

The Seagull



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Next Week is Week 2

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

I would like to thank all the students who helped out on our Open Evening this week. I have had so many positive comments and emails from Year 6 parents/carers that have praised our students. I am extremely proud of our students, they really are what makes this school outstanding! Well done everyone!

We were pleased to welcome our Year 12 students and parents/carers to the information evening on Thursday. This week we have a Year 13 Parent/Carer Information Evening on Tuesday 24th and our Success in Year 11 evening on Wednesday 25th from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. It is really important that parents/carers attend as we will be providing you with useful information and documents about the important year ahead for your child.

Ms Keane
Headteacher

Year 13 Parent/Carer Information Evening

You are invited to our Year 13 Parent/Carer Information Evening on Tuesday 24th September from 5:30pm-6:30pm. The purpose of this event is to give you information regarding university and apprenticeship applications and how to ensure every student is successful. We will be available to answer any queries you have during this event.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Evans
Assistant Headteacher and Director of Sixth Form

Students leaving for appointments during the school day

Can all parents/carers please give the student a note any time up to the day before the student needs to be collected, stating the time you will need to pick them up. The student should then go to the School Office to get an exit mark in their planner; this will allow them to leave their lesson at the appropriate time.

If the student will be coming to school late due to an appointment, please give them a note before this date to give to their tutor or call the absence line on the day (020 8270 6222 option 1).

Please note that students are not allowed to leave site during the school day unless they are collected from reception by a person on their contact list.

Mrs Stone
Office Manager

Year 13 Take to the water and cause a rip tide!!



Year 13 students headed to Stubbers last week to rejuvenate their energies – ready for the tough academic year ahead.

Students were in eight different groups, and all got to try four different activities. Raft Building



went well, mostly, except for group four who never made it into the lake at all due to the fact that as they picked up their frame, the buoyancy barrels slipped out of their bindings – no Boy Scout badges for knot tying there! However, not to be defeated, it became a challenge to see if a buoyancy barrel could support a student, or two, with a paddle – as the wringing out of shirts and trousers proved... no was the answer!

Other groups seemed more successful and gathered their paddles to cast away for the middle of the lake. Lots of good communication saw many pick up good speeds, stay balanced and enjoy the challenge. Having said that, disembarking proved more difficult than it looked and by the end there were plenty of wet students.



Canoeing proved to be slightly less wet, except for those who were at the front when the canoe was pushed into the lake. Water came over the sides as the canoe went in tip first – with one student falling out completely! Everything was calm and controlled other than that... until the hailstones and thunder struck in the afternoon session. Everyone made it back to shore safely.

Archery saw many hit the target, something we hope they all do with their academic studies this year! Many impressed themselves and also us with their pinpoint accuracy – others need to aim higher!

The last activity was Laserquest. Split into two teams, the groups were given the task of taking out the opposition by hitting a target on their weapon which deleted a life. Once all three had gone, then that person was out for the round. Lots of running, tactical groupings and some random weapons that never seemed to get hit – great fun and much debate about who was the sharpshooter!

Overall, an excellent day of challenge and fun. Without knowing it many students challenged themselves to overcome fears and invisible barriers and were rightly proud of what they achieved. Now to take those learnt lessons and increase self-esteem into our studies and future pathways.

Miss Campbell
Deputy Director of Sixth Form (Year 13)

Year 13 University of Westminster Trip
On Wednesday 17th September Year 13 went to visit University of Westminster as a continuation of their post-18 enrichment and understanding. During July we visited University of Essex to find out what a “campus” looks like; this time we were looking at a “city” university. We coincided with enrolment day at the Marylebone site – so a real sense of busyness and buzz around the building, which happens to be opposite Madame Tussauds.

We heard from two members of their team about putting together the best personal statement and the application process via UCAS, and then another presentation about the financial element – student finance. Both complemented the work done in post-18 week at the end of Year 12 and the student finance

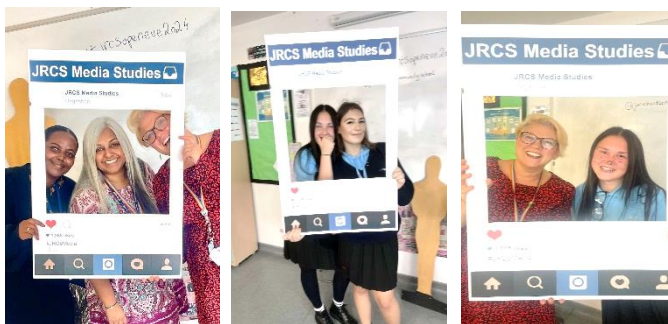
acted as a prelude to the talk we give to students and parents in February/March.

