

The Seagull



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Next is Week 2

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Christmas Jumper Day

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Gold Seagull Winner

Congratulations to this week's Gold Seagull winners:

Ruby Year 8, Mmachi and Akanksha, Year 9.

Christmas Festivities

The festive season has commenced at JRCS this week with 'Christmas Jumper Day' on Wednesday raising money for 'Save the Children' and 'British Red Cross'. Students embraced the opportunity to wear Christmas jumpers, Christmas pyjamas and non-uniform to support work of these important charities.





Wintermania Christmas Fair

Our Wintermania Christmas Fair opens on Tuesday 12th December and will run until Friday 15th December in Keane's Canopy. There will be festive games, prizes and Christmas treats on offer every break and lunch. The BTEC Business KS5 students have been busy preparing for this event, and we are sure it will be a big success.

Frosty Fantasy Disco

The annual Frosty Fantasy Disco for Year 7 & 8 students will take place on Tuesday 19th December in Boothroyd Hall from 5.00pm - 7.00pm. Tickets are £2 and must be purchased before the event on Buck Bridge at both breaktimes and lunchtimes.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch this year will also be on Tuesday 19th December so please ensure students have money topped up on dinner accounts in preparation for this. Year 7 & 8 students will enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner in family dining style with their form tutor and tutor groups and there will be music and festive cheer for all to enjoy.

Year 11

Year 11 students are one week into their mock exams, and we have been very impressed with

their commitment and conduct throughout the week. Any students who have been late or absent from exams will be sitting these after school next week to ensure they complete the exam series and results will be shared at Year 11 Progress Evening on Wednesday 17th January 2024. A copy of the Year 11 mock exam timetable can be found at the back of The Seagull, so please ensure students are clear when and where their exams are.

Ms Keane
Headteacher

Sixth Form Progress Evening

On Wednesday 13th December 3:45pm – 6:30pm we are holding a Sixth Form Progress Evening for all Year 12 and Year 13 students. This is an opportunity to discuss the progress your son/daughter is making in their A Level or vocational courses. Your son/daughter will be making appointment times with their teachers and will communicate this to you.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes

Mrs Evans
Director of Sixth Form

Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property in school; any not claimed by the end of term will be disposed of. The lost property will be available for parents/carers to look through in the school foyer each day after school for half an hour.

Mrs Stone
Office Manager

Class of 2023

As your child has started the next stage of their education, we hope that they have made a really positive start, and they are enjoying their new courses; whether they decided to stay at Jo Richardson or go to a new college or sixth form.

We would like to invite your son/daughter to collect their GCSE certificates on Monday 29th January 2024 between 5.00pm - 5:30pm in the Castle Green foyer.

Please be aware that students only receive one copy of their original certificates, so we can only release these to the student themselves on this

evening. If your son/daughter cannot make this, please let them know they need to come to the school office later to collect these in person; we cannot send them by post due to the importance of these.

Furthermore, there are still a few students who have not yet collected their yearbook and thus, they can collect it during this time.

We look forward to seeing your child then.

Ms Draisey
Head of Year 11 – Class of 2023

Year 8 Transport Museum



The Year 8 Transport Museum trip. On Friday 1st December we went to the London Transport Museum in Covent Garden. The District Line was very

frequent and easy to get into London. We saw a bus, some different trains, lots of children, how transport was in the 1800s and went to the gift shop - which was overpriced!

There was a “heavenly” smell of fish and chips which made us want to eat fish and chips. The speakers in the museum told us about the daily life of people from the Windrush era and Caribbean who worked on the buses in the 1950s. We explored London and saw fancy shops and posh drink shops. We saw a Canadian flag on a syrup shop for the public to experience Canadian food.

We had lunch in Trafalgar Square with the birds and the water fountain and the statue. It was a fun, happy, interesting, super amazing, historic and wonderful day. Written by Callum, Johnsway, Mariam, Luke and Ines

JRCS Annual Chess Tournament.... Is Back!



Students have been invited to enter the annual Chess Tournament. Last year saw

Angelos battle out a tense final with Victor – eventually claiming check-mate!

Over 50 students across Years 7-13 entered the tournament and created a buzz around the game days.

