Homework	7 & 8	Mrs Roult & Miss Chandler	10:00am - 10:30am	SDD/ARP3
Badminton & Table Tennis	7 & 8	Mr Watts	Lunch - 12:30-1pm	Sports Hall
SDD Homework	9, 10 & 11	Mrs Prockter & Miss Chandler	1:30pm - 2:00pm	SDD/ARP3
Y12 Debate Club	12	Sixth form student	1:30pm – 2:00pm	SF2
Debate Club	9	Rodrigo Cardoso/Miss Emeny	3:05pm - 3:35pm	EN8
Drama Club	7 - 9	Miss Willis	3:05pm - 4:05pm	DR3
Wellbeing Club (see HUN3 to join)	10 & 11	Ms Hunt and Ms Tang	3:05pm - 4:00pm	ARP Kitchen
Bronze D of E	10 till 24/5 9 after that	Ms Montague	3:05pm - 4:35pm	SDD4
Textiles Club	7 - 9	Mrs Mir	3:10pm - 4:10pm	DT2
Screen Printing (Textiles Club)	7 - 9	Ms Mckenzie	3:10pm - 4:10pm	DT3
DT Club	7 - 9	Ms Kamal	3:10pm - 4:10pm	DT6
Year 7 Football	7	Mr Watts	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Astro
Cricket	ALL	Mr Howard/ Mr Coupland	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Field
Rounders	ALL	Miss Pridie/ Miss Emeny	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Field
Tennis	ALL	Mr Watts	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Tennis Courts
Wednesday				
Fitness Club	All	Miss Pridie	7:45am - 8:15am	Fitness Suite
Volleyball Club	All	Mr Coupland	7:45am - 8:15am	Sports Hall
Wings Football	8 Boys	Mr Bashir & Mr Richards	7:45am - 8:30am	Astro
Year 11 Band	Invited	Mr Jenner	8:15am - 9:00am	MU1
SDD Homework	7 & 8	Miss Felton & Miss Hunt	10:00am - 10:30am	SDD/ARP3
SDD Homework	9, 10 & 11	Mrs Debono & Mr Bashir	11:00am - 11:30am	SDD/ARP3
Y12 Chess and Games Club	12	Sixth Form student	11:30am - 1:30pm	Common Room
JRCS Pride	All	Ms Harland	1:30pm - 2:00pm	MS2
Gold Duke of Edinburgh	12 & 13	Ms Montague	2:00pm - 3:00pm	SD3
Peace Garden Club	By invitation	Mr Kilminster	2:05pm - 3:05pm	Peace Garden

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Thursday				
Silver D of E	11	Ms Montague	7:30am - 8:30am	SD3
Fitness Club	All	Mr Watts	7:45am - 8:15am	Fitness Suite
Wings Football	8 Boys	Mr Bashir & Mr Richards	7:45am - 8:30am	Astro
Orchestra	All wind, brass and string	Mr Jenner	8:15am - 9:00am	MU1
Panathlon Club	7 & 8	Ms Montague	10:00am - 10:30am	Sports Hall
Debate Club	8	Rodrigo Cardoso/Miss Worlock	10:05am - 10:30am	SC2
Maths Club	7 & 8	Ms Aragroug	12:30pm - 1:00pm	Math Atrium
SDD Homework	9, 10 & 11	Ms Montague & Miss Hunt	1:30pm - 2:00pm	SDD/ARP3
Badminton & Table Tennis	9, 10 & 11	Mr Coupland	1:30pm - 2:00pm	Sports Hall
DNA Production	11	Miss Branch, Miss Hallas & Miss Willis	3:05pm - 4:05pm	DR1/2/3
Electronics Club	7 -9	Ms Mckenzie	3:10pm - 4:10pm	DT3
Food Club	7 -9	Miss Deboo	3:10pm - 4:30pm	FC1
Science Club	7 & 8	Miss Tasnim, Miss Akhtar & Miss Omirinde	3:15pm - 4:15pm	SC7
Athletics	ALL	PE Department	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Field
Year 11 Intervention	11	Mr Howard	3:15pm - 4:15pm	PE1
Photography Club (New)	9 and 10	Ms Franz	3:30pm - 4:30pm	AR2
Friday				
KS4 Basketball	10 & 11	Miss Emeny	7:45am - 8:15am	Sports Hall
SDD Homework	7 & 8	Miss Roult & Miss Newman	10:00am - 10:30am	SDD/ARP3
SDD Homework	9, 10 & 11	Mrs Debono & Mr Bashir	1:30pm - 2:00pm	SDD/ARP3
Badminton & Table Tennis	9, 10 & 11	Mr Coupland	1:30pm - 2:00pm	Sports Hall
Y12 Book Club	12	Sixth Form student	1:30pm - 2:00pm	SF1
Vocal Group	KS4 Singers	Vocal Teacher	3:05pm - 3:30pm	MU2
Wings Football	10	Mr Richards	3:30pm - 4:45pm	Astro





Date-19.05.2022

Spice up your
day with our
Mexican
delights!



Meal Deal

Burrito, Fajita or Taco

Salad or Tex Mex
Ranch Potatoes

£2.35