The advice of what to say, where to research and how to budget are all key to students progressing along their pathway once they leave us. Whilst we were at a university, it was important information for those thinking of taking an apprenticeship route or going straight into a job.

An excellent afternoon which will help our students stand out to universities and future employers – a big thank you to Ms Vincent for organising the trip and to Caitlin Pedder of University of Westminster for hosting us and creating the programme.

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Media



In Media we tried to get #JRCSOpenEve2024 trending during our Open Evening. Parents/carers and prospective students were encouraged to take a photo and share via Instagram, tagging in the school @jorichardsoncommunityschool.



Here are some of the photos taken by staff and helpers on the night. Ms Harland would like to thank Ms Muhidin and Mrs Patel, her fun and enthusiastic media team, and Lacey in Year 11 for her excellent work showing the visitors her media coursework on Photoshop, getting people involved in stating their favourite film, series or game, taking photos and disguising herself as a cat, all in the name of promoting the school!

Ms Harland
Head of Media and Film Studies

Year 9 Football



On Wednesday, The Year 9 JRCS Girls team won in an exciting game in the Essex Cup putting us through to the next round. Scoring 5 goals in each half and conceding none, we are extremely proud of the girls, and we are excited for the next round of the cup

Come on you Seagulls!

Mr Sengulay-Thomas
Teacher of PE

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POETRY CLUB

TUESDAYS FROM 3.05 – 4.00

What will we do?

Each session will start with a warm up activity such as **free-writing** or exploring a particular style or type of poetry. This could include using **rhythms** from **jazz**, **hip-hop**, folk music, **reggae**, dub etc.

Next we will **write** and **perform** poems, sharing our work and taking feedback.

We will base our poetry on topics that we feel strongly about. In our performances will explore **PACE**, **VOLUME** and **GESTURES**.

TO SIGN UP, SEE MRS SUMSION IN THE LIBRARY

ACHIEVE

Could you be our next Poet Laureate?

A poet laureate is a poet appointed by the school who will be asked to compose and perform poems for significant events and special occasions. We are looking for two poet laureates from across the whole school.

The Poet Laureate competition is a fantastic opportunity for students across all year groups to demonstrate their reading, writing, and performance skills.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Submit one poem that you have written on something which you feel strongly about.
- Submit a personal statement and explain in 250 words; why you want to be JRCS'S Poet Laureate and how you would promote poetry to a diverse range of people.

DEADLINE: FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER.



KS4/5 & STAFF BOOK CLUB THURSDAYS FROM 3.05-4.00 – (half termly not weekly) starting Thursday 3rd October

The first week we will look at a selection of books and we will vote for which title we would like to choose.

We will take the book home and read it in time for our next meeting 5 or 6 weeks later.

Each session will be a mixture of reading and discussion as well as choosing our next book.

The benefits of book clubs include increased well-being through communication. When we read a book with a group of people, we want to talk about it and we feel less isolated. Reading lets us experience lives through lenses other than our own making us more compassionate as well as experiencing our own emotions in a safe space.

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ACHIEVE

Monday					
Club	Year Group	Staff	Time	Venue	Department
Year 11 Band	Year 11	JM	8.15am - 08.55am	MU2	Music
Year 7 Keyboard Club	Year 7	KJ	8.15am - 08.55am	MU1	Music
Badminton and Table Tennis	Year 7, 10 & 11	SEN1	1.30pm-2.00pm	Sports Hall	PE
Football	Year 11	CUL	4.00pm-5.15pm	Astro	PE
Tuesday					
Club	Year Group	Staff	Time	Venue	Department
Girls Fitness	All	MEN2	7.45am-8.15am	Fitness Suite	PE
Orchestra	All (playing level required)	KJ	8.15am - 08.55am	MU1	Music
Music Production club	All	MS	8.15am - 08.55am	Music Studio	Music
Geometric Art	Year 7	BEG2	8.30am-8.55am	MA11	Maths
Indoor cricket	Year 8 & 9	HWD	12.30am-1.00pm	Sports Hall	PE
Christian lunch	All	ROS1	1.30pm - 1.55pm	HU5	N/A
Football	Year 7	HWD	3.05pm-4.00pm	Astro	PE
Football	Year 10	SEN1	3.05pm-4.00pm	Astro	PE
Netball	Year 8 & 9	MEN2	3.05pm-4.00pm	Sports Hall	PE
Girls football	All	BEV1	3.05pm-4.00pm	Astro	PE
Poetry in Performance	Year 7 & 8	BRC/SUM/HAL4/WIL3	3.05pm-4.00pm	DR3	Drama
Poetry Club	All	SUM	3.05pm-4.00pm	Library	LIB/ENG
Textiles Club	All	MIR2	3.05pm-4.00pm	DT6	Technology
DofE	Year 10	LEA2	3.05pm	SD3 /ARP / Lit Lab	Duke of Edinburgh
KS3 Drama Society	Year 7, 8 & 9	WIL3/BRY2/HAL4/SUM4	3.05pm	DR3	Drama
Wednesday					
Club	Year Group	Staff	Time	Venue	Department
Year 10 band	Year 10	KJ	8.15am - 08.55am	MU1	Music
Volleyball	All	HWD	7.45am-8.15am	Sports Hall	PE
Basketball	Year 10 & 11	RDF Coach	1.30pm-3.00pm	Sports Hall	PE
Book Club	KS3	SUM	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Library	LIB/ENG
Pride and Allies	All	BRO4	1.30pm-1.55pm (1st Weds of Month)	Library	RS
Amnesty	All	SAL3/WNG	1.30pm-2.00pm	PDE1	PDE
Thursday					
Club	Year Group	Staff	Time	Venue	Department
Fitness	All	SEN1	7.45am-8.15am	Fitness Suite	PE
Basketball	All	EME1	7.45am-8.15am	Sports Hall	PE
Vocal Group	All	MH	8.15am - 08.55am	MU2	Music
Wind Band	All (playing level required)	SS	8.15 - 08.55	MU1	Music
Geometric Art Club	Year 7 & 8	BEG2	8.30am-8.55am	MA11	Maths
Handball	Year 8 & 9	BEV1	12.30am-1.00pm	Sports Hall	PE
Arabic	Year 7	LAR1	1.30pm-2.00pm	MFL4	MFL
Football	Year 8	HWD	3.05pm-4.00pm	Astro	PE
Football	Year 9	SEN1	3.05pm-4.00pm	Astro	PE
Netball	Year 7, 10 & 11	EME1, JON4 BOU, BEV1	3.05pm-4.00pm	Sports Hall	PE
Fitness	All	MEN2	3.05pm-4.00pm	Fitness Suite	PE
Book club	KS4/5 & Staff	SUM	3.05pm-4.00pm (half termly initially)	Library	LIB/ENG
Wellbeing Club	All	DRA1	3.05pm-3.45pm	Mentoring Hub	Pastoral
Photography and Animation	Year 9 & 10	FRA2	3.05pm-4.00pm	AR2	Art
Poetry in performance	Year 7 & 8	SUM4	3.05pm-4.00pm	DR3	Drama
Rugby	Year 7 & 8	KER	3.05pm-4.00pm	Field	PE
Friday					
Club Name	Year Group	Staff	Time	Venue	Department
Indoor Athletics	Year 7 & 8	BEV1	7.45am-8.15am	Sports Hall	PE
Jazz Band	All (playing level required)	KJ	8.15am - 08.55am	MU1	Music
Language Ambassadors	KS3	BUF	12.30am-1.00pm	MFL2	French
Badminton and Table tennis	Year 8 & 9	MEN2	12.30am-1.00pm	Sports Hall	PE
Badminton and Table tennis	Year 7, 10 & 11	JON4	1.30pm-2.00pm	Sports Hall	PE
Basketball	KS3	RDF Coaching	3.00pm-4.00pm	Sports Hall	PE
UKMaths Challenge Club	Years 7 -10	MOR12	3.05pm-4.05pm	MA9	Maths

Parents & Carers: Helping our children stay safe

“This course really gave me a real life insight and the information that could help keep my own and other children safe.”



Workshop Details

Where?

Online via Zoom

When?

Thursday 26th September
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Topics Include:

- Fear as a driver of knife crime
- The cycle of trauma and knife crime
- Understanding trauma responses
- Reducing fear and building resilience
- The emotional impact of Knife Crime
- Communicating well with young people

Informative and Empowering

Knife crime continues to have a devastating impact on young lives, leaving a trail of trauma, fear, and loss. This webinar delves into the complex relationship between fear, trauma, and knife crime, offering insights and practical solutions to help participants better understand and support young people.

To book your space, register below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYlfuCuqjotHNbjQi8DtckVvRFa3zgfutmO>



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