

The Seagull



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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Gold Seagull Winners



Congratulations to the Gold Seagull winners:

Tallulah, Alfie, Estelle, Calum, Sophia, Prospero, Miracle, Ameena, Madison and Elsie in Year 7, Osayantin and Annelise in Year 8 (pictured above).

Alia, Harley, Mohamed and Jona in Year 7, Alisha Year 8 and Owen in Year 10 (pictured below).

Double Gold Seagull winner – Nero and Aima in Year 7 (pictured below).



Zach, Amenze, Ivie, Ibrahim and Rosie in Year 7, Sabrina in Year 10 (pictured below).

Triple Gold Seagull winner – Ari in Year 8 (pictured below).



Shakina, Siana, Keira, Elsie, David and Radoslav in Year 7, Alex and Esther in Year 9 and Vignesh in Year 11 (pictured below).

Double Gold Seagull winner – Olly in Year 7 and Emmanuella in Year 8 (pictured below).



Amalia and Ali in Year 7 (pictured below)



Esther, Daniel, Vladyslav, Eve, Landro, Adam and Macey in Year 7, Catarina and Rifah in Year 8, Tamara and Elizabeth in Year 9 (pictured below)



Week Commencing	Week No
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

We also had a number of students win Amazon vouchers in our prize draw for achievement points! Congratulations to our winners and well done to all students who achieved 100 points or more!

It has been an extremely busy term. I hope you enjoy reading about all the enrichment opportunities students have been engaged in. We hope the extra opportunities on offer have raised students' aspirations and have engaged them in their learning beyond the taught curriculum.

Students will be coming home with their end of term reports. Please take some time to discuss your child's results and progress. Please look at their mindset, behaviour and homework scores. Having a positive mindset and good behaviour are essential if a student is going to be successful in school. If your child's behaviour score is a cause for concern, please talk to them about how they can work to improve this so that they meet our high expectations and embody the school value of respect. We will be offering Homework Club and support for those students who may need it next term. Homework is so important in ensuring your child develops good study habits early on. Extra study and homework tasks are always available on SENECA learning. Good study habits are essential skills that students will need if they are to be successful in exams.

When we return from the Easter break, our Year 11 and 13 students will be sitting their GCSE and A Level exams. We have a full timetable of Easter revision sessions available

to support students in that final push. I have been so impressed with their work ethic and determination this term as they have been preparing for these important exams. May I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best of luck – I am sure all your hard work will pay off!

As you may be aware, there has been an increase in antisocial behaviour and robberies in the local area. Please speak to your child about staying safe over the holidays and on the way to and from school. Students should not have mobile phones and air pods visible. We ask students to go straight home at the end of the school day, not hang around the local shops and station, and avoid walking through the parks. If your child is a victim of crime, can I encourage you to report this to police. We have been working closely with the neighbourhood police teams to improve safety in the local area. They will use data from reported crimes to monitor hot spots and put resources in place. Please also let your child's Head of Year know so that we can ensure support is in place in school.

School returns after Easter at the normal time on **Tuesday 22nd April**. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support this term and wish you all a restful break.

Ms Keane
Headteacher

Herbert Smith Freehills Networked Scholarship Scheme Careers Network Day – Tuesday 4th March 2025

JRCS Year 12 students are offered an amazing opportunity every year through our partnership with Herbert Smith Freehills.

Students hear from the firm about the Networked Scholarship Scheme that they can be part of, and which can help them onto the pathway of a successful future city career.

This year, seven of our current Year 12 students were successful in the internal selection process to go onto the main Scholarship Scheme selection route. The first step of this was to attend the Careers Network

Day at HSF's London headquarters based at Liverpool Street.



The students met in a conference room with students from the other four invited schools. During the morning, they found out about HSF, what type of law they practise and also the large range of non-law-based jobs they have in the company. After this the students had the chance to “speed-date” a number of the employees from a range of departments.

This was particularly interesting for the students to get some greater information about what it is like to work in a law environment and in our great city. They were also spoken to by Partner Rachel Lidgate, who gave more information about how passionate the firm are about the scholarship programme and also some personal insights to her pathway to such a prestigious role.

During the afternoon, the students heard from four students who are either currently on the programme or have just graduated, including our very own Samuel Adetoyese who started the programme in 2020! They gave a really helpful student viewpoint of the scheme and some useful tips for the next step – the application.

Our students also have the opportunity to speak to Katelyn in our current Year 13 who has just started in the new cohort in September 2024.

Our students: Hallie, Adriana, Carolina, Denisa, Vilte, Mia and Kaleb were a real credit to the school, held their own in discussions, asked some powerful and insightful questions and stand an excellent chance of being awarded a scholarship place.

Watch this space for news on how they find the interview workshop day and the outcomes of their applications.

