

The Seagull



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Next week is Week 2

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Welcome Back

I hope you all had a relaxing Summer, and it has been lovely to welcome everybody back. However, we have returned to the sad news of the Queen's passing.

As a school community we stand with the whole country as we mark the sad death of Her Majesty the Queen, a woman who had devoted her entire adult life to public service with her last duty being only two days previously. Today is day one of national mourning and we will mark this with a period of collective worship in form time and assemblies next week.

As always, we are here to support each other during periods of sadness and challenge. If your child needs any support, please contact either their form tutor or Head of Year.

At this time, the school remains open as normal, and we wait to hear further updates from the Government in due course.

Exam results

Congratulations to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who achieved some amazing GCSE and A Level results. Our results continue to show a year-on-year improvement.

Our Year 13 students are going on to fantastic destinations across the country. For the second year in a row, we have a student studying English at Cambridge and students going on to prestigious degree apprenticeships at Goldman Sachs. 100% of our students passed their A Levels 57% of students achieved A*-B grade with 87% achieving grade C or above. Our vocational results continue to be outstanding with our average grade continuing to be a Distinction *

64% of our Year 11 students achieved a grade 4+ in English and Maths with nearly half of our students achieving a level 5+ pass in both English and Maths!

Welcome!

It was fantastic to welcome our new Year 7s who had a successful induction on Friday's Island Day and Unity Day on Monday. I have been really impressed with the positive start they have made so far!

In order to support the year 7s in their transition, they have their own entrance and exit at the front of the school. All other year groups may enter and exit from the south end or maths block gate. Please check the timings of our school day at the back of The Seagull.

We welcomed back all year groups on Monday. Many thanks to parents for ensuring students were in the correct uniform. Just a reminder that students should not bring hoodies or tracksuit tops to school and should have a proper winter coat, no jewellery and that all students should have proper school shoes.

Open Evening – Wednesday 14th September

We will be holding an Open Evening for current Year 6 parents on Wednesday 14th September from 5.45-8.45pm. The Headteacher's address will be at 6.00pm and 7.00pm. Please visit our website for further details. I look forward to welcoming our Year 6 parents.

Ms Keane
Headteacher



GENERAL NEWS

The Island Day

Last Friday our Year 7s came in for their first full day at JRCS and it was a day filled with fun activities. Our Year 7s were set the task of

surviving on a desert island with only their wits and each other to help.

They were put into challenging situations throughout the day from various subjects, situations that would require them to show resilience in overcoming any problems, being resourceful and creative with the materials they had at their disposal and respectful when dealing with their classmates and members of staff.

There was also the opportunity to reflect on the day and how it went. They had a chance to meet their form tutors and some of the staff who will teach them in Year 7, but more importantly they got a chance to work with the members of their form for the first time.

What was really amazing during the day was to see how our Year 7s threw themselves into every session they did. We had students making rafts in DT, spaghetti towers in Maths, team building and problem solving in PE, filtering clean drinking water in Science, communicating via the mediums of sound and dance and many more interesting activities.

The effort and work throughout the day was so impressive with some of our students receiving their very first letter of commendation, which will be on its way soon in the post. All in all, the day was a great success and the Year 7s really enjoyed their time.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the members of staff and departments who offered to run a session, our Year 10 peer mentors and to the Year 7 team for their support throughout the day. Most importantly, I'd like to thank our newest year group to the school, the Year 7s, for their patience, energy and spirit that made the day a success.

Remember the journey we started, how we felt at the beginning of the day and how that changed by the end! Continue to think about how you can improve and what things you need to change in order to do so.

Lastly, well done on your first day at Jo Richardson!



Mr Gaudoin
Director of Learning Mathematics and Numeracy

Post 18 Week - Sixth Form

In July, the Year 12s took part in a week of planning for their futures at university or in apprenticeships. This included workshops on budgeting, making choices, travel and writing personal statements. There were also opportunities to meet former JRCS students, to cook chilli and cakes and to complete the UCAS application form. The week ended with a trip to the University of Essex to see their campus and to meet students there.

The students took part with great enthusiasm, and we were delighted with their positive approach. All the presenters agreed that it was a pleasure to work with them.

I am proud to have devised the Post 18 week and delivered it (with a few adjustments) 15 times.

The next step for the students is to continue with their research and applications. There will

be support from all the Sixth Form team. Please contact the team if you have any questions or concerns. I retired from teaching in the summer and I wish all the new Year 13 students a happy and fulfilling future when they move on from JRCS themselves.

Mary Wren
Lead Teacher of Politics and HE Coordinator

Jo Richardson Community School A Level and BTEC/CTEC results 2022

We are delighted that our students have come to the end of their Sixth Form academic studies having managed to overcome the challenging two years they have faced as a result of the pandemic. Our students have shown dedication and resilience and have sat their first set of external exams since Year 6!

Many of our students have achieved A* and A grades in the subjects they studied, including A*s for Ella (psychology) and Chris (sociology), and A grades for Bridget (biology, maths and psychology) and Dimeji (politics and sociology). Four of our students achieved the highest possible grade in their BTEC business or CTEC health and social care course, achieving D*D*D* and these students are Lucy, Lyaba, Natasha and Gabija.

