

The Seagull



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Next Week is Week 2
Week beginning 4th November is Week 1

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

I hope students enjoy all the activities and trips planned for the ACHIEVE days on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October. Please check the schedules included in this edition for a summary of all the relevant details including timings, equipment required, lunch arrangements and uniform requirements.

School will then be closed to students on Friday 25th October as this is a staff training day, so I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy half-term break and look forward to seeing students on their return on Monday 4th November.

As mentioned last week, just a reminder that this will be the last weekly edition of The Seagull. Some key dates for next half-term are outlined below and I have also included the week numbers for the remainder of this academic year. Our first half-termly Seagull will be issued before the Christmas break.

Diary dates for next half-term

Mon 4/11/24 Return to school
Wed 6/11/24 Sixth Form Open Evening
Wed 13/11/24 Year 11 Progress Evening
Wed 11/12/24 Sixth Form Progress Evening
Thu 19/12/24 Last day of Autumn term

Week Commencing	Week No
04 November 2024	1
11 November 2024	2
18 November 2024	1
25 November 2024	2
02 December 2024	1
09 December 2024	2
16 December 2024	1
06 January 2025	2
13 January 2025	1
20 January 2025	2
27 January 2025	1
03 February 2025	2
10 February 2025	1
24 February 2025	2
03 March 2025	1
10 March 2025	2
17 March 2025	1
24 March 2025	2
31 March 2025	1
21 April 2025	2
28 April 2025	1
05 May 2025	2
12 May 2025	1
19 May 2025	2
02 June 2025	1
09 June 2025	2
16 June 2025	1
23 June 2025	2
30 June 2025	1
07 July 2025	2
14 July 2025	1



Ms Keane
Headteacher

Students leaving for appointments during the school day

If students need to leave for appointments during the school day, can all parents/carers please give their son/daughter 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 take this to the School Office, prior to the day of the appointment, to get an exit mark in their planner which 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

Sixth Form Open Evening

I am writing to inform you that on Wednesday 6th November we are holding our Sixth Form Open Evening from 3:45pm – 5:30pm. This event will be held in Boothroyd Hall which can be accessed from the foyer in Castle Green.

Sixth Form Open Evening is an important event which will give all Year 11 students the opportunity to consider their route to achieving the next stage of the journey to their own personal success.

Our dedicated Sixth Form provides students with study and social facilities. We provide an extensive and comprehensive range of courses to meet the needs of our students. We have high standards and expectations in all areas of our work and are committed to the highest level of aspiration and achievement for all of our students.

Students and staff will be on hand to answer any questions you might have.

I look forward to meeting you.

Mrs Evans
Assistant Headteacher & Director of Sixth Form

Media Career Workshop

On Tuesday 15th October two media professionals ran a career workshop for JRCS students. Josie, a director and producer, and Andre, a producer and actor, worked with students from Years 10-13, discussing career roles and how to break into the industry. Year 10 and 11 students workshopped pitch ideas, discussed different jobs and had an opportunity to ask questions.

The event was organised by the National Youth Theatre who are working with schools to promote half-term workshops, in association with Netflix, on getting into the media industry.

The students were very engaged and worked well together - especially the Year 11s who were all chosen because they want to get into the media industry. Lacey, Year 11, said "this was so useful, I got to speak to Josie and Andre about my aspirations and they gave me really good advice." Jayden, Year 10, said "We did loads of fun games and then got quizzed about different areas of the media. We had covered a lot of it in class with Ms Harland so Josie and Andre thought we were really good!".





I am really impressed with the students' engagement; they took opportunities and showed outside visitors how great the students of JRCS really are.

Ms Harland
Head of Media Studies

Photography Club Workshop



Last Thursday the photography club members were treated to a visit from Lewis Greener, a fine art photographer who introduced them to a very old method of capturing images on UV light sensitive paper. The photogram images look like old cyanotypes

(blue tinted pictures) and the students were able to explore large negatives and text on acetates, as well as an array of materials with different properties to see how these would expose the paper.