Everyone used their chance to try out their strategies and mount an attack on the opposition pieces. It was great to see Year 7 students taking on the older year groups and claiming the win in many cases. As the tournament entered its last stages, the pressure really showed with the interest from not just those playing but their classmates as well.

We managed to get the final “streamed” so that all those that had participated and wanted to watch could, without distracting the two finalists.

It was an amazing first tournament and this years should be just as good. Students gained new skills, improved the ones they had and most importantly had fun.

Students need to go to the library during their break or lunch in order to sign up with Ms Osland. Deadline for entry is Friday 15th December 2023, the playing draw will be done the following week and matches will start during the second week back after Christmas break.

Good luck to everyone.

Miss Campbell
Deputy Director of Sixth Form
Chess Tournament Organiser.

Ms Osland
School Librarian
Chess Tournament Organiser

Under 16 netball team



The Under 16 netball team participated in a borough league fixture against Goresbrook School on Monday this week. This was the first time the Year 10 girls had faced an all

Year 11 team, and they played competitively throughout the match with some solid defending and accurate shooting.

Unfortunately, the opponents' experience shone through, and we ended up losing the game 13-4. However, it was a great challenge

for the Year 10's and they showed resilience and determination until the end.

Next Thursday will be the last training session before Christmas, so we hope to see all the U16 team at training ready for fixtures in the new year.

Miss Boulton
Assistant Headteacher

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Year 11 Mock Exams

Below is a copy of the timetable for Year 11 Mock exams in December 2023.

These are internal exams and students will be required to attend normal lessons when not in an exam.
Please make sure students have a good breakfast and they have the correct equipment with them for each exam, including a calculator (if needed) and a black pen.

If they wish to, they may bring water, but this needs to be in a clear plastic bottle with the label removed.

Please remind your child that under no circumstances should mobile phones, earphones or watches be taken into exam rooms.

If your child is unable to attend any of their exams, please call the attendance line as usual and we will require a letter from your doctor.

Date	Start	Component
Monday 11th	9.00am	Business
	11.30am	Computer Science Dance
	2.00pm	Maths Paper 3 (Calc)
Tuesday 12th	9.00am	Geography Paper 2 All Community Language Listening & Reading Papers
	11.30am	Media Paper 2 (Audio Visual)
	2.00pm	Engineering (CNAT)
Wednesday 13th	9.00am	Combined Science Physics Paper 1 Physics Paper 1
	11.30am	History Paper 3 (Weimar & Nazi Germany)
Thursday 14th	9.00am	Religious Studies Paper 2
	11.30am	Food Hospitality & Catering (on screen)
	2.00pm	PE Paper 2 French Writing (clash student)
Friday 15th	9.00am	Dance Practical DT Practical
		French Writing Spanish Writing
	11.30am	Music (Listening)
Monday 18th	9.00am	Art Practical (Day 1)
Tuesday 19th	9.00am	Art Practical (Day 2)
Wednesday 20th	9.00am	Construction Practical