Miss Campbell
Deputy Director of Sixth Form

The Seagull – Exclusive FILM CLUB – Film Making Workshop 06/03/2025



Owen, Ms Harland, Klarisse, Egle, Davis, Charlotte, Samuel and Cara in Year 10 (pictured above)

Recently, the Film Club has been working, planning, and preparing on creating a film for the 'Into Film' competition.



We have been coming after school to work on this project every Wednesday, script writing and learning to edit and experimenting with different types of camera angles. Once

all our hard work had been fulfilled, we moved onto the actual film making experience.



As the students came into school, we immediately made our way to the park with all

our equipment including our cameras, tripods, and props. We began our filming journey with practising our camera shots and getting actors into places and positions. However once finished, we received great results with a few funny bloopers from our students. Successfully, we created our short film, and we are awaiting to win the competition with high hopes.

A few quotes from our fantastic and resilient students.

“This is good for my mental health”- Samuel

“Most fun I’ve had in quite a while.”- Davis

“I have been delighted and excited, an absolutely, unbelievably, fantastically joyous day”- Egle.

Ms Harland said “I am very impressed with the students. They were directing each other; everyone had a go on the camera, and they all got involved in editing and making sound effects. It was a full on, tough day, but very enjoyable. We made a product and that is very satisfying. A highlight for me was watching these creative, kind and hard-working students come together for a day of creativity. I am very proud of all of them.”

Written by Davis and Egle in Year 10

Year 12 & 13 Business Trip – The Shard



In March some of our Year 12 and Year 13 Business Studies students visited The Shard to gain an insight into the day-to-day activities of a well-known global research and consulting company - Gallup.

Throughout the day, the students had the opportunity to talk to the lead recruitment consultant who provided inside knowledge on what they look for in applicants and the approach recruitment consultants are moving towards with the use of AI. The students then heard from two employees about how they made it to where they are at Gallup. The last session focused on an activity to identify their key strengths using techniques from the famous Clifton Strengths test.

The day was then finished off with the students and staff at Gallup enjoying a lunch together which was enjoyed by all. Feedback from Gallup and all teachers who attended was very positive stating that all students who attended were "very professional, attentive and curious".

Miss Henry
Teacher of Business & Economics

Introducing..... The Seagull Enterprise Club



Last term we saw the KS3 students plan, prepare and run the Valentine's Day Stalls. In preparation for this the students had to prepare and present pitches of the stalls they wanted to run, carry out research

as to where they were going to find the supplies and then decorate and promote their stalls ahead of the day.

All stalls were incredibly popular, seeing a complete sell out for the love heart pens, lollipops, keychains, raffles, personalised chocolate bars and sweet bags. This meant that for their first event the KS3 students made a very impressive number of sales that they are now going to use to fund their next project.

Well done to our lucky raffle winners Castiel in Year 7 and Isabella in Year 8.

Thank you to all staff that were involved and recognised the work and effort that went into the stalls the students created; it was lovely to see their entrepreneurial spirit and skills progress over that term.

Also, a huge shout out to the Year 13 BTEC students who were a huge support and great role models for the KS3 students. We would not have been able to do it without you.

We are looking forward to what is next.

Miss Henry and Miss St-Hill Duhaney.



Year 7 Poster Competition



Congratulations to the following students for their fantastic submissions to the Year 7 five Rs poster competition: Keilan, Aima, and Ali. Their creative work truly captured the spirit of the five Rs and we are proud to showcase their efforts.

Mr Oduneye
Pastoral Support

Old Operating Theatre Museum trip

On Tuesday 18th March, Year 12 Health and Social Care students had the opportunity to visit 'The Old Operating Theatre Museum'.

Students sat in the layout of a room of an actual operating theatre from the early 18th century; once used for operations that predated anaesthetics and antiseptics.



The old operating theatre is one of the oldest surviving surgical theatres in Europe for female patients. The students really enjoyed the presentation and engaged throughout. We also had the chance to explore Borough Market and pick up some lovely things for lunch!

Mrs Johnson
Teacher of Social Studies

Media

In March fifteen students from JRCS attended a special, elite film screening of A Story of Bones. They watched the documentary, which highlights important events in Black History,

and then had a Q&A with the director and composer.

Kaleb in Year 12 said “this was such a good event; the film was very thought provoking.”

Samuel asked a question about how long it took to film on location and Cara asked about the impact of filming on the local community.

Mrs Patel said “the students were so well behaved and we are very proud of them”.

This is another great example of how our students embrace diverse voices. This event was in partnership with The Black Curriculum and Into Film.