The artist is currently working for Green Shoes Arts in collaboration with Valence House and will offer more free workshops in the coming weeks. You can sign up your interest in drama and photography workshops coming up at Valence House. Please ask Ms Franz for more info!

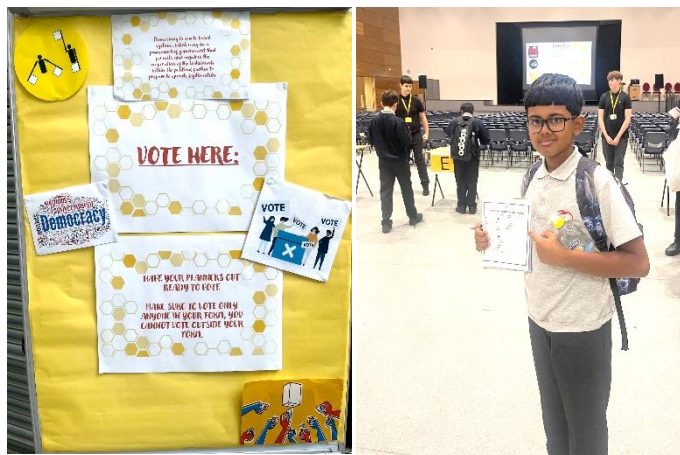
Ms Franz
Teacher of Art

Student Voice & Form Rep Applications and Democracy Day!



On Wednesday 7th October, students from across all year groups came to our makeshift polling station in Boothroyd Hall to cast their votes for Student Voice and Form Rep candidates. This year we have combined the roles and, as well as representing their form, students will also be part of a Student Action Team.

With help from the Business BTEC students, students entered the hall and filled in a ballot paper, casting their vote for the students they deemed suitable for the roles. Students voted anonymously after a week of prospective candidates reading their manifestos in form time.



Votes are to be counted, and our newly appointed Student Voice teams will be announced in the coming weeks.

Well done to all our candidates, keep your eyes peeled!

Miss Hallas
Student Aspirations Co-ordinator



“Monjola’s Insights” The Growing Holistic Celebration of Black History

First celebrated in the UK during 1987, Black History Month has continued to fulfil its

multi-functional purpose in society. It celebrates, enlightens, and commemorates – all in the name of sharing and understanding the impact of black heritage on our world. When the month first began to be celebrated, it was easy to identify a considerable focus on American history, and it was used to honour events of black people from periods in the US timeline. Perhaps a certain way to celebrate it transpired over to Britain from the US, as this is where black history was first commemorated in the 1920s. However, this may have been creating a bigger disconnect from black history after some time, as the narratives seemed overrepresented, causing an overshadowing of British history which is so distinct from the Black American struggle. Consequently, a type of shared conceptual roadmap of what black history was, generated from the limited stories that were positioned to overarch the history and significance of all black people. Renowned names such as Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and Malcom X – and acclaimed events like The Jim Crow Era and The Civil Rights movement were at one point at risk of being all that was confidently associated with black history.

However, the past BLM movements in their width, mark an instance of worldly effort in black history and so display growth from the foundational idea that the US alone was capable of amassing protest condemning racial inequality. While some may argue that the concept and systematic triggers of the movement cannot be deemed ‘history’, the specific 2020 movements of it are part of black history and will someday be taught as the transformative global element within it. The history curriculum at our school has also showcased a less narrowed version of black history, having gone through reform to combine modules dedicated to both US and British events; and now form a more inclusive and effective awareness of black presence in our history.

I find it coherent with the theme of BHM, Reclaiming Narratives, to shed light on the origins of Black History Month in the UK, to contribute to the mission to recognise and correct historical inaccuracies, and build increasingly comprehensive foundations for knowledge about the month itself. As mentioned above, Black History Month in the UK first began in 1987, the 150th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in the Caribbean. It was launched, by a man named Akyaaaba Addai-Sebo, who came to the UK from Ghana as a refugee in 1984 and intended to celebrate black heritage and challenge racism. He worked for the Greater London Council alongside Ken Livingstone as a Co-ordinator of Special Projects. October was chosen as a month for celebration partly due to it being at the beginning of the academic year, making it a timely opportunity for a sense of identity to be promoted in black students.