Weekly Outline of Out of School Hours Learning Activities 2023-2024				
Club	Year Group	Staff	Time	Venue
Monday				
Breakfast	All	HIL3	7.45am-8.15am	FC4
Netball	8 & 9	BEV1	12.30pm-1.00pm	Sports Hall
Table Tennis	10 & 11	SEN1	1.30pm-2.00pm	Sports Hall
Shrek Acting	All	BRY, HAL4, WIL3, MAR3	13.30pm-14.00pm	DR1
Netball Year	7	BEV1	1.30pm-2:00pm	Sports Hall
Textiles Club	7,8,9 & 10	MIR2	4.05pm-5.05pm	DT6
Indoor Athletics	7,8 & 9	BEV1	4.00pm-4.30pm	Sports Hall
Tuesday				
Girls only Fitness	7,8,9,10 & 11	PRI1	7.45am-8.00am	Fitness Suite
Breakfast	All	HIL3	7.45am-8.15am	FC4
Rugby	7 & 8	KER	7.45am-8.15am	Field/Sports Hall
Football	9 & 10	BAS1	7.45am-8.30am	Astro
Orchestra	All	KJ	8.20am-8.55am	MU1
Vocal Group	All	MH	8.20am-8.55am	PR11
Yr10 Band	10	JM	8.20am-8.55am	MU2
Yr11 Band	11	JM	8.20am-8.55am	MU2
Wind band	All	LE	8.20am-8.55am	PR13
Handball	7,8 & 10	BEV1	12.30pm-1.00pm	Sports Hall
Christian Lunch	All	TIZ	1.30pm-1.55pm	SC14
Sports Leaders	10	SEN1	1.30pm-2.00pm	Sports Hall/ PE1
Jazz Band	All	JM	13.30pm-13.55pm	MU2
Shrek Acting	All	BRY, HAL4, WIL3, MAR3,	13.30pm-14.00pm	DR1
Netball KS3	7,8 & 9	BEV1 & PRI1	3.00pm-4.00pm	Ball Courts
Football	7	HWD	3.00pm-4.00pm	Astro
Football	9	SEN1	3.00pm-4.00pm	Astro
DofE	10	LEA2	3.05pm-4.15pm	SD3
KS3 Dance Company	7,8 & 9	ENG & guest teachers	3.15pm-4.15pm	DA1
DT	KS3	MCK2	3.05pm-4.05pm WK1 only	DT3
Food Club	KS3	DAM2	3.05pm-4.05pm WK1 only	FC1
Spanish Club	KS3	FER3/DAM2	3.05pm - 4.00pm	MFL3/FC1
Wellbeing Club	All	DRA & RIC	3.15pm-4.00pm	Meet at the library
Wednesday				
Yoga	All	ENG	7.45am-8.00am	DA1
Basketball KS3	7,8 & 9	BEV1	7.45am-8.15am	Sports Hall
Football	9 & 10	CUL2	7.45am-8.30am	Astro
Football	9 & 10	BAS1	7.45am-8.30am	Astro
Breakfast	All	HIL3	7.45am-8.15am	FC4
Indoor Cricket	10 & 11	HWD	1.30pm-2.00pm	Sports Hall
Shrek Acting	All	BRY, HAL4, WIL3, MAR3, BRC	13.30pm-14.00pm	DR1
Prideand allies	All	BRO3	1.30pm-14.00pm	
Debate Club	7,8 & 9	SAI3	1.30pm-2.00pm	PDE2
Thursday				
Fitness	7,8,9,10 & 11	SEN1	7.45am-8.15am	Fitness Suite
Breakfast	All	HIL3	7.45am-8.15am	FC4
Rugby	7 & 8	KER	7.45am-8.15am	Field/Sports Hall
Football	9 & 10	BAS1	7.45am-8.30am	Astro
Orchestra	All	KEN	8.15am - 8.50am	MU1
Vocal Group	All	HAR	8.15am - 8.50am	PR11
Wind Band	All	ELL	8.15am - 8.50am	PR12
Yr 11 Band	11	MAT3	8.15am - 8.50am	MU2
Yr10 Band	10	MAT3	8.15 am- 8.50am	MU2
Maths Puzzle Club	7,8 & 9		12.30pm-1.00pm	Maths Atrium
Futsal	8 & 9	SEN1	12.30pm-1.00pm	Sports Hall
Jazz Band	All	MAT3	13.30pm-13.55pm	MU2
Shrek Acting	All	BRY, HAL4, WIL3, MAR3, BRC	13.30pm-14.00pm	DR1
Shrek Acting	All	BRY, HAL4, WIL3, MAR3, BRC	15.10pm-16.10pm	DR1
Animation	8	FRA, HAS, LEV	3.10pm-4.10pm	AR2
Girls football	7,8 & 9	PRI1	3.00pm-4.00pm	Astro
Football	10	CUL2	3.00pm-4.00pm	Astro
Football	8	SEN1	3.00pm-4.00pm	Astro
Netball	10 & 11	BOU1	3.00pm-4.00pm	Sports Hall
Science	KS3	TAS2/HOQ1/IBQ1/AGY/TIZ	3.05pm-3.45pm	SC7
Textiles Club	KS3	MIR	Week 1 only 3.00pm-4.00pm	DT6
Electronics	KS3	MIR	Week 1 only 3.00pm-4.00pm	DT3
Cooking	KS3	MIR	Week 1 only 3.00pm-4.00pm	FC1
Mock Trial competition	KS3	MCM2/ MAM1	3.00pm-4.00pm	PDE1
Friday				
Football	9 & 10	BAS1	7.45am-8.30am	Astro
Breakfast	All	HIL3	7.45am-8.15am	FC4
Basketball	10 & 11	HWD	7.45am-8.15am	Sports Hall
Dance Choreography	8 & 9	HAZ&ENG	12.30pm-1.00pm	DA1
Table Tennis	8 & 9	PRI1	12.30pm-1.00pm	Sports Hall
Dance Performance	7	HAZ&ENG	1.30pm-2.00pm	DA1
Shrek Acting	All	BRY, HAL4, WIL3, MAR3, BRC	1.30pm-2.00pm	DR1
UKMT Challenge	KS3	MOR12	3.00pm-4.00pm	Maths Atrium



