

# The Seagull



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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

### Gold Seagull Winners

Congratulations to the Gold Seagull winners:



Yi Xuan, Kamile and Sameeha in Year 7, Kamil, Lal and Ursa in Year 10 (pictured above).

Laindon, Leticia, Evelynne, Daamin, Bella, Mattia, Antonia and Ruby-Jo in Year 7, Britta in Year 8, Olivia and Chiemela in Year 9, Klaudia, Oakley and Bella in Year 10, Gloria and Emili in Year 11 (pictured on the right).

Double Seagull winners: Aiza in Year 7 and Oluwanimilo in Year 9 (pictured on the right).

Triple Seagull winners: Aima in Year 8 and Annelise in Year 9 (pictured on the right).



Gracie, Lissa, Ronaldas, Oskaras, Joel, David, Ivy, Teagan and Avani in Year 7, Cainan, Esther and Rahma in Year 8 and Klaudi in Year 10 (pictured below).

Triple Seagull winner is Rojus in Year 9 (pictured below).

Quadruple winner is Annelise in Year 9 (pictured below).



It has been a busy term for our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they have worked through their exams. Throughout this period, they have shown remarkable resilience, determination, and dedication—qualities we are incredibly proud of.

May I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you the very best of luck in your remaining exams and as you await your results. I very much look forward to celebrating with you all at the prom and the Year 13 boat party—two occasions that I am sure will be memorable and well-deserved.

Next term, we look forward to our Summer ACHIEVE days. You should all have received information via MCAS about the trips or workshops in which your child will be participating. The trip days will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July, and the payment deadline is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. If you have any concerns or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

We are pleased to announce that we have been selected as one of only 10 schools nationally to work with the education charity, The Difference. We hope this partnership will further strengthen our inclusive approach and the support we can offer our students.

Ms Keane  
Headteacher

### **Year 11 lunch accounts**

Please be mindful to not top up large amounts in the lead up to Year 11 finishing school. Please ensure that any debt is cleared and any money left on accounts is spent as we are unable to refund any amount under £5 left on accounts. Please note we are not able to transfer funds to siblings.

Mrs Garland  
Office Manager

### **World Book Day – 5th March**

Our school celebrated World Book Day on 5<sup>th</sup> March with fantastic energy and enthusiasm. A huge thank you to all the staff who dressed up – your creativity, commitment, and sense of fun brought the day to life and helped make it truly memorable for our students.

We were also delighted to welcome author Caroline Green, who spent the day running

engaging, inspiring workshops with students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. Caroline's sessions gave students a fascinating insight into the writing process, encouraged them to explore their own creative ideas, and left many feeling newly motivated to pick up a pen—or a book!



Thank you to everyone who helped make World Book Day such an exciting celebration of reading, imagination and storytelling.

Miss Sumsion  
Librarian and Reading Champion

### **Summer ACHIEVE Days - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Our summer ACHIEVE days will be taking place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026. All information regarding the three days has been sent out via email and added to MCAS for payment; the deadline for payment is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

Please ensure you are able to access MCAS to give consent and make payment for the upcoming events that will be taking place. If you do not have access, please email the school office: [office@jorichardson.org.uk](mailto:office@jorichardson.org.uk)

Mrs Garland  
Office Manager

### KS3 PDE Department Relationships and Sex Education Programme (RSE)

Throughout the next term Year 7, 8 and 9 will learn more about health education including sex education. In Year 7 students will focus on areas like personal hygiene, puberty and positive relationships, whilst Year 8 & 9 will be educated around relationships, consent, sexting, decision making, body image and reproduction. Year 9 students will also learn about how to recognise and manage risk, contraception and STIs. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks.

Miss McMillan  
Head of PDE

### London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Film Enterprise



On 28<sup>th</sup> April five Year 10 students pitched their film ideas at the finals for the third London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Film Enterprise event.

Chinwuba's film idea, Negate Tranquillity, blew the judges away with its mature themes and thoughtful style. Judge Jules Hardy said she wanted to read whatever Chinwuba writes in the future because his ideas are so good. Aida, Raihana, Melissa and Klaudia presented Misguiding Phone with great drama, their rhetorical questions got the judges thinking and

Banky Ojo praised the colour palette and how richly it was explained in the pitch.

There were over forty film ideas pitched to the event and only eight made it to the finals. Jo Richardson is the first school ever to have two pitch ideas make it to the final day.



The winning idea will be made into a film by professional film makers with a gala, red carpet viewing event in July. Miss Muhidin and Ms Harland were very impressed with all the students. Connor May from LBBDD said Jo Richardson students have such wonderful ideas.

### Malcolm Clark's Studio



On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May the top performing Media students and the Film Enterprise group had the opportunity to visit a working photography studio.

