



SMSC “Matters”

Spring 2018

SMSC General

Sutton Scholars Programme



Miss Draisey, Ms Salih and Mrs Eades would like to give huge congratulations to our 7 successful applicants for the Sutton Scholars Programme (pictured above).

Well done to: Arafat Abiola 8C, Rachel Okine 8C, Alba Nuhiallari 8C, Enisa Kurta 8H, Waleed Rafique 8J, Filip Zajdler 8H and Maddie Mortimer 8D (not pictured)

We wish you all the best on your new adventure and we cannot wait to hear all about it.

Miss Draisey
Head of Year 8

Jack Petchey Foundation Grant

A big thank you to the Jack Petchey Foundation for the generous £750 grant made to Mr Kilminster in SDD. The grant was in recognition of his recent Jack Petchey Leadership Award. Mr Kilminster used the money to buy a range of specialist ‘Panathlon’ sports equipment for the JRCS Panathlon Club and for use in future Panathlon competitions. The equipment will help make sporting activities such as Kurling and Boccia more accessible for our students with additional physical needs.



Mr Kilminster
Co-educator

Gold Seagulls

Congratulations to the following students who have all won the Gold Seagull this term. This is a fantastic achievement and they have all been awarded with a Gold Seagull certificate, red badge, JRCS pen and a Gold Seagull polo shirt:

Maisie Lethbridge 8G
Omolola Oloyede 7F
Oyinkansola Oginni 7G
Victoria Idahosa 7G
Radina Foteva 7G
Sandeep Singh 7B
Delia Andrei 7G
Noorjahan Ahmed 8D
Ryan Lai 7E
Hadiyah Ashraf 7E
Mahhum Saqib 7E
Sorna Chondhury 8A
Megan McCabe 8F
Victoria Foteva 8A
Holly Dicko 10B
Christina Adjei-Sarpong 7C
Tayte Bramley-Naipaul 7H
Monica Pavlova 7C
Rebekah Ogunturin 8G
Cullum Mehegan 9F
Tyara-Kim Ekunola 7B
Milly Emery 7E
Frankie Garland 7D
Devika Ahtty 9I
Aqsa Saleemi 7J
Summer Cox 8I

Well done!

Mr Smith
Headteacher



Fire Cadets

Ryan Smith, along with four other Year 8 boys, has started attending the fire cadets. I asked Ryan to write a few words on how the first night went and here is what he said:

"The fire cadets was really good, even though it was my first time going, I learnt so much from that one encounter. First, we got put into 'watches', which are our teams. There are four different watches, red, white, blue and green. I am the white watch. Next, we got measured up so that when we all go back on the 11th, we will have an outfit ready so we represent the London Fire Brigade. We also went outside to learn our routine that we are going to do every Thursday evening. I think that this is going to push everyone who does this to their limit and even more if they're lucky. But I think I'm ready for anything that they throw my way. There is going to be a lot of hard work they are probably going to be very strict, so that they can get us to the high standard that they want us to be at. Also, they went around the class to ask what we want out of this experience and I said to learn the risks involved in working for the fire service and how to overcome them."

Well done Ryan for committing yourself to a great opportunity, just another way that Year 8 are thinking big!

Miss Draisey - Head of Year 8

Work the World

In January we interviewed a number of Year 10 students who wanted to take part in our Work the World programme. This annual programme supports two students in taking up their work experience placement in a country of their choice. Over the past 10 years, our students have gone to carry out a range of jobs in Australia, USA, Canada, Bangladesh, Poland, Italy and many other countries. This year's successful candidates were Nathan Dowridge 10A and Mia Barrett 10A (pictured left) who are both heading off to New York for a week in June.



Congratulations to both of them and we look forward to hearing their tales from The Big Apple.

Mr Smith
Headteacher

Suggestion Boxes

JRCS is committed to genuine student voice. We have an open culture and work hard every day to make sure students are listened to and happy. With this in mind I decided to launch a student suggestion box in Year 7. Overall, 30 students participated in the challenge and produced boxes that were of a superior quality. The Year 7 team then went round each form to judge them and select one winner per form. This box will now become the suggestion box for the form. Students can post ideas, feedback and any concerns they have. The form tutor working with the allocated form rep will look at each comment and act accordingly.



I would like to thank and congratulate all those who took part.

Miss Howe
Assistant Headteacher

LIFE Programme

This term seven of our students attended The LIFE Programme at Dagenham Fire Station. During this time they carried out activities undertaken daily by firefighters including going underground into a smoke filled room wearing breathing apparatus looking for casualties. They all made great progress demonstrating a range of skills they had learnt.



