

The Seagull



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Next Week is Week 2

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

I hope you enjoyed your Summer break. I would like to start by welcoming our new Year 7s. They have made a fantastic start and I hope you have found the transition to secondary school has gone well. Please see below news on Island Day to find out a little bit more about what they have been up to this week.

We had another good year in terms of results. Our Year 13s have done exceptionally well achieving 100% pass rate with 86% of students achieving A* to C and 59% A* to B! Our students studying vocational courses also did exceptionally well with 92% achieving triple distinction*/distinctions. We have students moving on to study a variety of courses at universities across the country as well as students starting Level 3 apprenticeships.

We are also incredibly proud of our Year 11 students. 67% of students achieved a grade 4-9 in English and maths and 50% 5-9 in English and maths. Both year groups have shown exceptional commitment to their learning and it is great to see all their hard work has paid off.

Many of our Year 11 students will be continuing their journey at our Sixth Form and we have welcomed a record number of them back this September. We would like to congratulate all our students on their success this Summer and we wish them all the very best in the next stage of their education.

Uniform

Thank you for your support with uniform as we start the new term; the students look really

smart. Please remind students that trousers should be tailored and worn around the waist and the skirts should be a seagull skirt and should be worn to the knee and not rolled up. As winter approaches, please ensure your child has a waterproof coat for school and does not wear a tracksuit top or hoody.

We will be holding our Year 6 Open Evening on Wednesday 18th September from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. Any students who are helping out will need to be in school uniform. If your child is visiting with a Year 6 sibling and is not helping out, we ask that they do not wear their uniform so we can distinguish them from our helpers.

We will also be holding a Year 11 information evening on Wednesday 25th September where parents can find out more about Year 11 and how we can work together to support your child.

I am excited about the new year and we look forward to working in partnership with parents to ensure "Success for All" of our students.

Ms Keane
Headteacher

The Island Day



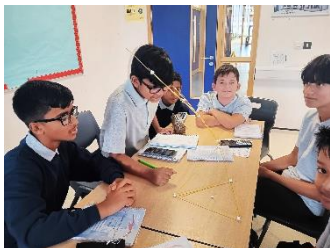
on being in an unfamiliar context.

The Year 7s started their second day at JRCS with "The Island", a day where students work in their forms doing lots of interesting work based

They experienced building a communications tower, working as a team, learning how to filter

clean water, building a signaling device to be rescued and many more interesting activities.

The level of engagement was amazing, and it was great to see all the fantastic work they were doing in their subject areas. Each tutor was asked to nominate two students to gain their first LOC from the school, which will be sent out shortly.



Overall, a fantastic start to life at JRCS that encompasses the ideals of community, resilience and achievement for all. Well done Year 7!

Mr Gaudoin
Director of Learning (Maths and Numeracy)

Year 7 and 8 reading lessons:

If your child is in Year 7 or Year 8, they will have one lesson every fortnight focused on reading for pleasure. During this lesson, they will read a novel in its entirety and complete exploratory tasks while enjoying the novel. During the lessons, your child will be provided with their own copy of the book. If you would like to read along with them, or purchase a copy for your child to have at home for additional reading, the texts are as follows:

Year 7 students are reading 'Animal Farm' by George Orwell.

Year 8 students are reading 'In the sea there are crocodiles' by Fabio Geda.

We hope they thoroughly enjoy these lessons.

Miss Gray
Literacy Co-ordinator

The JRCS Apprentice 2024 Winner Revealed

At the end of the last academic year, we saw our former Year 10 students go head-to-head in a range of enterprise activities each week.

This was an amazing opportunity for Year 10 students to get their hands into some practical business tasks. The Business Team and many other staff members around the school were blown away by the professionalism, effort and determination all candidates showed and I just

want to personally say thank you to everyone who took part or contributed to make the process what it was, particularly the Year 12 BTEC students who gave up a lot of their free time to produce the episodes and work with the candidates.

In the final task, our finalists Tairielle, Luke, Hafiza and Ope all had to pitch their business idea for a regular stall that they can run throughout the year to some very excited year 7s. Tairielle with his milkshakes, Luke had his freshly squeezed juice and Hafiza and Ope with stationery.

All students did extremely well but there was one clear winner for Lord Lungley to hire.....

Congratulations to *LUKE*



Well done to Tairielle who came in close second and also shone throughout the process.

We will now see Luke set up and operate his stall over the coming year.... watch this space.

Miss Henry
Business Studies Teacher



Summer Music Night



Massive well done to all students who participated in our annual Summer Music Night - you were amazing. Thank you to all the teachers and

students who helped set up and supported us in the crowd also. It was a great turn out and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Here are some snippets of the event.

