

The Seagull



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Next week is Week 1

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Bank holiday

A reminder that Monday 19th September is a Bank Holiday and the school will be closed. As a school we paid our respects and reflected on the Queen's reign in KS assemblies.

Open Evening

It was fantastic to welcome our future Year 7 parents and their children into school on Wednesday for our Open Evening. We look forward to working with you next September.

Any parent/carer who was unable to attend may ring the school on 020 8270 6222 to book a time to meet with me and tour the school. In order to apply for a place at the school, parents/carers should do so through the borough website: www.eadmissions.org.uk or use the link at www.lbld.gov.uk/

Well done and thank you to our Head Students, musicians and student helpers for your contributions and support during the evening.

Uniform

Many thanks to all parents for their support with ensuring that students uphold our high standards and expectations in terms of uniform. Please may I remind parents/carers that students should not wear jewellery to school. Also, hoodies, tracksuit tops or trainers should not be worn to and from school. All students should have a JRCS jumper or proper coat and school shoes.

Year 11 Welcome Evening

On Thursday 29th September we will be holding a Year 11 Welcome Evening from 4.00pm-4.30pm in Boothroyd Hall to share some important information about the year ahead. Your son/daughter should have received a letter about this already.

Parent Governor elections

We have two upcoming vacancies for Parent Governors, one commencing 14th November 2022 and one commencing 6th March 2023. If you would be interested in nominating yourself for this role, details will be emailed to all parent / carers today. If you would like a hard copy of the information, please contact the School Office. The deadline for receiving completed nomination forms is 4:00pm on Monday 10th October 2022.

This is a vital role in ensuring the continued success of the school. May I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Bedwell and Mrs Butt for their dedicated service in these posts over the last few years.

Ms Keane
Headteacher



GENERAL NEWS

Year 12 Parent Information Evening

We are holding a parent/carer information evening on Tuesday 20th September from 5.30pm-6.30pm in Boothroyd Hall for parents/carers of Year 12 students.

The purpose of the evening is to provide parents/carers 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/carers to meet form tutors and Miss Duncan Head of Year, to find out how students have settled and an opportunity for parents 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

Under 14s Netball Team Trials



On Tuesday we had over 30 Year 9 and 8s trial for this year's under 14s netball teams.

The league starts towards the end of September, and it will be great to see so many students represent JRCS.

A reminder that all PE and dance clubs are back on and are available to all students. Please see the PE information boards for further details.

Miss Pridie
PE Teacher

Online Safety

This week's Online Safety parent/carer guide provides information on "What parents/carers need to know about Roblox" and can be found on the last page of The Seagull.

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Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans. In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as online daters, in-app purchases and contact with strangers.

Should you require any additional support with keeping students safe online, please contact your pastoral team who can signpost specific resources for parents.

Miss Boulton
Assistant Headteacher responsible for Online Safety

Sixth Formers find Gold at the end of the DofE rainbow!



Mr Kilminster and I had the great privilege last week of supervising the gold Duke of Edinburgh Award group on their qualifying expedition in the Brecon Beacons in South Wales.

The group, Reece (ex-student), Fatimah, Skyla and Sameer (all Year 13) had spent the whole of last year diligently planning a route around the Brecon Beacons area and learning essential skills such as navigation, camp craft, first aid and weather forecasting.

Speaking of weather, last week saw rather a lot of it – most of it very wet! Still the group were undaunted and were up and ready to go each morning in good time to complete their route for the day. They showed brilliant organisational skills and fed themselves with a tasty menu of their own devising each night.



The highlight of the week had to be the ascent of Pen Y Fan, at 886m the highest mountain in South Wales. It was probably the wettest day so far, and getting to the summit, especially pushing/pulling Reece in his wheelchair, proved a huge challenge. However, this was gold DofE, and it's not supposed to be easy!

The group feared getting to the top and there being no view with the torrential rain that they experienced on the way up. However, their resilience and hard work was rewarded as the clouds lifted just as they reached the summit and they were greeted with some amazing views, and some amazing rainbows – proving that there is at least DofE gold at the end of the rainbow!

Clare Thomas of Trewern Outdoor Centre assessed the group and was extremely pleased with all aspects of their work on expedition. She was especially impressed by their attention to detail as far as safety was concerned especially when walking on roads. You won't be surprised to learn that they all passed their gold expedition with flying colours. They took great care of each other and worked brilliantly well as a team.

