

The Seagull



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Next Week is Week 1
Week beginning 6th January is Week 2

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Gold Seagull



Congratulations you are our very first Gold Seagull winners this year:

Aima Year 7, Victoria, Emile and Ari Year 9 (pictured above).

Congratulations you are our final Gold Seagull winners this year:

Nero Year 7 and Emmanuella Year 8 (pictured below). It is very impressive for students to ACHIEVE the Golden Seagull in the first term, well done!



We have had a fantastic half term with so many activities and opportunities for students to engage in. I hope you enjoy reading about all the things students have been doing!

Our Year 11 students have been working hard on their mock exams. I have been really impressed with their commitment. I hope they get some rest over Christmas and come back refreshed for the new term! We will be holding our second Year 11 Progress Evening on Wednesday 15th January 3.45pm- 6.30pm. It is really important that parents/carers attend with their child as we will be discussing the mock exam results and what the next steps are for ensuring students achieve their target grades. This will be the last parents/carers evening for Year 11 before they take their GCSE exams. Students should also be considering their next steps and applying for sixth form and colleges. The deadline for JRCS sixth form applications is Friday 24th January.

Next week we will be holding our Winter Concert on Monday 16th December at 6.00pm. The Year 7 and 8 Disco is on Tuesday 17th December from 5.30pm - 7.30pm. We will also be serving students Christmas dinner on Tuesday. Please note there will be no other service on this day. Students who do not want Christmas dinner will need to bring a packed lunch.

The last day of term for Sixth Form and Year 11 students is Wednesday 18th December and for Year 7 to 10 students it is Thursday 19th December. On Thursday students will have a later start. A meal service will be available for students from 10.00am to 10.30am. All

students should be in school from 10.25am for registration at 10.30am. Students wishing to wear non school uniform on Thursday should bring in £1 for charity. The day will end between 12.30pm and 1.00pm at the end of the Staff No Talent show.

Support for parents to access their child's UK eVisa

The UK Government is replacing physical immigration documents with eVisas, a digital proof of immigration status.

Parents and guardians of children who are not British or Irish citizens, and whose children have either a biometric residence permit (BRP) card expiring on 31 December 2024, or a passport with an indefinite leave to remain ink stamp or vignette sticker, should take action to [access their eVisa now](#), and do so on behalf of their children too.

An eVisa cannot be lost or stolen and can be accessed online by visa holders at any time to prove their rights in the UK. It's free and their immigration status won't be affected.

You can find a range of shareable eVisa communications materials, including factsheets and social media content in the eVisa [partner pack](#).

All students return to school on Monday 6th January at normal times.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the last term and to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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05 May 2025	2

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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

Sparx Maths

The maths department are introducing a new website to the ones we already use called Sparx Maths. The website is known both nationally and internationally for providing high quality online maths homework that is tailored for your child and individualised. This means when your child is working online, their maths homework task will be specific to their areas of development.

Logging in to the website will be very similar to Seneca learning, already widely used across the school. Parents will also be emailed automatically about their child's progress and completion of homework tasks. On this last point please ensure that the school has your correct contact details, particularly the email address, to allow for clear and prompt communication.

We are really excited to be implementing this in the school for Key Stage 3 and 4 and feel it will have a real benefit to our students. Once everything has been set up, I will send out a further notification informing parents/carers.

Mr Gaudoin
Director of Learning Mathematics and Numeracy

Student Voice/Form Rep Results 2024!

I would like to congratulate the following on being voted in as Form Reps and Student Voice for this year. These students worked hard at producing a manifesto which they read out in form time and were subsequently voted in by their form. They will be attending their first Student Voice Summit in the coming weeks to discuss plans for the coming year and projects

they feel passionate about. Congratulations and I look forward to working with you in the future!

	7	8	9	10	11
A	Ali Wilson	Isabella Ari	Tudor Bella	Samson Hajra	Mahin
B	Alfie Isaac	Rifah Abid	Emma Lateefa	Nayeema Rameen	Josephat Joseph
C	Adam Kelsey	Olivia Ameena	Auguste Esther	Kayden Klarisse	Nana Sophie
D	Hannah Noah	Ayokunmi Precious	Mishall Amelia	Abdul Egle	Hannah Ella
E	Abiyah Anjola	Ndidi Sadrena	Abdullah Hana	Amelia Carn	Alexandra Fruhar
F	Naseef Harry	Teodora Rosie	Lexie Tamara	Ria Goda	
G	Siana Nathan	Obi Chloe	Cedrick Aroush	Danae Briannah	Kiera Leonard
H	Ashanti Alexa	Maya Tiana	Oiga Justin	Ebenezer Gabrielle	
I	Lily Britta	Desiree Dhayaan	Shreeyashi Gabriella	Gloria Alexia	
J	Leonel Chloe	Yasir Mohammed	Mikayla Emile	Noah Meheren	

Miss Hallas
Student Aspirations Coordinator

Remembrance Poppy sales for the Royal British Legion - November



Throughout the week in November, the Student Voice "Social Action" Team has been actively selling poppies and poppy-themed merchandise to raise funds for the Royal British Legion.

