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Next is Week 1 Week beginning 8th January 2024 is Week 2

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Gold Seagull Winner

Congratulations to this week's Gold Seagull winners:

Fabio and Yoan Year 7 (pictured) and Gloria Year 9



The festive spirit has truly arrived at JRCS. This week our Sixth Form Business students have run our Christmas fair. Next week they will be running our Frosty Fantasy disco for Years 7 and 8 on Tuesday 19th December from 5.00pm to 7.00pm (tickets are £2.00 and are on sale in school at breaktime).

On Thursday we will be hosting the Staff No Talent show. Students can arrive on site from 10.00am for food service and need to be in school for a 10.30am start. We hope to finish by 12.45pm for a 1.00pm dismissal.

Thursday 21st December is our last day of term. Please note the last day of term is a nonschool uniform day. Please ensure students are dressed appropriately for school (no crop tops or strap /vest tops and no jewellery).

We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 8th January at the normal time.

Can I thank parents/carers for all their support this term and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a restful holiday. With all the conflict around the world at the moment, let's hope for a more peaceful New Year.

Ms Keane Headteacher

Christmas lunch – Tuesday 19th December

Next week we have our annual Christmas lunch at JRCS. Students have been made aware of the arrangements this week in form time. There will be a limited break service on this day (drinks and snacks only) and the only main meal available will be Christmas lunch from the main canteen; no other serving areas will be open. For students not wanting to enjoy a Christmas lunch, please ensure they have a packed lunch. The price of Christmas lunch is £2.45, the same as a normal meal deal.

Mrs Morris Assistant Headteacher

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

GCSE Citizenship Theme E Action Success

Congratulations to Hallie, Layla, Shalewa, Lacey and Hanna on meeting and interviewing Margaret Hodge (Barking MP) as part of their GCSE Citizenship Theme E Action.

These students independently emailed Margaret Hodge and arranged a slot to interview her about their concerns on youth crime in Barking and Dagenham and concerns on human trafficking in the UK. They confidently interviewed and justified their concerns regarding their topic and expressed ways to improve or deal with these issues. They challenged and explored the Labour party's perspective on these issues and had a real opportunity to explore the role of an MP and raise any other local concerns.



Well done- You all did yourself, the PDE department and JRCS proud.

Miss McMillan Head of PDE

Year 7 Panathlon Trip



We had a lovely day bowling at Namco Funscape. There were several schools who took part in the Panathlon and Ebrima was one of the highest scorers overall! He won a special certificate for his achievement. All our students won a medal which was a lovely reminder of our day.



We enjoyed lunch at McDonalds before returning to school after a fabulous day! "I liked how we all worked as a team" (Demi). "It was lovely to have lunch with my friends" (Caellen). "We had the best time with each other" (Freya).

The students demonstrated fantastic behaviour throughout the day and made our school proud.

Miss Lynch Second in SDD

Year 13



On Wednesday 6th December, Year 13 sociology students had the opportunity to attend court hearings at central criminal court (Old Bailey). The Old Bailey is known for its high-profile cases.

As part of the sociology A-level specification, it is necessary for students to understand the criminal justice system and how it operates. The students were grateful for this fantastic opportunity and described it as 'it's just like what you see in the movies' – An unreal experience!

Ms Islam Sociology Teacher

Year 12 and Year 13

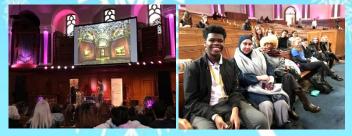
On Monday 4th December, Politics students in Year 12 and 13 joined thousands of students nationwide in attending a conference of various high-profile politicians held at a brilliant venue in the heart of Westminster.

Speakers at the event were comprised of politicians from various parties across the political spectrum. Labour's Chris Bryant was a popular speaker among students, highlighting the importance of rights and engaged the audience with charisma and humour. Lord Dubs provided a surprising criticism of the House of Lords, in which he sits, and received massive applause when he argued for a humanitarian ceasefire in the war in Gaza. Former Conservative Minister Jacob ReesMogg was welcomed with applause and audible booing, to which he walked on with a smile and thanked the booers for their "free speech", a Year 13 JRCS student articulated a pointed question on homelessness. Jeremy Corbyn was welcomed enthusiastically and then faced very challenging questions from students. Other speakers included Leader of the Liberal Democrats, representatives of the SNP and Greens, former minister Sajid Javid and Emily Thornberry.

All students found it an enriching and exciting experience and the teachers already look forward to the next conference.

Mr Mercer Teacher of English

Art and Design in Action Emmanuel Centre



The school's Sixth Form Art students had the pleasure of attending a conference where they learned from four world renowned artists, these included Martin Parr and his engaging talk on his humorous approach to photography, Rebecca Wright and her informativel discussion on the life-saving uses of graphic design, Hugo Dalton and his presentation on the importance of collaboration in the creative sphere, and finally Sir Grayson Perry and his inspirational lecture on how to be creative and follow one's artistic vision, which hilariously ended in a song.

