

The Seagull



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Year 13 Boat Party

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Gold Seagull Winners

Congratulations to the Gold Seagull winners:



Aadam, Nicole, Yaqub, Amina, Poppy, Bella, Junior, Leia, Lyra, Yaseen, Shahid, Jaiden, Rumman, Hannan, Sergio, Shania, Izan, Avielle, Artiom, Aiman, Andrea, Mia, Sofia, Olivia and Austeja in Year 7 (above).

Double Gold Seagull winners: Taylor and Evelynne in Year 7 (pictured on the left).



Ayomide, Abi, Sahar, Artem and Melisa in Year 8, Harry, Chimaobi, Nafeeh, Frankie and Emmanuella in Year 9 Theophilus, Leyla, Urte, Sienna and Alfie in Year 10 (pictured above).

Double Gold Seagull winners: Joel, Maruf and Madi in Year 9, Mishall, Emma and Bella in Year 10 (pictured above).

Gold Seagull winners: Azire, Tyrese, Amani, Kirandeep, Lily, Serinah and Jannat in Year 7, Yohan and Powei in Year 8, Abeer, Teodora and Osayetin in Year 9 (pictured below).

Double Gold Seagull winners: Ileen in Year 7, Rahma in Year 8 and Riana in Year 10 (pictured below).

Quadruple Gold Seagull winner: Al-Amin in Year 10 (pictured below).



Gold Seagull winners: Binyameen, Humnah, Louis and Yan-Yan in Year 7, Ebunoluwa and Daniel in Year 9 and Luisa in Year 10 (pictured below).

Double Gold Seagull winners: Sameeha, Bethany, Leticia and Annabelle in Year 7 and Georgia in Year 10 (pictured below).

Triple Gold Seagull winner: Atene in Year 7 (pictured below).



Gold Seagull winners: Zafeerah, Frankie, Fola, Kian, Monika, Elisa, Beau, Alexander, Alaiyah, Sairah and Ruby in Year 7, Millie, Maximus and Marshall in Year 8 (pictured on the right).

Double Gold Seagull winners: Maimouna, Fola, Nicole and Anastasia in Year 7 (pictured on the right).

Triple Gold Seagull winners: Luceen and Bethany in Year 7 and Sophia in Year 9 (pictured on the right).



Gold Seagull winners: Guste, Ayaan, Lenny, Rhianna, Eva-Rose, Humzah, Lilly and Younas in Year 7, Harley and Ashanti in Year 8, Logan and Sharleez in Year 9, Tolu and Ollie in Year 10 (pictured below).

Double Gold Seagull winners: Lily, Sajid, Beau and Benjamin in Year 7, Emmanuel in Year 9 (pictured below).



Quadruple Gold Seagull winners' lunch
Al-Amin, Ari, Emmanuella, Isabella and Annelise (pictured below).



We have a packed end of year with students enjoying a variety of workshops and visits during our ACHIEVE days. I hope you enjoy reading about them and the photos included in the Seagull. On Thursday we have our final ACHIEVE day with rewards trips for all year groups. Students are permitted to wear their PE kit on these days. Please make sure students have sunscreen, a hat and a water bottle to ensure they stay safe in the heat.

Congratulations to Year 11 and Year 13 students who approached their examinations

with professionalism and dedication. They showed amazing resilience, and we could not be prouder as a school. This was compounded by the feedback we received from the staff at the Year 13 boat party and the Year 11 prom. It was a real pleasure to celebrate with our students at both these events and all the students did themselves proud through both their presentation and approach. I wish them all the best of luck and look forward to seeing them on results days:

Year 12

Thursday 13th August 9.00-10.00am

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Thursday 13th August 10.00-11.00am

Year 11

Thursday 20th August 9.00-10.00am

Our last day of term is Friday 17th July. This will be a non-uniform day. We ask that students dress appropriately for school. Strictly no pyjamas or nightwear, shorts and skirts should be of an appropriate length, no hot pants or crop tops or offensive or political slogans on T-shirts. Students should not wear jewellery.

Students will be in lessons until 11.30am. We will be serving food at break time and students can use their free school meal allocation at this time. Students will then have an extended tutor period and be dismissed from school a year group at a time between 11.40am and 12.00pm.

Smart phone ban years 7, 8 and 9.

A reminder about that **smart phones** are **completely banned for years 7,8 and 9** from September. If a smart phone is seen in school even if it is switched off it will be confiscated. If students wish to bring a phone to school, it should be a brick phone with no internet or camera and must not be seen or heard in school. It should be switched off and kept in a students bag.

The rules for students in KS4 and KS5 will remain the same as currently but will be kept under review. Students in year 10 to 13 may bring their smart phone to school, but it must be switched off and, in their bags, and must never be seen or heard in the school building.