This initiative is part of our school's commitment to honoring those who have and continue to serve and sacrifice for the country, with all proceeds going directly to support veterans and their families.

The team set up stalls during break times, encouraging students and staff to show their support by purchasing a poppy or other items. The range of merchandise included poppy pins, bracelets, and badges, each serving as a symbol of remembrance and solidarity. Many students took the time to learn more about the significance of the poppy, understanding how small actions can make a big difference for those who have served in the armed forces.

Thanks to the generosity of the school community, the Social Action team has raised an impressive amount, reflecting our shared commitment to remembering and supporting those affected by conflict.

As Remembrance Day approached, the sale of poppies within our school served as a reminder to reflect on the values of courage, resilience, and community. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this important cause.

Miss Hallas
Student Aspirations Coordinator

Anne Frank Society

In November the Religious Studies department had the privilege of working with the Anne Frank Trust.

Twenty one of our Year 8, 9, 10 RS students took part in a two day workshop learning about the life of Anne Frank and reflecting on how she might have felt, what we can learn from this and how we can use this example in today's society.

They have explored all areas of prejudice and discrimination in our world today and have worked on presentations to take back to their lessons to show their peers.



Mrs Wing
Religious studies teacher

Year 12 and 13 A Level Media Trip



On Friday 8th November, Year 12 and 13 A-Level Media Students travelled into London to participate in a Media theory conference at the BFI Southbank. The lead speaker travelled in from Nigeria and engaged pupils by focussing on key ideas from critical perspectives and identified and explored the effect of these on texts and audiences through the lens of the various theorists that they are studying.

We were then joined by guest speaker, Sophia Satchell Baeza, for an insightful interview and Q&A. Sophia is a film critic, film programmer and Senior Managing Editor at MUBI. She writes on film for Sight & Sound, MUBI Notebook, and Art Review. This was a fantastic opportunity, and all the students engaged in an interesting debate around feminism in the industry and the impact of misogyny on Media products.

It was an interesting and educational experience that we all enjoyed.



Q&A with Sophia Satchell Baeza
(film scholar, critic and lecturer)



Mrs Patel
Teacher of English and Media Studies
(Year 7 Cohort Manager for English)

Year 7 Netball Team



In November the Year 7 Netball Team had their first match of the season against Robert Clack. The girls were excited to play their first competitive game after training hard since the start of the school year.

Robert Clack had both their A and B team over at Jo Richardson for a home game. There was some excellent centre court play from Comfort, Estelle and Favour in the first quarter and they all passed the ball well into the two shooters, Emilila and Jona.

Both girls scored some great shots and played well together. There were also some fantastic interceptions made in defence by Abi, Layalli and Ameena who turned the ball over and contributed to winning the game 4-0.

The score in the second match against Robert Clacks B team was 7-1 to JRCS. The girls communicated well through the match and there was some great passes and movement from Ashanti, Peyton, Madision and Chloe.

All the girls should be really proud of themselves for showing such great sportsmanship and resilience.

Miss Emeny
Head of Year 7

Panathlon Challenge



On 18th November a handful of students represented the school at a Panathlon Challenge event. The students participated in a number of sporting challenges which tested their skills across a variety of different areas.

Students were able to earn points depending on how well they completed each challenge, and these points all counted towards a final league table which included schools from across the borough.

The pupils should be very proud of the efforts they put in, there were some fantastic performances throughout the day, resulting in the students going home with medals which I know they were very pleased with.

Mr Howard
Head of PE

Winter Student Voice Summit 2024



On Tuesday, 19th November 2024, DR3 came alive with energy and inspiration during the annual Winter Student Voice Summit. This exciting event brought together our passionate form reps and students from various teams to

discuss ideas, develop new skills, and kick-start initiatives that will shape our school's future.

The summit provided a fantastic opportunity for students to meet and connect with one another while participating in activities that enhanced their teamwork, communication, and leadership abilities. One highlight was the interview training session, where students learned valuable techniques to prepare them for the future when interviewing prospective staff and confidently sharing their thoughts.

The event was not just about learning, it was about action. Our teams hit the ground running with a host of creative and impactful ideas already in motion. Some idea highlights include:

- **Christmas Jumper Day for the Red Cross**, where we'll raise funds while spreading holiday cheer.
- **Autism Awareness Week**, aimed at promoting understanding and inclusion within our school community.

- **A Litter Reduction Programme**, tackling environmental challenges and encouraging sustainability.
- **A Black History Month Exhibition**, showcasing the incredible creative work our students have developed during this month.