Miss Cummings
Music Admin Assistant

Sports Day 2024



JRCS Sports Day took place on 12th July at the Jim Peters Stadium and it was fantastic to see the whole school take part in the event.

Throughout the day students from across all four year groups participated in track and field events to try and earn points for their form groups. The effort and commitment the students demonstrated in all events was wonderful to witness and the pupils were supported throughout by their peers who watched on from the side.

Congratulations to all the pupils who took part and particular celebrations to the forms who won the interform competition.



Mr Howard
Head of PE

Notice for students to collect art exam and coursework, GCSE and A Level

Well done to our GCSE and A Level Art and Design students in your exams. Students are now able to come and collect their work if they so choose.

Can any students who decide they would like their work, please e-mail their Art teacher in advance to arrange a suitable day and time to come to school.

Students will also need to bring something suitable to take their work home in as we unable to provide any folders or boxes for 3D work.

Thank you.

Art and Design Department

Attendance

As you may be aware, on the 19th August 2024, the Government introduced a new national threshold for all schools and local authorities to adhere to when considering and issuing penalty notices in relation to irregular school attendance.

We have attached a letter from the local authority and we have created our Attendance is Changing policy.

Mrs O'Keefe
Student Services Manager
Attendance Manager / DDSL

To find out how we process your personal data, visit the following link: [Privacy Notice for Parents and Pupils](#)



JRCS SIXTH FORM

Strive for our best learning and outcomes through commitment and aspiration

Involve ourselves in our communities, value, caring and respecting each other

eXhibit resilience

Take enrichment opportunities

Hold high standards in everything we do

SUCCESS FOR ALL

NATIONAL CHANGES FOR PENALTY NOTICES FOR ATTENDANCE

From the 19th August 2024, a New National framework will be introduced by the Government. We've outlined below what this means for parents and carers.

PENALTY NOTICE WILL BE ISSUED FOR

Term time leave:

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave or 5 or more consecutive days

OR

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period:

A Penalty Notice may be considered/ issued when a pupil has had 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week* period.

*School Weeks

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term Time leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be £160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount increases to:

£160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

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The third time an offence is committed for term Term Leave or irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of any unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

Letter to parents and carers regarding school attendance and changes to Penalty Notices for unauthorised absences

Dear parent/carer,

Regular school attendance is an essential part of a child's education. The link between good attendance and good attainment is well established.

Children who attend school regularly are more likely to maintain friendships and enjoy the wider activities of the school community.

Parents and carers are required by law to ensure that their children of compulsory school age attend school regularly.

Schools are required to manage the attendance of pupils and take appropriate action in relation to absences.

If a child is absent from school, the parent/carer must provide a reason as soon as possible. The school will decide whether the absence will be authorised or not.

Parents and carers must request any leave of absence in advance. A school can only authorise such an absence if there are exceptional circumstances relating to the request. If a leave of absence is agreed, the school will decide the number of days that will be authorised.

National Threshold for issuing Penalty Notices

On the 19th August 2024, The Department for Education introduced a national threshold for all schools and local authorities to adhere to when considering, and issuing, penalty notices in relation to irregular school attendance.

When a child does not attend school regularly and all (or the majority) of the absences are unauthorised, legal action can be instituted against the parents or carers. This can be in the form of a penalty notice or summons to court. Penalty notices will be issued per parent, per child.

Penalty notices can be issued if there have been 10 or more unauthorised absence sessions in the preceding 10 school weeks.

A first penalty notice issued to a parent/carer within a 3 year rolling period is £80 if paid within 21 days rising to £160 if paid between days 22 to 28.

If a second Penalty Notice is issued to the same parent/carer, regarding the same child, within the same 3 year rolling period it will be £160 with 28 days in which to pay.

Failure to pay a penalty notice will result in the parents or carers being prosecuted in court.

If there is a third requirement to take legal action for irregular school attendance in relation to the same parent/carer, for the same child within the same 3 year rolling period, then it is likely that the parent/carer will be summoned to court.

There is no right of appeal to a penalty notice issued for irregular school attendance. If a parent/carer is concerned about why they have received a penalty notice, then they must raise their concern with their child's school.

Parents can also be directly summoned to attend court. If a parent pleads, or is found to be, guilty of the offence of failing to ensure regular school attendance, the court has a range of sanctions depending on the circumstances.

Parents may receive a:

- fine of up to £2,500 and/or a prison sentence of up to three months
- curfew with electronic tag fitted
- Community Order
- conditional discharge
- bill for court costs

The court may also impose a Parenting Order. These orders usually last for six months. The parents are required to attend parenting classes. Failure to adhere to a parenting order will result in further legal proceedings.

Further information

Please search the internet for:

The Department for Education – 'Working together to improve school attendance. Statutory guidance for maintained schools, academies, independent schools and local authorities'.