Congratulations to Tyrese Francis, Ben Rickman and Jeidan Smith, Emily Mitchell, Olamposi Oyebola 9D, Matthew Buckingham 9F and Raymond Borg 10A on completing their courses.

Mrs Richardson
Senior Lead Mentor

Mrs Falzon
LSU Manager

UCL Sutton Scholars Programme

On the 14th, 15th and 16th of February, we attended a programme at the UCL campus (University College London), which taught us more about GCSE options, and career paths. A select few students from JRCS went to this programme, but many students did take this opportunity and applied. UCL is one of the best universities, ranking 7th best in the world!



The university was founded in 1826 by philosopher Jeremy Bentham, and was the first to allow people to attend regardless of religion and gender. The university has a very large campus. Each day that we arrived at the campus we were expected to be at a different building, for example: The Astronomy building and South Cloisters building, which were about three minutes apart from each other in Central London, as we did not know where to go it could get quite stressful. When we did arrive we were put into separate groups which meant that we had to make friends ourselves, therefore, fully experiencing what university would be like.

During our time at UCL we gathered information from various sources. With our newly obtained knowledge we were then able to discuss personal opinions and conduct official debates. One of our main debates regarded the matter of colonisation on Mars which was very eye-opening when discussing with our peers. We learnt about various linguistic techniques and analysis on multiple sources from ancient times. The experience unlocked new doors and knowledge of career paths such as anthropology and philosophy. We enjoyed these events at UCL extensively.

Attended and written by:

Alba Nuhiallari 8C, Arafat Abiola 8C and Rachel Okine 8C.

Alice Campbell 13B - Fencing

Over the past two years Alice Campbell's performance has been outstanding and she has now been selected to represent Great Britain at the European Championships in Sochi, Russia. Alice will be staying in the Olympic Village with her three team mates and officials. This will be an amazing experience for Alice.

In February she received an email informing her that she has also been selected to represent Great Britain at the World Championships in Verona Italy and has also been selected for the Junior Commonwealth Games that will be hosted in England.



This is a result of 9 years of dedication and commitment from Alice. This is every athlete's dream, well done and good luck Alice!

Mr Smith
Headteacher

Year 7 and 8 trip to Trewern

A group of 30 Year 8 and 9 students visited Trewern Outdoor Education Centre in Hay-On-Wye last week (5th - 9th March). Their goals were to develop the skills of team-working, independence and resilience, as well as having a lot of fun!

Each day the students took part in activities such as, caving, canoeing, mountain walking and climbing. The heavy snows the previous week added an extra challenge to their week and students ably took on these challenges despite some nervousness.

Students also visited a local sheep farmer and saw lambs being born, as well as visiting a bookshop in Hay-On-Wye, for which they were commended for their enthusiasm and politeness.



Miss Lynch
Second in SDD

WE Day UK 2018

Jo Richardson Community School is one of the WE Schools, helping to make a change in the world, a number of our Student Leaders were invited back to WE Day UK at Wembley Stadium on the Wednesday 7th March to take part in the annual celebration of a global community of change makers. Our incredible students gathered with over 12,000 other young world-changers from across the country to dream big, talk about social action, and of course, celebrate all the positive changes we have been making!

Our children were moved by some of the most emotive and inspirational speeches by many including Tokio Myers, Katie Piper, Lily Collins, Alexandra Burke and Princess' Eugenie and Beatrice. Included in the star studded line up were guest speaker appearances from Shanise Garner in Year 10 and Miss Boller. WE Movement chose JRCS to highlight the incredible work done by young people at our school and around the country to help others in need. Both student and teacher spoke about the incredible social action and student leadership work JRCS does. Foodbank, Silent March Campaign, Charity Fundraising and Peer Mediation were all highlighted as exceptional examples of social action for change.

Shanise Garner 10H – “Going to WE Day was an amazing opportunity for me to speak in front of 12000 people, something I thought I would never do. Speaking to lots of celebrities and meeting people I would have never met before is something incredible. WE Day is a great experience for us students as we get to listen to inspiring speakers”.

Ms Boller
Student Communication Manager



SMSC Sixth Form

Sixth Form - First Give



All the Year 12 students took part in First Give last term. This programme helps students get involved with their communities and with local charities. Each tutor group chose a charity and they did some fund raising or awareness raising in school. As well as this, they learnt some presentation skills as they put together bids to

win £1000 from the Jack Petchey Foundation for their chosen charity. The four charities we supported this term were Mitchell's Miracles, Refuge, Sane and Time to Talk.

We held class finals where every student presented their bid in front of their group and two members of staff. From each tutor group one set of students went forward to the school final, which was held after school just before Christmas.