Exceptions will be in place for students who need a device for medical reasons, eg, to monitor blood sugar. The ban extends to all smart devices including smart watches and

glasses. We will shortly be informing the students of this change ready for September. Thank you for supporting the school in this important change to our policy.

Return dates for September

Please be aware of the following arrangements for the start of next term:

Wednesday 2nd September

8.30am-1.30pm Year 7 only

Thursday 3rd September

8.30am-3.05pm Year 7

8.30am-10.30am Year 8

8.30am-10.25am Year 9

11.30am-1.00pm Year 10

11.30am-1.00pm Year 11

10.30am-11.30am Year 13

Friday 4th September

Normal school day Years 7-11

8.30am-10.30am Year 12

Photographs Years 7 & 10

Monday 7th September

Normal teaching starts Years 7-13

Monday 14th September

Photographs Years 11, 12 & 13

Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the Great British Summer Savings scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer

savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

I hope you have a restful summer. Thank you for all your support this year and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another successful year.

Ms Keane
Headteacher

Summer **ACHIEVE** Day - Thursday 16th July

Thank you to everyone that has made payment for the upcoming **ACHIEVE** Day, arrangements are below. Any student not attending the below trips will still need to attend school. Please follow the normal absence procedure if they are not going to be in.

Year 7 - Cinema/Bowling - 10.00am - 2.30pm

Year 8 - Southend Adventure Island - 8.30am - 3.30/4.00pm

Year 9 - Chessington - 7.45am - 6/6.30pm

Year 10 - Thorpe Park - 7.15am - 6/6.30pm
Students of all Year groups not attending offsite trips - 10.00am - 2.30pm

Mrs Garland
Office Manager

Results Day

**A-Level / L3 BTEC / CTEC Results Days
Summer 2026 (Year 12 & Year 13 Students)**

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday 13 th August	Year 13 – 9.00am	Boothroyd Hall
	Year 12 – 10.00am	

**GCSE / L1/L2 Vocational / L1/L2 BTEC
Results Days Summer 2026 (Year 11
students)**

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday 20 th August	9.00am - 10.00am	Boothroyd Hall

FILM ENTERPRISE UPDATE



JRCS became a film set on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd June! Our Film Enterprise winners had the opportunity to film and star in Chinwuba's masterpiece "Negate Tranquility".

With a massive thank you to Miss Willis and Miss Thomas for their starring roles and to Miss Muhidin and Mrs Patel for their help and support. Professional sound technicians, producers and cinematographers came to JRCS to do the shoot and then on Thursday the crew went off site to the film studios in Dagenham East, Eastbrook Studios, to film in the same location used for Stranger Things!



Ms Harland said "it was some of the most busy and hectic few days of my teaching career, but the logistics and planning was worth it to see how professional and exciting the whole event was. I am so proud of all the students involved." The red carpet premiere will be held at The Lumiere Cinema in Romford in July.

Ms Harland
Head of Media Studies



The JRCS Apprentice 2026

The JRCS Apprentice 2026, Task 1, Boardroom kicked off this week with the Year 10 candidates.



Task 1: Create a children's business book.

This task saw four teams develop the following business books below which they had to pitch to Lord Lungley, his right-hand man, Mr Camara, and JRCS's first Apprentice winner, Luke. Lord Lungley was so incredibly impressed with the business books and storylines that in a **shock twist** decided not to fire anyone from the first boardroom!

Group 1: Team Leader -Al-Amin, Abdel, Joshua and Theo



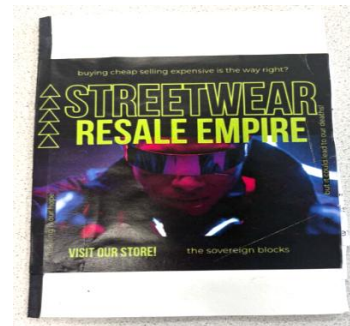
Group 2: Team Leader – Emma, Urte and Luisa.



Group 3: Team Leader – Luqman, Freddie and Reagan.



Group 4: Team Leader – Klaudia and Raihana.



The JRCS APPRENTICE 2026 ~ Task 2

Last week the candidates went head-to-head, Girls vs Boys, where they were tasked with creating an advert for young adults for Chanel and Creed. They had to have a perfume / aftershave bottle design to go along with it this and decide on a pricing strategy.

The girls' team produced a male and female version of their Chanel fragrance and a romantic advert concept to go along with this (pictured above on the right).



The boys produced a detailed Creed advert that explored behind the scenes, whilst highlighting the benefits (pictured on the left).