There are many students who have been offered places at prestigious universities and we are overjoyed that Lara has secured a place at the University of Cambridge to study English. In addition to this, Zahra is looking forward to studying neuroscience at King's College London.

Our students have chosen to continue their educational journey by studying a range of subjects at universities across the United Kingdom. We have students studying a variety of subjects including history, psychology, engineering, law, anthropology, finance and midwifery. Students are travelling to Birmingham, Exeter, Kent, Manchester and York and many students are choosing to study at London universities.

We are very proud of our students who have successfully achieved a place on a degree apprenticeship. After a long process of applications, interviews and test centres Timothy achieved A*A*A in his A Levels and is starting a degree apprenticeship in Digital Technology Solutions at Goldman Sachs and Oliver is embarking on a degree apprenticeship

in Technology, Data and Innovation at Deutsche Bank.

Results

A level

A*-A- 20%
A*-B- 57%
A*-C- 87%
A*-E- 100%

Vocational

D*D*D*-DDD- 65%
D*D*D*-MMM- 100%
D*D*D*-PPP-100%

Mrs Evan
Director of Sixth Form

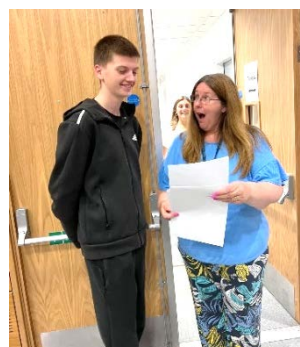
GCSE results 2022



Congratulations to all our Year 11 students on their GCSE results. We are incredibly proud of their achievements; 64% of our students achieved a grade 4-9 in English and Maths and almost half achieved a grade 5-9 in English and Maths.

Particular congratulations to the following students who achieved some amazing results; Ryan with 7 grade 9s, and 2 grade 8s, and Ella with 7 grade 9s, 1 grade 8 and 1 grade 7.

Our students have worked really hard and consistently shown resilience during their GCSE courses, despite the challenges faced over the last couple of years. This is a fantastic achievement, and we look forward to welcoming many of them back into our Sixth Form.





Mrs Morris
Assistant Headteacher

Music Department Update

Over the past academic year, the Music Department has been busy getting things back in place, with instrumental lessons continuing to be rolled out to students from Years 7-13 and extra-curricular clubs returning to the school week, at JRCS. Well done to all our musicians who participated in the activities on offer in the department.



GCSE Exam Success

We are delighted to see that 80% of our Year 11 music GCSE cohort successfully passed their music qualification this summer at grades 9-4. Students rose to the challenges faced during a time of much change, and went on to perform, compose and analyse music to a high standard.

We are extremely pleased for our students and thanks to the fantastic Music Team for putting in every effort in supporting JRCS students.

Music Year 9 ACHIEVE Days

Students across Year 9 had the opportunity last term to work with leading UK musicians to develop their musicianship, confidence and group work skills.

Students and JRCS staff participated in Beatbox, with Kimmy from the Beatbox Collective; Western African Djembe Drumming, with Akosua Boyake BEM, and her team from Akoma Asa Arts; Brazilian Samba with Afúa from Beat Goes On; Becoming a Band with Reuben, Jerry, Sean, Jeremy, and JRCS's Mr Jenner, Miss Harris and Mr Barquilla; and Musical Theatre Vocal Work with Nav and his team from MD Brunch.

The feedback from the day was really positive and it was fantastic to see students and staff enjoying themselves through music! Thank you to all staff who supported us throughout the day!

Winter Music Sharing Concerts

In December of 2021, students participated in two nights of music-making. KS3 and KS5 students impressed us with their high-quality performances, followed closely by an evening of performances from GCSE Music students in Years 10 & 11.

Standout performances included a vocal duo performing Rise Up – Venessa (Y13) and Kwame (former student in Y13), Josnah's vocal solo (Y9) and another vocal performance from Daniels (Y11).

Thank you to everyone who participated and attended. The standard of performance across the two evenings far exceeded anything we had hoped for, and you all left your audience awaiting more in the summer!

Summer Music Night

JRCS students from Years 7-12 wowed the audience of family, friends and staff with the final public performances of the year at our outdoor Summer Music Night. It was wonderful to hear the culmination of a year of hard work and to see students supported by their music teachers. Thank you to everyone who performed, all who attended to support the students and the department, and we look forward to continuing to provide high quality entertainment for the school community.

Stand out performances amongst many came from Elio (Y11) performing the violin solo with the school orchestra, conducted by Mr Jenner,

the KS3 Jazz Band, led by Miss Hurst, Drum Kit performances from our fantastic KS3 students and Abigail's beautiful rendition of Hallelujah, originally performed by Leonard Cohen.

Projects

We are delighted to have JRCS students from Years 7-11 participating in projects run by the Royal Academy of Music. Elio (Y11) participated last academic year in several projects, working on composition with composition tutor from the Royal Academy.