The school final was a great success. We were joined by Governors, parents and staff to watch four high quality presentations, and the judging panel found it very difficult to choose a winning group. After the judges' deliberations Sabrina Asrafova, Laurent Brandao and Jessica Smith were victorious for Sane with Naseemah Amina, Amine Aweis, Angel Churchward and Charlotte Pearson for Mitchell's Miracles a very close second. The other finalists were Hanan Abdulhamid, Jamie Adekeye, Margaret Adesunloro, Lauren Tooze and Emilijla Vanagaite.

I would like to thank the four members of staff who have led the tutor groups as they prepared, Mr Coupland, Mr Hinchliffe, Miss Simpson and Miss Tasneem.

I was very proud of all the students and look forward to the Southern Consortium First Give final at the end of January when the Sane group will bid for £500 against the winning teams from the consortium.

Mrs Wren
Director of Sixth Form

Sixth Form trip to Parliament

On the Politics trip we went to Parliament, whilst we were there we watched the speaker's procession. The speaker's procession is a formal ceremony when the speaker, John Bercow, opens the House of Commons, this can be observed by the public and takes place in the lobby where anyone can talk to an MP if they want a change in how our country is run. We also sat in the gallery and watched a question time in the House of Lords on recycling and a question time in the House of Commons on pensions. Whilst in the Houses of Parliament we saw where four suffragettes had chained themselves to the statues in protest in order to get their right to vote. We were there in the same week that marked the centenary of the success of their campaign.



Lauren Tooze 12D

Courtroom insight!

In January, our Year 13 Sociology class visited the Old Bailey, where we gathered an insightful viewing of two murder trials. We were able to see the events of the courtroom, and the intricate details and evidence that is accumulated into reaching a verdict. Through taking this opportunity we were able to relate what we saw to our studies of crime and deviance and our understanding of convictions, prosecutions and trials in particular. It also enabled us to reflect on what we read in our textbooks and the media's representation of the criminal justice system, it was also highly beneficial to witness a trial as we gained real life understanding of the process. The trip was therefore highly valuable as we gained a deeper knowledge of the consequences of crime and the repercussions it has on our society.

Charlotte Dutton 13E

Sixth Form Football Team march on in Consortium Cup

The Sixth Form football team made a giant leap towards winning the Consortium Cup for a fourth year running in March as they battled to a narrow 1-0 victory over rivals Sydney Russell. Lewis Smith was the scorer of the game's only goal in what was a tightly contested affair. The team now face Dagenham Park knowing a draw would all but secure them the title. Well done to Jerold Cobblah who was man of the match, he led the line brilliantly. A special mention goes to the defence who were resolute and restricted Sydney to a handful of chances during a second half which the visiting side dominated.



Mr Marks
Sixth Form Football Coach

SMSC Art

William Morris Gallery Visit

On Wednesday 13th December 2017 the Art Department took 20 Year 9 students to visit the William Morris Gallery in Walthamstow. The gallery is a fantastic space to get closer to the life and works of this highly inspirational man and our students enjoyed this hands on experience of being in the actual mansion he used to reside in, with lots of opportunities to interact with materials, videos and objects. As part of the visit students were taught by a professional artist about printing processes and were given the opportunity to create their own unique prints. The experience has certainly enhanced their study of Morris' designs in the classroom and will now inspire them to create their own repetitive designs in January.



Ms Franz
Art Department

SMSC Business

Ice Skating

During the last week of term, the Sixth Form BTEC Business students worked with the Business Department to bring an exciting ice skating rink to Jo Richardson. The challenge of arranging such an event was immense. The students arranged delivery of the rink as well as creating posters and tickets for sale. Miss Wright, the Head of Business, was particularly impressed with the hard work from the Sixth Form BTEC Business students who were so keen to offer a high quality event to the other students in the school. Even more impressive was the fact this event was organised in conjunction with the Winter Fair and the lower school Christmas Disco.

All events were organised as part of the level 3 BTEC Business course. Miss Wright would like to congratulate Year 12 BTEC Business on their successful events and also particularly thank Eneida Mazreku, Demi Thomas, Lauren Toms, Gabriele Sartauskaite and Safia Essa all from Year 13 BTEC Business, for helping her sell tickets and manage the ice skating. They weren't being assessed, but were happy to help.

Well done Team Business!



Miss Wright
Head of Business

RPC Mentoring Scheme for Year 10

This article will talk about my experience with the recent trip to RPC. The experience was amazing and I really loved it.