Ms Harland
Head of Media Studies

Stepping Stones – 2024/25



This term we have seen over sixty Year 7 students being mentored by our lovely Year 10 Stepping Stones mentors. Each week, on a Friday, the Year 7 and 10 students meet to complete their mentoring session on Main Street (see photos). During this time,

the mentoring sessions have covered a wide range of topics that relate to being in such a large secondary school and settling into Year 7. The schedule for each week is as follows:

Introduction	Meeting your mentor
1	Getting to know each other
2	Mentor Focus
3	Settling into JRCS
4	Friendships & Social Life
5	Report Card
6	Homework
7	Choices
8	Subjects
9	Emotions - Anger
10	Emotions - Sadness & Anxiety
11	Character is Key
12	ACHIEVE
13	Celebration

The purpose of the programme is to help our Year 7 students to settle into school better and

feel more confident in navigating secondary school. We have seen/heard some wonderful and supportive sessions happening and have loved to see the confidence of our students grow.



Could we take this opportunity to thank our dedicated Year 10 Stepping Stones mentors who have given up their time to prepare and deliver the programme. It has been an honour to work with them on this. I would also like to thank our committed Year 7 students who have opened themselves up to being involved and working hard each week to share their experiences.

We will be celebrating all our mentors and mentees at the end of the term at a special reward breakfast.

Finally, to all current Year 9 students, please keep your eyes peeled for when we launch the

applications for the next cohort of peer mentors for next academic year.

Ms Draisey
Senior Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead

Politics Trip

On the 9th January Politics students were fortunate enough to visit both the Houses of Parliament and the Supreme Court, two of the most prominent institutions in the UK, which act as the backbone to society as pinnacles of justice and democracy. This experience offered an invaluable opportunity to gain a deeper insight of both the British political and judicial systems. The visit to the Supreme Court allowed us to explore the building's rich history and remarkable architecture while learning about its essential role in our society.

The next part of the trip took us to the House of Commons, where we had the opportunity to have a tour of the Palace of Westminster alongside the privilege to watch live debates from the gallery. Listening to MPs passionately discuss current issues, in this case women's safety, gave us firsthand exposure to the energy, intensity, and desire for change that is blanketed throughout Westminster. This also included us observing notable political figures, such as Jess Phillips and Priti Patel, who have both played an enormous part in British politics during recent years. The experience was an eye-opening introduction to the day-to-day workings of British democracy, providing an understanding of the challenges and triumphs that MPs face as they represent their constituents.

Our visit concluded with a meeting with Nesil Caliskan, the MP for Barking. During our conversation, Caliskan shared an insight into the work she does to improve our borough. This personal encounter with an active member of Parliament offered a deeper understanding of the role MPs play in shaping both local and national policy. Overall, the trip was a powerful opportunity to witness the British political system at work, from the passion in Parliament, to the superiority of the Supreme Court; it left us with a much richer appreciation of the country's political and legal processes.

Mia

She Can Play Workshop



Well done to all thirty-five KS3 and KS4 football girls who took part in this year's She Can Play workshop. It has been fantastic to see the interest in girls' football grow this year. This was a great way also to celebrate International Women's Day.

There will be further workshop coming up after the Easter break. Any questions, please speak to Miss Pridie.

Well done girls.

Miss Pridie
Second in PE

Year 7 & 8 Borough Netball Rally



Congratulations to the KS3 netball squads who took part in this year's Year 7 and 8 Borough Netball Rally at Robert Clack on 12th March. It was fantastic to see so many girls take part this year. The Year 8 team played really well as a group and came 3rd in their group and unfortunately missed out on the semi-finals.

The Year 7 team played some amazing netball with fantastic teamwork and managed to beat Robert Clack in the final 5-1 so are now Year 7 Borough Champions.

Congratulations to all girls who took part.

Miss Pridie, Miss Emeny and Miss Menear



Year 10 & 11 Netball



Congratulations to the Year 10 and Year 11 netball squads that took part in this year's KS4 netball rally. All students performed fantastically well and played an extremely high level of netball.

This is the Year 11 final competitive match so credit to the Year 11 squad who have been highly committed through their five years of being at Jo Richardson. Furthermore, because of their interest and skill level, we have now had several members of the Year 11 squad being selected for county level netball competing at the weekends.

Well done to everyone involved.

Miss Bevan and Miss Pridie

Under 14 Girls' Football Team



Huge congratulations to the Under 14 girls' football team who have made it into the semi-finals of the Essex cup for the first time ever.

In March we travelled to Great Baddow to play in the quarter finals. The girls put on a tough performance and were able to beat Great Baddow on penalties.

Player of the Match went to Kornelija for some unbelievable saves in extra time to keep her team in the game.

The semi-final will be after Easter where we travel away to Shenfield.

Well done girls.

Miss Pridie & Mr Thomas

Year 7 Football

Congratulations to the Year 7 boys' football team for beating Eastbury School 5-3 in the league. After a very positive start where the team found themselves winning 3-0, some poor defending resulted in the game being level at 3-3 by half time. However, a very commanding second half performance allowed the team to score two goals and run out clear winners. Overall, it has been a very positive first season for the team and I look forward to seeing how they develop next year.

Mr Howard
Head of PE

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