

# The Seagull



Issue 783 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Next Week is Week 2

All Enquiries: 020 8270 6222  
Email: [headteacher@jorichardson.org.uk](mailto:headteacher@jorichardson.org.uk)

Website: [www.jorichardson.org.uk](http://www.jorichardson.org.uk)  
X: @JRCS\_School

## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

It was so good to see so many students receive their reward lanyards this week. These students have made a really positive start to the year! Keep up the good work!

As the weather turns colder, please ensure your child has a school jumper and a winter coat, ideally waterproof. Please don't send students to school in hoodies and tracksuit tops. School jumpers can be purchased from the uniform shop, and we also have some second hand uniform available.

Our ACHIEVE days are an exciting opportunity for students to experience learning outside the classroom. Our ACHIEVE days will be happening on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. On these days we collapse the timetable and all students participate in a variety of activities on site or attend off site school trips and visits. Please refer to the MCAS or email link to provide consent for your child to participate and to find out more about what your child will participate in on the days. Our students often remember these days as the highlight of their time at JRCS. If you require support with payment, then please contact us.

### Student Passport Verification

I regret to advise you that we will no longer be able to verify student passport applications as the Government have changed the criteria for doing so. They now state that "You can only confirm someone's identity if you know the person applying as a friend, neighbour or colleague (not just someone who knows you

professionally)". They have also removed the right for doctors to confirm identity. Please visit their website <https://www.gov.uk/confirm-identity-online-for-passport-application> for further information.

Ms Keane  
Headteacher

### Whole school ACHIEVE Days - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Parent/carers will have received electronic leaflets via My Child at School (MCAS) or via email from Bromcom regarding our ACHIEVE days. Payment will act as consent for students to attend, this should be paid using MCAS by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

If you are requesting financial assistance, please make sure you do so before Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, you can collect the form from the school office.

Kind regards.

Mrs Garland  
Assistant Office Manager

### Important Reminder for Parents: Label Your Child's Belongings

We have noticed an increase in lost items such as uniforms, coats, and other belongings being handed in without any names. When items are clearly labelled with your child's full name, it is much easier for us to return them promptly. Unfortunately, we often receive calls from parents/carers about lost items, only to find that they do not have any identifying information on them.

To help us return items to their rightful owners and reduce the number of unclaimed belongings, we kindly ask that you ensure all of your child's items are labelled.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Mr Oduneye  
Support Assistant

### World Mental Health Day – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Next week we will be celebrating World Mental Health Day by taking part in Hello Yellow. This means that on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October we will be asking all staff to wear yellow and all students to wear a yellow accessory. This could be a hair bobble, socks, bow, scarf or more. They should still wear their usual full school uniform with an additional hint of yellow. During the week there will be assemblies delivered by Kooth and tutor time activities focused around our understanding of mental health and wellbeing.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to writing an article next week to celebrate our yellow!

Ms Draisey  
Senior Mental Health & Wellbeing Lead

### Jeans for Genes



Jeans for Genes is a fundraising campaign aiming to raise money to make a difference for children affected by genetic conditions.

On 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024, Year 12 and Year 13 students wore jeans in support of the cause.

With the help of the Sixth Form staff, delicious baked goods such as cupcakes, regular cakes, and even cookies were provided!



Furthermore, Sixth Form students and staff engaged enthusiastically in the bake sale along with partaking in the raffle for a grand cake. Congratulations to Mrs Hill from reception for winning the raffle!

Overall, we raised £369.12!! A record amount compared to last year's Jeans for Genes Day.

This amount will go to Jeans for Genes, allowing them to help individuals and their families with accessing the right support when dealing with life-altering, genetic conditions.

Hephzibah and Blyss Year 13

### Year 7



Well done to our first lot of Year 7 students who have received 25+ achievement points within the first four weeks of this term. Their hard work and efforts were celebrated in this week's year group assembly. Keep up the great work Year 7!

Irfan
Nero
Ayomide
Abi
Tallulah
Layalli
Alessia
Alfie
Maximus
Calum
Nathan

Mohamed
Faith
Mehrin
Prospero
Lilly
Maksym
Shahana
Omari
Mia
Shakina
Jax
Hannah
Hope
Leandro
Daniel
Kai
Brandon
Charlie
Eric
Tingwei
Harley
Eliana
Amena
Serena
Gerardas
Summer-Rose
Muhamed
Guilherme
Rayan
John-Henry
Deilanas
Noor
Kapilan
Peyton
Ernis
Dionne
Briken
Ameena
Sienna Annelle
Aima
Alexandra
Cagiva
Archie
Ashanti

Alexa
Daniella
Lily
Sema
Britta
Alia
Hayden
Jona
Sophia
Dovidas
Timothy
Shah Aayan
Fawwaz
Yusef
Chloe
Kieran
Skye
Cainan
Tyrese
Madison
Inteshar

#### Year 7 Team



On Tuesday two of our A Level Media students had the opportunity to visit JAMVFX, a visual effects company based in Angel. They spent the morning touring and speaking to professionals in the Media industry. Leeyah and Isabella were "a credit to the school", according to the organisers at ITV Academy. Laura, from ITV, said "They were both fantastic, polite and enthusiastic... they really enjoyed the session (they looked super engaged and asked questions) and I've told them to contact me about working experience and a potential Dancing On Ice set visit".

Isabella, in Year 13, said "We had to sign an NDA (non-disclosure agreement), it felt really secretive and special. We were learning about the industry inside information". Leeyah said "It

was so good you know! We asked so many questions and the organisers were really nice".

Ms Harland, Head of Media at JRCS, said "I am so proud of both of these students, we were lucky to get offered these places and they both grabbed at the two slots, taking the opportunity as it arose. I'd also like to thank Ms Johnson from Social Studies who created the networking opportunity for this to happen.