Lord Lungley and Mr Camara deliberated for hours and, with some market research, decided that the winners were the Girls' Team!

In a shocking turn of events, Lord Lungley carried out a double firing on the spot for two candidates.

Miss Henry
Teacher of Business & Economics

Year 8 & 9 Geography Trip

This half term, some of our Year 8 and 9 Geographers enjoyed an evening at the musical "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind".

Based on the true story of William Kamkwamba, the production tells the remarkable tale of a young boy growing up in Malawi who uses creativity, determination, and science to build a wind turbine and save his

village from famine. The performance beautifully highlighted themes of resilience, innovation, and the power of education.

We were captivated by the music, storytelling, and powerful message, with many of us finding the show both moving and thought provoking. It was a fantastic opportunity to see learning brought to life on stage!

The evening became even more special at the end of the performance, when we spotted William Kamkwamba, the real life inspiration behind the story. He kindly took time to speak with us, answering our questions and even posing for a group photo. This unexpected moment made the experience truly unforgettable.

Year 7 & 8 Geography Trip

Recently, selected Year 7 and 8 students enjoyed a well-deserved reward trip in recognition of their positive attitude to learning in Geography.

The day was packed with exciting and purposeful activities, including orienteering and problem solving challenges. These tasks encouraged teamwork, resilience, and critical thinking, all key skills that are especially useful when completing fieldwork.

Students also had the opportunity to learn a range of survival skills. One highlight was safely building and lighting a campfire, which they then used to cook their own treats. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed making s'mores and chocolate bananas over the fire they had created themselves.

It was a great day filled with learning, laughter, and new experiences. A special mention goes to the farm cat, who quickly became a favourite companion; students even gave him the affectionate name "Mr Whiskers"!

Miss Ross
Second in Geography

Year 13 Boat Party 2026

The Year 13s (picture on front cover) celebrated the end of their A Level exams and completing their vocational courses in style at this year's Boat Party on the Thames. This year was the first year on the "Golden Spirit" boat and it did not disappoint. Even a little bit of unexpected rain on the night didn't dampen spirits!

We are immensely proud of the Year 13s and all they have achieved at JRCS and are looking forward to congratulating them on Results Day on Thursday 13th August.









Miss Duncan
Deputy Director of Sixth Form

Young Enterprise Club!



The Young Enterprise Club have been working really hard this year on three separate events in which they prepared stalls and products to sell to students and staff. This hard work paid off and they ended up making a PROFIT of over £500 after also donating to charity. They each received a gift voucher of £30.00 each.

A special thank you to Adriana and Xian in Year 13 who made it all possible.

We look forward to what next year brings!

Miss Henry
Teacher of Business & Economics

Girls PE Workshop



Forty Key Stage 3 students took part in an amazing girls' workshop as part of the Monster Kickabout!

It was a fantastic opportunity to build confidence, develop skills, and celebrate the game together. The energy, teamwork, and enthusiasm on display were incredible — a brilliant reminder of the power of sport to inspire and bring people together.

Miss Pridie
Second in PE

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Barking & Dagenham Young Carers Project

What is a Young Carer?

A young carer is a child or young person under 18 years old who provides ongoing support and assistance to a family member who has a disability, illness, mental health condition, or a drug or alcohol problem



The Barking & Dagenham Young Carers Project can support Young Carers aged 8-18 years old in lots of different ways:

- Emotional Support.
- Fun Activities.
- Residential Trips.
- Gain new skills by attending our training sessions.
- Meet other young people who may have experienced similar challenges.
- Access to other support services such as counselling.
- Advocacy Support.
- School Support.
- Access to our Tutor Club.
- Support with transitions to college/university/employment.
- Facilities to chat to us via social media platforms.
- Transitions to adult support services.
- Specialist assessments, advice and information.



For more information see overleaf

There are approximately 120,000 Young Carers in the UK. (We have identified over 1,300 Young Carers in Barking & Dagenham). There are estimated to be at least 2 Young Carers in every classroom across the UK - Carers Trust.

'The project has given me a break from my caring role and the opportunity to make new friends' - HD

There are lots of fun activities to choose from:

- Bowling.
- Cinema.
- Arts & Crafts.
- Theme Park Visits.
- Sports.
- Day Trips.
- Residential Breaks.
- Tutor Club.
- Training/Workshops.
- Cooking.
- Outdoor Activities.
- Participating in our Young Carers Forum to share your input.
- And Much Much More



'Since joining the project I have gained confidence and learnt new skills' - CR

If you feel you may be a Young Carer or you may know someone who could do with our support please contact us.

'Support from the project has helped my school understand my caring role' - HS

Scan here to make a referral:



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