Over the summer holiday, Sophia (Y8) and Naima ((Y11) participated in the Inner Ear programme, and next week we will have students attending a masterclass by Alexis Ffrench, Sony Music pianist, alumnus of the Royal Academy and Artistic Director of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

We are so pleased to see increasing numbers of JRCS students demonstrating the confidence and aspiration to attend these events. Keep up the excellent work everyone!

A reminder to our returning students that instrumental lessons begin on Monday 12th September.



Miss Hurst
Head of Music

Online Safety



The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

JRCS has become a member of the National Online Safety organisation and we will be sharing weekly guides with parents to help keep children safe online. We have included this week's guide "Online safety tips for going back to school" with this week's Seagull.

This academic year we will be supporting parents and carers with knowledge around online safety in a series of workshops and will be able to provide specific training to ensure all members of our school community are kept safe online. Dates for these workshops will be shared in The Seagull throughout the year.

Should you require any support around online safety, please contact the pastoral teams and we will provide the necessary information to safeguard our students.

Miss Boulton
Assistant Headteacher

Year 12 Parent Information Evening

We are holding a parent information evening on Tuesday 20th September at 5.30pm-6.30pm for parents of Year 12 students.

The purpose of the evening is to provide parents with key information that will help your son / daughter make the best possible start to Year 12 and enable both you and them to prepare accordingly:

Expectations: Information relating to the essential habits that students need to adopt from the beginning of Year 12 including organisation, routines and expectations

Assessment: Information on how students will be assessed and how we measure and report progress

Advice for parents/carers: Guidance on things that you can do to help your son / daughter in meeting the challenges of starting KS5 to ensure they achieve their best.

There will also be a chance for parents to meet form tutors and Miss Duncan Head of Year, to find out how students have settled and also an opportunity for parents/carers to relay any information that they feel we should know about their child to better support them.

Best wishes
Mrs Evans
Director of Sixth Form

Year 13 Networked Scholarship @ HSF LLP



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Every year we are fortunate to be invited to be part of the Herbert Smith Freehills Networked Scholarship scheme.

Seven Year 12 students were selected to attend two workshops at this prestigious law firm's London offices. They had the opportunity to apply for the scholarship and, if successful, embark on a 5-year support programme whilst they complete their A Levels, move onto university, and ultimately get help to network to get their first step onto the employment ladder.

Students from 6 different London based schools compete for 5 scholarship places during May/June of Year 12. The scholarship launch takes place in the September of the students' Year 13.

I was privileged enough to be invited to this year's launch for the 2022 Cohort due to the amazing achievements of Toni H & Megan M – who both impressed the HSF interview panel and assessment centre assessors.

JRCS has a history of students achieving one of the scholarships, but this is the first year that we have achieved 2 scholars for the same cohort.

We are immensely proud of their achievement as this means they will have a three-week internship during Summer 2023, probably have a business trip to Paris with the firm, and also get the opportunity to present a pitch to one of HSF's top clients, quite possibly Goldman Sachs.

The evening also saw an official launch to the 2020 & 2021 cohorts meaning that Jenny & Sam also got to experience the official welcome, which was unable to occur, due to Covid, at the correct time.

Pictures show Toni, Megan, Sam & Jenny giving a speech at the launch evening. congratulations to all of them on a great achievement.



Miss Campbell
Deputy Director of Sixth Form

ACHIEVE



Times of the Day

2022/23



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| YEARS 7-9 | 7.45 -8.30 am | 8.35 am | P1a 9.00 am | P1b 9.30 am | P2a 10.00 am | P2b 10.30 am | P3a 11.00 am | P3b 11.30 am | P4a 12.00 pm | P4b 12.30 pm | P5a 1.00 pm | P5b 1.30 pm | P6a 2.00 pm | P6b 2.30 pm | P7a 3.00 pm | P7b 3.30 pm | 4.00 pm |
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| Wednesday | Breakfast available | Reg/ assembly | P1a | P1b | Break | P2b | P3a | P3b | P4a | P4b | P5a | End of day/ Lunch | Optional school activities | | | | |
| Thursday | Breakfast available | Reg/ assembly | P1a | P1b | Break | P2b | P3a | P3b | P4a | Lunch | P5a | P5b | P6a | P6b | End of day | | |
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| YEARS 10-13 | 7.45 -8.30 am | 8.35 am | P1a 9.00 am | P1b 9.30 am | P2a 10.00 am | P2b 10.30 am | P3a 11.00 am | P3b 11.30 am | P4a 12.00 pm | P4b 12.30 pm | P5a 1.00 pm | P5b 1.30 pm | P6a 2.00 pm | P6b 2.30 pm | P7a 3.00 pm | P7b 3.30 pm | 4.00 pm |
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SPOT THE ONLINE SAFETY TIPS FOR GOING

BACK TO SCHOOL

← PAUSE & THINK
BEFORE POSTING

⌚ AVOID SCREENS
LATE AT NIGHT

SPREAD POSITIVITY
IN YOUR POSTS

GET PERMISSION
BEFORE SHARING
PICS

CHOOSE
STRONG
PASSWORDS

PROBLEM?
TELL A
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