First we arrived at Tower Hill tube station in London and walked across the road and into RPC. The RPC building looks amazing. There is glass everywhere which makes it look really expensive and clean. We were greeted by a man called James one of the partners at RPC and he introduced us to the plan for the day. We took a trip around the building and talked about life in a law firm, which was incredible. We saw how people worked in real life and everybody was so quiet and getting on with their work.



Afterwards we came back to our meeting point and we got to have lunch which was amazing, they even had a coffee machine! Afterwards we got to meet with our mentors. I clicked straight away with my mentor, we had a lot to talk about. We talked a lot about careers. I explained what I wanted to do and she suggested paths I should take in order to follow my dreams, which was really helpful!

Most importantly after today I learned that there are so many job opportunities in the world and you should find out more about them all before you decide on what you want to do in life.

By exploring these different pathways I even found out some careers that I didn't even know existed before this trip. I'm looking forward to the next visit. Thank you Miss Ryzak in the Business Department for arranging this trip and taking us for this unique experience.

Valvine Mpiana 10B

RPC Mentoring Programme



As part of Mentoring Programme organised by the Jo Richardson Community School in partnership with the RPC, a very respected law firm located in the City of London, 18 students returned to London Bridge House for their second session.

The theme of the session was 'Career's in the City' and students together with their mentors, lawyers from RPC and accountants from Mazars, explored different jobs available in the City and how to progress in order to succeed in gaining those opportunities.

The session was very inspiring as each and every student had a chance to interview some successful business people, in small groups, including a person from Google, who is a client of the RPC Law Firm. This was followed by individual sessions with a professional planning their successful future. We all left lifted and inspired by the opportunities presented and believe that we can all reach our aspirations.

Miss Ryzak
Teacher of Business/Enterprise Co-ordinator

Speak Up Challenge

On Tuesday 20th March, we hosted a Speak Up Challenge at the Jo Richardson Community School. There were 21 Year 10 students involved in the workshop who worked very hard on their public speaking skills. They practiced different public speaking and motivation techniques and at the end of the workshop everyone had a chance to present their view on a topic. They are passionate about. The Public Speaking Trainer who supported our students was very impressed with their conduct and determination.



Students Participating:

Femi Ajao, Mia Barrett, Abu-Bakaar Berete, Connor Charity, Sid Summers, Brannon Goodwin, David Agoha, Lily Johnson, Jessica Musgrove, Aaron Nye, Katie-Louise Oglesby, Harvey Whittion, Dario Shabani, Medi Tietie, Sally Turner, Joshua Volkwyn, Qaise Waise, Connor Richmond, Charlie Wetherell, Alfie Levy-Gibbons, Elizabeth Ogunyanwo and Lewis Golby.

Participant Quotes:

“It was very good and also gave me an opportunity to express my feelings”.

“Today went really well, feel like I’ve gained confidence through today’s challenge, it has helped me a lot”.

“It was very useful in boosting my confidence and speaking skills”.

The Jury has selected three finalists, who will represent JRCS at the regional finals at All Saints School on 26th April 2018.

Finalists: Mia Barrett, Aaron Nye and Sid Summers

Miss Ryzak

Teacher of Business/Enterprise Co-ordinator

SMSC English

World Book Day 2018

On Thursday 1st March we celebrated World Book Day in the English Department. KS3 students enjoyed a lesson exploring this year’s theme of ‘share a story’ where they got to write their own. Ms Davies, Mr Roberts and Ms Smith dressed up as their favourite literary characters, as did some Year 13 students who dressed up as characters from *The Bloody Chamber*, a text they are studying at A-Level.



Thank you to everyone who got involved.

Mrs Dulwich

Acting Head of English KS3

SMSC PE

Panathlon Trials for table top games

The third and final trials for the 2018 Barking and Dagenham Borough Panathlon Team took place at Eastbrook School on Monday 15th January.

Eight students from Jo Richardson took part in this trial for the poly bat and table cricket teams. Both games are played on table tennis tables, with small fences around the table edges. Poly bat is a bit like table tennis, and table cricket uses a miniature bat and a ramp for bowling. Runs are scored by hitting certain target around the table 'fence'.

These students have been practicing their skills at both of these games by attending Panathlon Club. If you would like to find out more about these games as well as Boccia and New Age Kurling, then please come along to Panathlon Club in the Sports Hall on a Wednesday and Friday lunchtime 1:20pm – 2:00pm.



The students involved in this trip were: Harvey Amparbeng 7F, Kale McIntosh 7G, Tristan Filbert 8A, Sophie Wood 8B, Lewis Chilver 8C, Alfie Welch 8C, Lewis Scarff 8G and Josiah Ugowe 9G. Congratulations to them on their brilliant performances and good behaviour, and thanks also to Mr Bashir who also helped with the organisation of the trip on Monday. Watch this space to find out later this term which of our students make the Borough Team!