Malcolm Clark's studio, based in the Eastbrook Studio Lot, hosted a day where the eleven students learned about camera operation, how to take a good photo and lighting techniques.

The building on the lot used to be a pharmaceutical factory and has been repurposed as a creative hub. Its unique look means it makes a great location for filming. Recently, 50 Cent filmed in the building for his new boxing drama, Fightland. The students also saw a room used in the Stranger Things series and met make-up and hair artists at the Final Calls Academy who have worked with KSI, Idris Elba and even King Charles.



In the afternoon the students were able to put their learning into action, conducting photoshoots, changing lighting and setting and utilising costumes and props. This was a fantastic experience and many of the students said it made them rethink a career in the creative media industries. Malcolm was very accommodating and taught the students techniques they can use in their personal photography and also in their Media Studies coursework.



Miss Harland, Head of Media, said "We are very lucky Malcolm let us visit his studio. The students were really enthusiastic and grateful for the day. Their behaviour was brilliant. I'd also like to thank Miss Muhidin for all her support on the visit."

### **Update - London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Film Enterprise**

JRCS are very proud to announce that Chinwuba in Year 10 WON the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Film Enterprise Competition! His film idea, Negate Tranquility, was unanimously chosen by the industry professional judges to be made into a film.

The film is set in a future where the government controls people by making them forget their trauma. Ms Keane broke the news to Chinwuba via a video message sent by the judges, he was ecstatic!

The next steps are for Chinwuba to storyboard his film and then he and the rest of the Film Enterprise group will work with a professional film maker to create Negate Tranquility. There is a red-carpet premiere viewing in July at the Lumiere in Romford.

Miss Harland  
Head of Media Studies

### JRCS Grand-Master Chess Tournament “Check (it out).... advancing to Check-Mate!”



JRCS Grand-Master Chess Tournament has been playing out the rounds for the last eight weeks and the final was played on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Over seventy-two students had originally entered, the largest number since the tournament began a few years ago. As the rounds progressed, it got closer between the players, from Round of Last sixteen onward it was obvious that just ONE false move could prove the downfall of the King!

Quarter finals and semi-finals threw up strategy and concentration and any of the players could have advanced – minute details made the difference between victory and defeat. Quarter-final games saw the following match ups:

Hamza Year 13 v Jackson Year 12

Adam Year 10 v Harry Year 11

Noah Year 11 v Nahian Year 8

Wa Kwan Year 13 v Titas Year 11

The semi-finals didn't disappoint either. Last year's finalists were both there and on opposite sides of the draw, but their opponents were applying great pressure:

Hamza Year 13 v Noah Year 11

Wa Kwan Year 13 v Adam Year 10

After very tough games, last year's finalists managed to get through to set up re-match – both seemed to be playing even better – if that was possible!

It was still anyone's guess who might be crowned “JRCS Grand-Master 2026”.

### The Grand-Master JRCS Chess Final happened Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May



Noah Year 11 v Wa Kwan Year 13 - a repeat of 2025!

A few spectators joined them for the final in what proved to be an amazing end to a highly competitive tournament. The match started at 1.35pm. Wa Kwan won the toss and chose to play Black giving Noah the luxury of the first move of the Final.

After some tense exchanges and removals of Queens – finally at 2.15pm..... a STALEMATE was declared!!!

Two options were offered: Share the Title or Reset!

**RESET!!!!!!**



Due to GCSE and A Levels from Monday – the only time was RIGHT THERE & THEN.

So off they went again.....

Changing their playing piece colours, Wa Kwan kicked off the proceedings with a move of the Pawn.

The game played out slightly differently this time – both players keeping their Queens intact.

It looked like another draw/STALEMATE was on the cards (and definitely a SHARE of the TITLE!) and then Noah spotted a move that blew Wa Kwan's defence. From that moment it was a dig deep situation until it became certain that Noah would CHECKMATE.

So, a replay of 2025..... Ended with **Noah retaining his title.**



An amazing final to finish off a great tournament

To conclude:

Seventy games of competitive chess had been played out with representatives of all year groups involved. Competitors of all experiences put their best Pawns forward and strategised to get to the next round. Special mention to Nahian Year 8 who progressed to the quarter-finals and Jeet Year 7, Inteshar Year 8, Shah Year 8, Enoch Year 8 and Arijus Year 7 who all made it to last-sixteen – the future is bright for CHESS!

Huge congratulations to all competitors  
Commiserations to Wa Kwan (but also congratulations for getting to the final AGAIN – in fact, 3<sup>rd</sup> straight final!)

**The crown and congratulations to our Grandmaster Chess Champion NOAH Year 11.**

Tune in for the next year's instalment of the "Queen's Gambit of JRCS".