The wide range of mediums explored by these influential artists meant that every student gained knowledge that will certainly inform their own creative practices, and it was ultimately a highly enjoyable and educational experience for us all.

Yasmin Year 13 Art Prefect

RETURN YOUR LIBRARY BOOK NOW All library books need to be returned before school breaks up for the Christmas break, so if you have borrowed a library book, please return it promptly. One of the great things about our school library is the use of incentives to encourage students to read, and one incentive in the library is that students can select which books they would like to see on the shelves in the library and these (appropriate) books are then purchased.

A lot of the selected books are popular recently published books. This is big success and has happened for quite a few years now. BUT if books are not returned by students, then sadly other students do not get to read these popular books.

If, for any reason a student cannot return a library book they should speak to or email the librarian <u>library@jorichardson.org.uk</u> Please support your school library and return books promptly. Thank you.

Ms Osland School Librarian

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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.

SUCCESS FOR ALL

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 18th	9.00am	Art Practical (Day 1)
Tuesday 19th	9.00am	Art Practical (Day 2)
Wednesday 20th	day 20th 9.00am Construction Practical	



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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
ndoor Athletics	7,8 & 9	BEV1	4.00pm-4.30pm	Sports Hall
Cirls only Fitness	7 8 0 10 8 11	Tuesday PRI1	7 4Fam 8 00am	Fitness Suite
Girls only Fitness	7,8,9,10 & 11		7.45am-8.00am	
Breakfast	All 7 & 8	HIL3 KER	7.45am-8.15am 7.45am-8.15am	FC4 Field/Sports Hall
Rugby Football	9 & 10			
	9 & 10 All	BAS1 KJ	7.45am-8.30am	Astro
Orchestra			8.20am-8.55am	MU1
/ocal Group	All	MH	8.20am-8.55am	PR11
Yr10 Band	10	M	8.20am-8.55am	MU2
/r11 Band	11	M	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
azz Band	All	ML	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
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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	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
′oga	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
ndoor 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	DKI
Debate Club	7,8 & 9	SAI3	1.30pm-2.00pm	PDE2
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-itness	7,8,9,10 & 11	SEN1	7.45am-8.15am	Fitness Suite
Breakfast		HIL3	7.45am-8.15am	FC4
	All			
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
/r 11 Band	11	MAT3	8.15am - 8.50am	MU2
(r10 Band	10	MAT3	8.15 am- 8.50am	MU2
Maths Puzzle Club	7,8 & 9		12.30pm-1.00pm	Maths Atrium
utsal	8&9	SEN1	12.30pm-1.00pm	Sports Hall
azz 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
ootball	10	CUL2	3.00pm-4.00pm	Astro
ootball	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
Nock Trial competition	KS3	MCM2/ MAM1	3.00pm-4.00pm	PDE1
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ootball	9 & 10	BAS1	7.45am-8.30am	Actro
				Astro
Breakfast	All	HIL3	7.45am-8.15am	FC4
Basketball	10 & 11	HWD	7.45am-8.15am	Sports Hall
Dance Choreography	8&9	HAZŊ	12.30pm-1.00pm	DA1
Fable Tennis	8&9	PRI1	12.30pm-1.00pm	Sports Hall
			1.30pm-2.00pm	DA1
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Dance Performance Shrek Acting UKMT Challenge	All KS3	BRY, HAL4, WIL3, MAR3, BRC MOR12	1.30pm-2.00pm 3.00pm-4.00pm	DR1 Maths Atrium











2024

1st Prize Medal & £10 2nd Prize Medal & £7

1st & 2nd: Chess Board

Entry Deadline: Entry: Entry Fee: Dates:

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

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studie itself with Pixer, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

D@*#! While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its ilbrary which are almed at an older audience: these may scare you ones or contain themes or lang ones or contain themes or lang ound rather your child w and to. You could avoid ane by enabling Junio djuet content settinge or specifying a conto for your child's profile.

BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, spens and outcommunities, new can make managing scree e difficult. This could result in idren bings watching content, tracting them from activities like nework or socialising. Too much een time has also been shown to utback immed monot elses ecreen

PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you rece emails or text messages purporti to be from Disney+. There have is numerous reports of emine scammers impersonating Disney staff in an attempt to gain access subscribers' personal information Disney+ states it will never emails call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Asis – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 8+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES ***

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter contant which len't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a taggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four wards (numbers, spelied out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this len't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 5+, 8+, 12+ or 14+.

TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjay. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.

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ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's star content hub are for more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which len't intended for them.

ENJOY AS A FAMILY

OUE When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when intraducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years; your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shacking today.



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