Furthermore, it goes without saying that the understanding of leading black individuals in Britain is fundamental to maintain an accurate narrative of the positive contributions of black Britons to black history, and simultaneously British history. It helps reinforce the narrative of their special significance to cardinal fields and institutions in Britain. An honourable mention is Kofoworola Abeni Pratt, the first black nurse in the NHS in 1950-1954, well known for her work on better nursing training in her home country of Nigeria, but rarely known in the UK despite her unmatched dedication to nursing. She achieved the Florence Nightingale medal in 1973, and later in 1979 was awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Nursing. Additionally, black Britons’ diligence and commitment also surround us at a local level – our own Jo Richardson being a prime example.

She was the MP for Barking for a notable twenty years, from 1974-1994 and, simultaneously, a significant peace campaigner. Her role as a prominent feminist left figure, led to her helping to expand and develop women’s rights. Even while suffering from severe illness, she continued to vote from her wheelchair in the House of Commons, sometimes being transported via ambulance – emphasising a remarkable resilience towards her work.

Overarchingly, Black History Month has so much capability to provide opportunity for the unraveling of black culture and, in turn, an appreciation for the black race, by those who make it up and those of other races. The month instills pride in the black collective and their contributions, proving to have a major role in society - and this will always be achieved while the most holistic version of black history is commemorated throughout as well as beyond October.

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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



Respect

Responsibility

Resourcefulness

Resilience

Reflection


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Wednesday 23rd October

Visit/Event	Date	Year	Forms	Student arrival	Dep time or start of activity	Approx. return time	Where to register for Years 7 & 8 Rooms needed all day for Years 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13	Equipment	Lunch arrangements	Spending money	School uniform?
Spymasters/ IWM Duxford	23/10/2024	7	ABCDE	7A 7.00am 7B/7C/7D/7E 8.30am	7A 7.30am 7B/7C/7D/7E 9am	7A 3.10pm 7B/7C/7D/7E 4.10pm	A= MA1 B= MA1 C= MA2 D= MA3 E= MA4	Weatherproof clothing	Packed lunch + w ater	max £5	Yes
West Ham Workshops	23/10/2024	7	FGHIJ	8.30am	9.00am	3.00pm	F = MA5 G = MA6 H - MA7 I = MA8 J = MA9	Standard school equipment (pen, pencil, calculator etc.) & planner, bring PE Kit	Normal lunch arrangements	n/a	Yes
Debate Mate	23/10/2024	8	FGHIJ	8.30am	9.00am	3.00pm	F= EN1 G= EN2 H= EN3 I= EN4 J=EN5	Standard school equipment (pen, pencil, calculator etc.) & planner	Normal lunch arrangements	n/a	Yes
Colchester Zoo	23/10/2024	8	ABCDE	8.30am	9.00am	3.30pm	A= SC6 B= SC7 C= SC8 D= SC9 E= SC10	Weatherproof w arm coat	Packed lunch + w ater	max £5	Yes
Walking Tour of London	23/10/2024	9	Students not going to Belgium	8.30am	10.00am or 11.00am	3.00-4.00pm	Group1-3=HU1 Group4-6=HU2 Group7-9= HU4 Group10-12=HU5 Group13-15= HU6 Students will be told their group	Waterproof clothing	Packed lunch + w ater	n/a	Yes
Global Awareness	23/10/2024	9	Students going to Belgium	8.30am	8.40am	2.30pm	A&B=SC1 C&D=SC2 E, F&G= SC3 H&I=SC4 J=SC5	Standard school equipment (pen, pencil, calculator etc.) & planner	Normal lunch arrangements	n/a	Yes
V&A museum	23/10/2024	10	ABCDE	9.30am or 10.00am students will be notified of their time		3.30pm - 3.45pm	A=PDE1, B=PDE2, C=PDE3 D=RE1, E=RE2,	Waterproof clothing Standard school equipmen (pen, pencil, calculator etc.)	Packed lunch + w ater	n/a	Yes
Dragons Den	23/10/2024	10	FGHIJ	9.15am	9.30am	3.00pm	F=SF1, G =SF2, H=SF3, I=SF4, J=SFCR	Standard school equipment (pen, pencil, calculator etc.) & planner	Normal lunch arrangements	n/a	Yes
Maths, English Exams	23/10/2024	11	ALL	8.45am	9.00am	2.00pm	Assembly Lines	Standard school equipment (pen, pencil, calculator etc.) & planner	Normal lunch arrangements	n/a	Yes
KS5 Study Strategies	23/10/2024	12	ALL	8.55am	n/a	3.00pm	SFCR	n/a	Normal lunch arrangements	n/a	n/a
Post 18 Day	23/10/2024	13	ALL	8.35am	n/a	3.00pm	SFCR	n/a	Normal lunch arrangements	n/a	n/a