I was very proud to learn that the whole team had been awarded 'student of the week' this week, very well deserved for all of them.

Reece is now embarking on his next adventure at Exeter University, whilst Fatimah, Skyla and Sameer continue their studies in Year 13.

I wish them all every success and look forward to them completing the volunteering, physical, skill and residential parts of their award, so that they can attend their gold award presentation at one of the royal palaces in the presence of a member of the royal family.

Finally, I would like to thank Clare Thomas, Justin Bradley and Dave Barber of Trewern for their support during the week and their advice and guidance, and Mr Kilminster for being my indispensable 'wing man' throughout the week.



Ms Montague
Duke of Edinburgh Award Manager

Weekly Outline of Out of School Hours Learning Activities – 2022-2023				
Club	Year Group	Staff	Time	Venue
Monday				
KS3 Handball/Basketball	7, 8 & 9	Mr. Watts	Lunch - 12:30 – 1.00pm	Sports Hall
KS4 Basketball	10 & 11	Miss. Pridie	Lunch - 1:30 – 2.00pm	Sports Hall
Indoor Athletics	All	Miss. Pridie	4:00pm – 4:30pm	Sports Hall
Tuesday				
KS3 Basketball	7, 8 & 9	Mr. Thomas/Mr. Watts	7:45am – 8:15am	Sports Hall
KS3 Netball	7, 8 & 9	Miss. Emeny	Lunch – 12:30-1.00pm	Sports Hall
KS3 Netball	7, 8 & 9	Miss. Emeny/Miss. Pridie	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Netball Courts
Year 8 Football	8	Mr. Watts	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Astro
Year 10 & 11 Football	10 & 11	Mr. Howard	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Astro
Year 7 Rugby	7	Mr Kersey	3:15-4:15pm	Field
Wednesday				
Fitness Club	All	Mr Thomas	7:45am – 8:15am	Fitness Suite
Volleyball	All	Miss Pridie	7:45am – 8:15am	Sports Hall
Indoor Cricket	All	Mr. Howard	1:30pm – 2:00pm	Sports Hall
Thursday				
Fitness Club	All	Mr. Watts	7:45am – 8:15am	Fitness Suite
KS3 Table Tennis/Badminton	7, 8 & 9	Mr. Watts	Lunch – 12:30-1.00pm	Sports Hall
KS4 Netball	10 & 11	Miss. Boulton	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Netball Courts
Year 7 Football	7	Mr. Thomas	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Astro
Year 9 Football	9	Mr. Culley	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Astro
Girls Football	All	Miss. Pridie	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Astro
Year 8 Rugby	8	Mr Kersey	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Field
Friday				
KS4 Basketball	10 & 11	Miss Emeny	7:45am – 8:15am	Sports Hall
KS3 Trampolining	7, 8 & 9	Miss. Pridie	Lunch – 12:30-1.00pm	Sports Hall
Year 11 Football	11	Mr. Culley	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Astro

Social Action

Pride & Allies

Wellbeing

Environment

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR STUDENT VOICE!

DEADLINE – MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2022

'Nothing about us, without us'

Fundraising,
Press &
Publicity

Race & Social
Justice

COLLECT YOUR
APPLICATION
FORM FROM
OUTSIDE THE
DRAMA OFFICE!

Times of the Day

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ACHIEVE

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
Monday	Breakfast available	Reg/ assembly	P1a	P1b	Break	P2b	P3a	P3b	P4a	Lunch	P5a	P5b	P6a	P6b	P7a	P7b	End of day
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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		
Friday	Breakfast available	Reg/ assembly	P1a	P1b	Break	P2b	P3a	P3b	P4a	Lunch	P5a	P5b	P6a	P6b	End of day		

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title,

Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online. This could expose children to risks such as comments, on-line predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as scam links or general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects. Including and against player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children at more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'odders' and are quite common in Roblox. An odder is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person, such as the intention of finding someone to date online. In against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter odders. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on essential items in the game, while it's possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are applied well on the game's official website. It's essential to make the connection of a Roblox account to a child's console, so that all Roblox activity is automatically tracked to that child. The game also offers a parental control app, which can be used to monitor and restrict their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they don't know. It's important to disable this feature, leading to built-in, in-game chat, and to disable private messaging. The game offers a 'teen' mode as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, playing on a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact with strangers. Even so, however, some players may be child friendly – who don't want to risk it. If your child is on Roblox, it is important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Goodwin (a.k.a. Lizzard) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2010, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lizzard Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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