The Student Voice teams, Wellbeing, Environment, Race and Social Justice, Social Action, Pride and Allies, and Fundraising, Press and Publicity, each played a key role in brainstorming and beginning to plan these initiatives.

Our students' enthusiasm and dedication to making a difference were truly inspiring. The summit served as a powerful reminder of the impact of collaboration and the incredible things we can achieve when we work together.

Keep an eye out for updates on these projects as our teams bring their ideas to life! We are proud of the leadership and innovation shown by our students, and we can't wait to see their efforts shape a brighter, more inclusive future for everyone in our school community.

Miss A. Hallas
Student Aspirations Coordinator
Teacher of Drama

Amnesty International Head Quarters



In November the Amnesty Club went to London to the HQ and worked alongside ten other schools from around the country. Our JRCS students were absolutely amazing and contributed throughout the day debating on issues such as the voting age, women's rights and the rights of the refugee. I was incredibly proud of how well they got their voices heard. If you would like to join our fantastic Amnesty/Debate club we meet on a Wednesday at 1.35pm - 1.55pm for KS3,4 and 5.

Mrs Wing & Ms Salter

Colin Pond Awards 2024



On Wednesday 13th November we had the opportunity to celebrate the academic success of six of our Year 12 students. Each year the Colin Pond Trust Scholarship Awards grants a £300 scholarship to the highest achievers at GCSE who continue their education in the borough to support them with their A level studies.



We are proud of Adrijana, Deborah, Divine, Jasmine, Ruqayyah and Vilte who were very worthy winners, achieving outstanding results in their GCSE exams and hope that this scholarship helps them to continue their success at A level. It was also a privilege to hear Luisa (last year's winner) speak about how the Colin Pond award had made a difference to her and see Elio (Year 13) perform three solo numbers on the violin in the interval.

Jo Richardson Community School was well represented all round - the night was compered by former pupil Kimberley. Well done to all our winners and representatives - what a great evening!

Miss Duncan
Deputy Director of Sixth Form



Get Reading and Raise Money for Children in Hospitals in the UK!

Our Year 7 and Year 8 Readathon started on 18th November and will end on 16th December. All the money raised

goes to provide books for children in UK hospitals.

All Year 7 and 8 students have been given a sponsor form.

They can read whatever they like and if they can get sponsored too that's amazing. Even a pound makes a difference. They can bring their sponsorship money to Mrs Sumsion in the Library, or your parent/carer can pay via MCAS.



Mrs Sumsion
Librarian and Reading Champion • English

Jack Petchey November 2024 Award Winners



A massive congratulations is in order to our brilliant November Jack Petchey winners!

These students have been commended for their excellent achievements within school with a Jack Petchey award and have been awarded £300 to distribute to an area of the school of their choice. The students will be invited to attend a celebration event with the Jack Petchey Foundation where they will be formally awarded. These students are so deserving of this award and should be very proud of themselves!

Nero Yeat 7
Noah Year 10
Sophie Year 11
Imran Year 13

Year 12 and 12 Sociology Trip



On Wednesday 4th December Year 13 sociology students had the opportunity to attend court hearings at central criminal court (Old Bailey). The old bailey is known for its high-profile cases. Despite having to be patient and wait around to get into hearings, the Year 12 students were grateful for this opportunity and made the most out of their day.

Ms Islam
Teacher of Social studies

Trip to National Portrait Gallery



On Friday 6th December the Art department took the A-level Art students into central London to see the new Francis Bacon exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery. The show was amazing and provided everyone with lots of inspiration for their own projects.

We also had time to look around the rest of the newly refurbished gallery which is an incredible resource for works spanning the centuries. We left buzzing with new ideas and creative energy!

Ms Franz
Teacher of Art



Miss Hallas
Student Aspirations Coordinator

U14 Girls George Cash Trophy



In December our Year 9 girls travelled to Loughton to play the second round of the U14 George Cash Trophy against Davenant School, after us winning our first round 11-0.

This round was intense, and the girls equalised early in the second half to take the game into penalty shootouts. Eventually winning the game 4-3 on penalties!

We are now in the third round!

Well done girls!

Mr Sengulay-Thomas
Teacher of PE

Wellbeing Club Christmas Party!



On the 12th December we decided to celebrate Christmas in style at wellbeing club which included baked goods, hats/headbands, songs, singing, bracelet making and much more. It has been wonderful to work with such a lovely group of young people since September in wellbeing club and I can't wait to get started again in 2025.

Anyone is welcome to join us at wellbeing club, it runs every Thursday 3:05pm-3:45pm in the Mentoring Hub.



Pictured is the group this week in our festive attire and Sophie in Year 7 who baked cinnamon shortbread for us all to enjoy – thank you.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Ms Draisey
Senior Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead

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Sarah, 51 and Kazim, 57

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Tracy, 56 and Wayne, 55

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