Miss Campbell  
Tournament Organiser

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Date	Start	Exam Level	Component
01/06/2026	09:00	GCE	English Literature (Prose)
		GCE	Physics A: Exploring Physics
		GCSE	Physical Education (Socio-ctrl Issues Sprt Psych)
	14:00	GCE	Physical Education (Psychlgcl Fctr Afct Perf)
02/06/2026	09:00	GCE	Chemistry A (Prdc Tble Elmnt Phy Chm)
		GCSE	Combined Science Option F (Paper 3:physics) Combined Science Option H (Paper 3:physics)
		GCSE	Physics Option F (Paper One) Physics Option H (Paper One)
	14:00	GCSE	Arabic Option H (Writing)
		GCE	History Option G6 (Italy & Spain)
		GCSE	Polish Listening Test Tier H
		GCSE	Polish Reading Test Tier
		GCSE	Portuguese Option H (Listening)
GCSE	Portuguese Option H (Reading)		
GCSE	Media Studies (Comp2 Understanding Media)		
03/06/2026	09:00	GCE	Sociology Adv Paper 2
		GCSE	Mathematics Option F (Calculator) Mathematics Option H (Calculator)
	14:00	GCE	Pure Mathematics 1
		GCSE	Geography Paper 2
04/06/2026	09:00	GCE	Economics A (Micro & Macro Economics)
		GCE	Religious Studies Adv Option B (Paper 1)
		GCSE	History Option Fn (Anglo-saxon And Norman) History Option Fn (Superpower Relations)
	14:00	GCE	Biology Adv Paper 1
		GCE	Media Studies A Level (Comp 2 Media Forms)
		GCSE	French Writing Test Tier F
		GCSE	French Writing Test Tier H

05/06/2026	09:00	GCE	Psychology Adv Paper 3
		GCSE	English Language Paper 2
	14:00	GCSE	Music (Listening And Appraising)
08/06/2026	09:00	GCE	Physics A: Unified Physics Wtn
		GCE	Politics Adv Paper 2
		GCSE	Combined Science Option F (Paper 4:biology) Combined Science Option H (Paper 4:biology)
		GCSE	Biology Option F (Paper Two) Biology Option H (Paper Two)
09/06/2026	09:00	GCE	Chemistry A (Synths & Anlytcl Tchnqs)
		GCE	Religious Studies Adv Option B (Paper 2b)
		GCSE	Spanish Listening Test Tier F
		GCSE	Spanish Reading Test Tier F
		GCSE	Spanish Listening Test Tier H
		GCSE	Spanish Reading Test Tier H
	12:00	GCSE	History Option Fn (Weimar & Nazi Germany)
	14:00	GCE	Chemistry A (Synths & Anlytcl Tchnqs)
		GCE	Investigating Business
		GCSE	History Option Fn (Weimar & Nazi Germany)
VOC L1/2		Construction: Intro To Built Environment (Onscreen)	
10/06/2026	09:00	GCE	English Literature (Poetry)
		GCSE	Mathematics Option F (Calculator) Mathematics Option H (Calculator)
	14:00	GCE	Computer Science Mod Upd (Computer Systems)
		GCSE	DT (Comp 1 D&T In The 21st Century)
11/06/2026	09:00	GCE	History Option G6 (Britain & Ireland)
		GCSE	Geography Paper 3
	14:00	GCE	Pure Mathematics 2
12/06/2026	09:00	GCE	Biology Adv Paper 2

		GCSE	Combined Science Option F (Paper 5:chemistry) Combined Science Option H (Paper 5:chemistry)
		GCSE	Chemistry Option F (Paper Two) Chemistry Option H (Paper Two)
	12:00	VOC L1/2	Hosp & Catering Industry Paper (Unit 1)
	14:00	GCE	Sociology Adv Paper 3
		GCSE	Polish Writing Test Tier H
		GCSE	Portuguese Option H (Writing)
		GCSE	Dance Written Paper
		VOC L1/2	Hosp & Catering Industry Paper (Unit 1)
15/06/2026	09:00	GCE	Chemistry A (Unified Chemistry)
		GCSE	Combined Science Option F (Paper 6:physics) Combined Science Option H (Paper 6:physics)
		GCSE	Physics Option F (Paper Two) Physics Option H (Paper Two)
16/06/2026	09:00	GCE	Physical Education (Socio-cltrl Physl Actv Sprt)
		GCE	Biology Adv Paper 3
		GCSE	Spanish Writing Test Tier F
		GCSE	Spanish Writing Test Tier H
	14:00	GCE	Politics Adv Paper 3
17/06/2026	09:00	GCE	Computer Science (Algrthms & Prgming)
18/06/2026	14:00	GCE	Mathematics (Statistics) Mathematics (Mechanics)
19/06/2026	11:30	Year 11 Leavers Assembly	