Thursday 24th October

Visit/Event	Date	Year	Forms	Student arrival	Dep time or start of activity	Approx. return time	Where to register for Years 7 & 8 Rooms needed all day for Years 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13	Equipment	Lunch arrangements	Spending money	School uniform?
Spymasters/ IMM Duxford	24/10/2024	7	FGHIJ	7F 7.00am 7G/7H/7I/7J 8.30am	7F 7.30am 7G/7H/7I/7J 9am	7F 3.10pm 7G/H/7I/7J 4.10pm	F= MA1 G= MA1 H= MA2 I= MA3 J= MA4	Weatherproof clothing	Packed lunch + water	max £5	Yes
West Ham Workshops	24/10/2024	7	ABCDE	8.30am	9.00am	3.00pm	A = MA5 B = MA6 C = MA7 D = MA8 E = MA9	Standard school equipment (pen, pencil, calculator etc.) & planner bring PE kit	Normal lunch arrangements	n/a	Yes
Debate Mate	24/10/2024	8	ABCDE	8.30am	9.00am	3.00pm	A= EN1 B= EN2 C= EN3 D= EN4 E= EN5	Standard school equipment (pen, pencil, calculator etc.) & planner	Normal lunch arrangements	n/a	Yes
Colchester Zoo	24/10/2024	8	FGHIJ	8.30am	9.00am	3.30pm	F= SC6 G= SC7 H= SC8 I= SC9 J= SC10	Weatherproof warm coat	Packed lunch + water	max £5	Yes
Global Awareness	24/10/2024	9	Non Belgium Students	8.30am	8.40am	2.30pm	A&B=SC1 C&D=SC2 E, F&G= SC3 H&I=SC4 J=SC5	Standard school equipment (pen, pencil, calculator etc.) & planner	Normal lunch arrangements	n/a	Yes
Ypres, Belgium	23/10/2024	9	Students going to Belgium All students/parents are aware	5.15am	5.30am	9.30pm approx	Boothroyd Hall	Waterproof clothing, something firm to lean on, pen& pencil Change of trousers & shoes with bag for muddy clothes	Packed lunch + water, extra food for breakfast and dinner	Euros up to £10 worth	Yes
V&A museum	23/10/2024	10	ABCDE	9.30am or 10.00am students will be notified		3.30pm - 3.45pm	A=PDE1, B=PDE2, C=PDE3 D=RE1, E=RE2,	Standard school equipment (pen, pencil, calculator etc.) & planner	Packed lunch + water	n/a	Yes
Dragons Den	24/10/2024	10	ABCDE	9.15am	9.30am	3.00pm	A=SF1, B=SF2, C=SF3 D=SF4, E=SFCR	Standard school equipment (pen, pencil, calculator etc.) & planner.	Normal lunch arrangements	n/a	Yes
Maths & English Exams	24/10/2024	11	ALL	8.45am	9.00am	2.00pm	Assembly Lines	Standard school equipment (pen, pencil, calculator etc.) & planner	Normal lunch arrangements	n/a	Yes
London Culture	24/10/2024	12	ALL	9.30am	-	4.00pm	Becontree Station	n/a	Packed Lunch or money to buy food	money to buy lunch if required	n/a
Post 18 Day	24/10/2024	13	ALL	8.35am	n/a	3.00pm	SFCR	n/a	Normal lunch arrangements	n/a	n/a

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