

The Seagull



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

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Merry Christmas



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 non-school 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 Rees-

Mogg 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 informative 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 library@jorichardson.org.uk 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.

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	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



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TOURNAMENT



2024

1st Prize Medal & £10

2nd Prize Medal & £7

1st & 2nd: Chess Board

Dates:

Entry:

Entry Fee:

Entry Deadline:

Starts January 2024 (Draw December)

Sign up with Ms Osland in School Library

£1

Friday 15th December 2023

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MUST BE
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18TH DEC