Miss Harland  
Head of Media Studies

### Monjola Year 13

Welcome to the first of this academic year's articles from Monjola. Monjola is starting her final year at JRCS and is aspiring to enter the world of journalism. She will be contributing regularly to The Seagull with some of her thoughts and insights on what is occurring both around the world, in Britain and more locally in our community. Her insights come from her as a teenager growing in our society...

Miss Campbell  
Deputy Director of Sixth Form

### "Monjola's Insights"



#### Is knife crime finally en route to a steady decrease in Britain?

It is fact that knife crime has been concerningly persistent in its attempts to make a dent in our society. For young people,

this has been in the form (for far too long, might I add) of a lingering distress of being in the wrong place at the wrong time, with this instantly spiking temporarily after every new case we hear regarding the unfortunate death or significant injury of yet another fellow young person. This problem is unequivocally too far rooted in British society and has heavily affected the experience of growing up in 21<sup>st</sup> century England.

Since 2010, knife crime has risen by approximately a third, peaking at certain points across the last decade, including a record high 44,000 offences recorded in 2019, and zooming in to our local area; 486 incidents took place here between 2022 and 2023. These statistics can paint a concise picture of the large imprint

knife crime has in communities across the country, warranting a collective productivity to ensure a consistent awareness of what is going on in our society, which is a foundational step in enacting change. This in turn can help mould a precautionous attitude that can gradually play a part in transforming the issue so that it is less and less impactful.

"We will make it a mission for our whole country to halve knife crime in a decade." The words of Labour's Home Secretary, Yvette Cooper, echoing the PM's manifesto promises, have set our hopes high on the matter, and we should look out for fast action and impactful results from our shiny new government. The latest action taken by Labour has been the law that has taken effect, as of last week – the illegality of possessing, manufacturing, and selling Zombie style knives and machetes – aiming to close the loophole on outlawing the weapons. This law follows an amnesty and compensation scheme which launched in the Summer, to try to encourage surrendering of weapons ahead of the ban. It also comes after a newly founded cross government coalition, surrounding Idris Elba and Sir Keir Starmer working co-operatively with campaigners, victims' families, and young people to tackle knife crime. These steps towards creating safer streets seem overdue and Labour quickly pairing its spoken commitments with action, creates optimism around knife-infested streets being on a steady route to eradication.

The Southport stabbings of July remain a devastating incident and a pivotal trigger in stressing the high priority of the government's responsibilities to intercept the national knife crime crisis. Speaking from the scene, the Prime Minister expressed being "very worried" about the condition of knife crime and went on to assure that "his government will get to grips with it." Words from the Home Secretary reflected this attitude and repeated Starmer's promise of the "moral mission" that is Labour's fight to decrease knife crime. Campaigners saw it vital this translated to "tangible actions" - a view which unsurprisingly seemed shared with Ben Kinsella Trust CEO, Patrick Green, when he told the Independent newspaper it was a "significant statement" from the PM. There is an overarching watchful attitude of the public towards Labour's reaction to knife crime and it is clear his promises have put a serious

pressure on his initiatives to produce considerable results. Due to his heavily weighted promises, knife crime can definitely be expected to be a bigger factor than we think in dictating the public's response to this new government, so let us stay alert for perhaps some of the biggest improvements to our knife crime problem yet.

## Networked Scholarship Launch Evening



I was delighted to attend the Head Office of London based International Law Firm Herbert Smith Freehills on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. We have developed a great partnership with the firm over the last fourteen years and have been part of their "invitation only" scholarship scheme since the second year it ran in 2011.

You may have read through The Seagull of last year's cohorts' journey from insight days and workshops of their bids to secure one of just five places on the scheme.

The scheme is a four to five year scholarship which looks to support students in their final year at school, help them whilst studying at university and start them on their own networking journey. They do this by providing a mentor, who works in the area that the student is interested in, does not need to be law but does need to be a city-based interest. They meet regularly and also have group events at the London office developing skills and understanding of a corporate world and their own skillset.

After Year 13 exams are completed, the group do a three-week internship at the firm, earning invaluable firsthand experience – and getting two major highlights – travelling to one of the European offices (usually Paris), then pitching to a significant client of Herbert Smith Freehills – Goldman Sachs!

The support continues with the mentor as the students progress through their university course and there is also some financial support given.



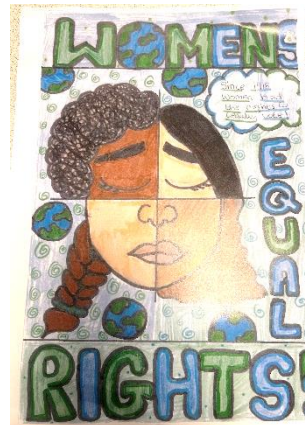
We were delighted that four of our applicants made the final assessment centre this year, a major accomplishment for all of them.

Katelyn, however, went one further and secured one of the five scholarships and I was both delighted and extremely proud to join her and her parents at the official launch event for their scholarship journey.

Congratulations on an amazing achievement!

Miss Campbell  
Deputy Director of Sixth Form

## Year 8



Well done to Sadrena and Esther in Year 8, who produced an amazing poster on Women's Equal Rights that can now be displayed around the school.

Miss Henry  
Teacher of Business Studies.

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

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

# LIBRARY NEWS:

POETRY CLUB **CHANGE**  
**OF DAY**

**THURSDAY** FROM 3.05 –  
4.00

KS4/5 & TEACHER  
BOOKCLUB WILL STILL  
TAKE PLACE ON A  
THURSDAY COMMENCING  
THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER