

The Seagull



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Next Week is Week 1

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

It was good to see so many of you at our Year 11 information evening; we look forward to working together to support your child.

As the wet weather starts to hit, can I remind parents that their child should wear a coat and not a hoodie or tracksuit top on the way to and from school.

Unfortunately, we have had a number of incidents involving young people from other schools outside JRCS in the local area and at the shops near Becontree station. Whilst senior staff continue to be on duty at the shops and outside the school in order to safeguard your children on their journey to and from school, can we please ask for parents/carers' support in ensuring students go straight home at the end of the school day. Students should not congregate outside the shops or in the local parks. Can I thank you in advance for support with this.

On Wednesday, we held our clubs and out of school hours fair. Students were able to find out more about the fantastic opportunities for extra-curricular activities that we have on offer in the school. Please encourage your child to engage in these opportunities!

Ms Keane
Headteacher



OHSL Fair



On Wednesday 25th September we held our annual Out of Hours School Learning (OSHL) Fair under Keane's Canopy. The event showcased all extra-curricular clubs and opportunities on offer to our students ranging from Jazz Band and Amnesty Club to a brand new Geometric Art Club which proved very popular! Students were invited to explore all the clubs available and were able to speak to teachers and sign up to clubs at the stall. An enriched timetable provided every student the opportunity to get involved with before, during

and after school clubs. There was a lovely atmosphere created by staff and students and the event was a huge success with lots of students signing up to multiple clubs this year. The timetable for all OSHL activities is attached separately.



We look forward to welcoming your child to as many of these as possible. We know that they have a significant impact on developing a range of skills in young people and we are always looking at developing our programme each term with students encouraged to give feedback.

Miss Bevan and Mr Cully
OSHL Co-ordinator and Assistant Headteacher

Introduction to Law Opportunities



Students in Year 11 & Year 13 got a fantastic opportunity to hear from trainee solicitors from the international law firm Herbert Smith Freehills.

Students in Year 13 were given an insight into the world of commercial law but, more importantly, hints and tips about what they can be doing now to make themselves appealing on an application, how to go about applying and, once through the door, how to approach an interview to show themselves off the best they can. Emily, Luke and Emma gave them an insight into the early years as a trainee and how working with a large firm gives them the opportunity to trial in different departments to find out what works for them from Real Estate to Disputes and Employment.

Serena from Graduate Recruitment further added to the insight by speaking about the opportunities and pathways into law, both in terms of HSF but also on a more general level. Later in the day Chloe, Claire, Naimah and Erik took the Year 11 students through their paces, providing an overview to law, the routes they took to get where they are now and the

alternatives. Students were divided into four teams later in the session and then given the task to negotiate a settlement for either the individual or the company in the situation they were given. The teams set about preparing their arguments ready for presentation, trying to gain the best they could for their client but also trying to work out what the opposing team may be trying to get.

Once the teams set about negotiating it became very intense and easy to see that settlements might take some time. An untimely fire drill meant they had to leave their chairs, but the discussion carried on out to the lines and back again!

Eventually a settlement was reached in both “courtrooms” – interestingly the individual client came out with a better deal in one, whilst the company got a better deal in the other – what if those two teams had been against each other?

Overall, it was an amazingly insightful day, all students came away with new understanding of what it might be like to go down the law pathway and how they can set about doing it.

I am immensely grateful to the two teams of presenters that came from Herbert Smith Freehills – hearing it from the professionals is so powerful. I don’t think they put us on the “fee clock” either!

Miss Campbell
Deputy Director of Sixth Form
Head of Year 13

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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	12.30pm-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
Amnesty	All	SAL3/WNG	1.30pm-2.00pm	PDE1	PDE
Pride and Allies	All	BRO4	1.30pm-1.55pm (1st Weds of Month)	Library	RS
Book Club	KS3	SUM	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Library	LIB/ENG

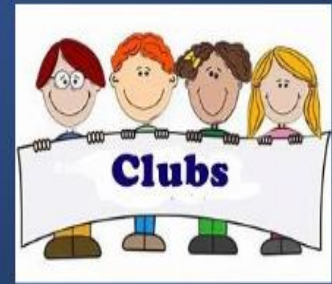
Thursday

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	8.15am - 08.55am	MU1	Music
Geometric Art Club	Year 7 & 8	BEG2	8.30am-8.55am	MA11	Maths
Handball	Year 8 & 9	BEV1	12.30pm-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	12.30pm-1.00pm	MFL2	French
Badminton and Table tennis	Year 8 & 9	MEN2	12.30pm-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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS IN THE LIBRARY



All are welcome!

The following clubs will start this week:



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



Could you be our next Poet Laureate?

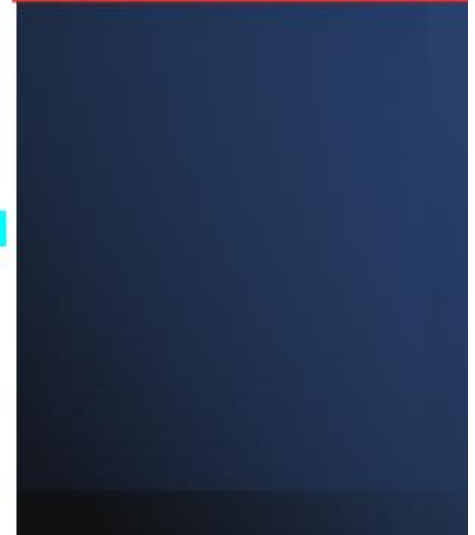
A poet laureate is a poet appointed by the school who will be asked to compose and perform poems for significant events and special occasions. We are looking for two poet laureates from across the whole school.

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.



KS3 BOOK CLUB WEDNESDAYS FROM 2.00-3.00

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

Each session will be a mixture of reading and discussion.

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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KS4/5 & STAFF BOOK CLUB THURSDAYS FROM 3.05-4.00 – (half termly not weekly) starting Thursday 10th 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.

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Involve ourselves in our communities
Engage with all opportunities
Value, care for and respect each other
Establish resilience


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