JRCS SIXTH FORM PROGRESS EVENING

WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER

3:45pm – 6:30pm

**Parents of all Year 12 & 13 students are
invited to attend**



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Dates:

Entry:

Entry Fee:

Entry Deadline:

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TOURNAMENT



2024

1st Prize Medal & £10

2nd Prize Medal & £7

1st & 2nd: Chess Board

Yrs 7-13

Starts January 2024 (Draw December)
Sign up with Ms Osland in School Library

£1

Friday 15th December 2023

What Schools Need to Know about THE ONLINE SAFETY ACT

The Online Safety Act was passed into UK law in October 2023, with the aim of establishing major new layers of protection for children when they're online. The government has pledged "a zero-tolerance approach to protecting children from online harm" – and the act certainly includes more powerful legislation which should help to safeguard young people in the digital world. Our guide summarises the key points for schools ...

WHAT THE ACT WILL DO

HARMFUL CONTENT

Social media sites must rapidly remove illegal and/or harmful content such as bullying or harassing comments; pornography; and content that supports extremist activity or encourages or depicts violence, suicide, self-harm or eating disorders. If they fail to do so, they can be fined up to 10% of their global revenue while their executives may even face jail time.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Content featuring cruelty to animals is now prohibited, even if it originates from abroad (where the law may be different). Again, it is the platform's responsibility to remove this.

MORE TRANSPARENCY

Sites must be transparent about the hazards that any children using them could encounter – by publishing risk assessments for their platforms, for instance.

HOSTING MISLEADING ADVERTS

Scams and fraudulent adverts must be blocked or removed, or the hosting companies are liable to be fined.

NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING

It's now easier to convict online abusers or people who share intimate images without consent, while legislation on the criminality of deepfakes has been clarified. The new laws also relate to any individuals who even threaten to share such images. This should help to protect women and girls in particular online.

REPORTING AND FILTERING

Sites should have easy reporting mechanisms for children (or their parents and carers) to flag up problems quickly. They must also provide options to filter out unwanted content.

AGE-RESTRICTED MATERIAL

Sites must prevent children from accessing age-inappropriate material. This includes enforcing age limits and implementing robust age verification.

What this means for you

The act has some specific implications for schools: it's essential that leaders understand the new legislation's scope and limitations. The act is certainly a positive step, but as artificial intelligence and other advances in tech continue to produce new challenges, schools will still need to remain extremely vigilant.

KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Look out for the Code of Conduct that Ofcom is creating in response to the Online Safety Act. Note that the new legislation doesn't mean an instant change: many of its elements will only come into force at the end of 2023. An Ofcom consultation on "protecting people from illegal harms online" will be running until February 2024.

REMEMBER THE ESSENTIALS

Remain mindful of your organisation's own online activities: the legal duty for schools to maintain appropriate software monitoring and filtering, for example, will not change.

WATCH FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There are some issues on which the legislation remains less clear for now: whether it's possible for Ofcom to scan encrypted private messages (such as on WhatsApp) has yet to be resolved, for instance – making this an area where, for the moment, young people have less legal protection.

UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

Staff should learn how to raise concerns with tech companies whose platforms contain anything upsetting or unpleasant. Students also need to be made aware of the newly strengthened laws relating to cyber-bullying, sexting or posting inappropriate content. Young people do make mistakes online – so the clearer their understanding of the possible consequences, the better.

ENGAGE WITH PARENTS

Schools should also explain to parents and carers the new possibilities that the Online Safety Act affords them in terms of protecting their children. Many parents may have previously felt that there was little they could do about changing online platforms' content; they now have a far greater level of support when complaining about a company or the behaviour of an individual.

Meet Our Expert

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