Ms Montague
Teacher in SDD

Six students get into Borough Panathlon Team

I am proud to announce that once again this year Jo Richardson students are making up a key part of the Borough's Panathlon Team for 2018, having taken part in the trial events over the past few months. The students who have places on the team are as follows: Harvey Amparbeng 7F - Table Cricket

Tristan Filbert 8A - Polybat

Eniola Koleowo 8C – Running Races

Leticha Correia Cabral 8C - Running races Victor Oso 8H Power Wheelchair Slalom and Wheelchair Races

Reece Ward 9F - Power Wheelchair Slalom and Wheelchair Races.

Congratulations to all these students, and best of luck with your first competition which takes place on Thursday 1st February at Frenford Clubs in Ilford.

Don't forget that all students (whether or not you are in the Panathlon Team) are very welcome to come along to Panathlon Club, 1:30 – 2:00pm on Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes in the Sports Hall.

Ms Montague
Teacher in SDD

Year 9 Boys Football

On Thursday 18th January the Year 9 boys football team beat Dagenham Park 3-1 in a league match. Crucial goals from Taylor Skinner and Fortunate Olaleye helped the team record their fourth win in a row, which is a fantastic achievement. The penultimate week of this half-term will be very important for the team as they will have their final league match against Sydney Russell followed by the Borough Cup semi-final against Eastbury.

Mr Howard
PE Department

KS3 Girls Rugby Festival

The Under 13 Girls Rugby Team participated in the Borough Girls Rugby Development Festival on Tuesday 16th January at Barking Rugby Club. The girls have been training hard on Monday evenings with Keith Hughes our resident Rugby Coach and some have even joined Barking RFC to further their skills and knowledge of the game.

We drew our first game against Eastbrook and the girls demonstrated some fantastic tackling skills and strong running to score 3 tries. Robert Clack brought a more experienced side to the competition and this was reflected in the 6-2 result during the following game. This knocked our confidence a little bit and we conceded a couple of early tries to Barking Abbey in the third game which left us trailing behind.



Finally, we played Eastbury in a closely fought battle and again they were the first to score. We then came back with 3 fantastic tries to put us in the lead until the closing seconds when they came back at us with a strong attack. We eventually drew the match 3 - 3 which unfortunately meant we did not progress to the finals.

Keith and the organisers commented on the progress our girls have made in terms of their skills and knowledge of the game and we will continue to grow the squad through Rugby in PE lessons and extra-curricular opportunities.

Well done to the following girls who were involved:

Nesta Njuguna 7G, Mae Turner 7G, Bethanie North 7C, Lola Olayede 7F, Elle Barker 7G, Rubyn Parker 7H, Destiny Rosier-Welsh 7H, Summer Cox 8I, Stacey Levitt 7H, Jamilah Lartey 7F and Melani Marinova 8I.

Miss Boulton
Head of PE

Year 8 and 9 PE Rewards Trip

On Friday 23rd February we attended the ITTF Table Tennis Team World Cup at the Copper Box Arena, London. 20 students were invited from PE as a reward for their positive mindset and behaviour in PE in the first half of the year. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to watch the elite athletes in action and increase their knowledge and understanding of the rules and tactics used in Table Tennis. The students also had a chance to play some table tennis in between matches and we were fortunate enough to watch the England ladies team beat Singapore and the men beat Egypt.

We hope to reward more students in the Summer term with live sport opportunities and students will be selected on mindset and behaviour in lessons not purely on performance.

Well done to all those students involved and hope you enjoyed the experience

Miss Boulton
Head of PE



Panathlon success for JRCS students

On Thursday 1st February, six students from Jo Richardson took part in Round 1 of the London Panathlon Competition for 2018 at Frenford Clubs in Ilford. They competed as part of the Barking and Dagenham Team against three other London boroughs, Waltham Forest, Redbridge and Havering. The team worked very hard in all of their events and achieved an amazing haul of ALL gold medals which was an incredible achievement. Victor Oso 8H and Reece Ward 9F achieved Gold in power wheelchair slalom and wheelchair races, Tristan Filbert got Gold in the polybat event, Harvey Amparbeng 7F got Gold in table cricket and Eniola Koleowo 8C and Leticha Correia Cabral 8C were both victorious in their running races.

Congratulations to all who took part on their splendid performances and good sporting behaviour. Thanks also to Mr Kilminster for driving us to the event and supporting the team on the day. We now look forward to the Round 2 event, which takes place on Tuesday 6th March at the UEL Sports Dock, if we get through this event we could be on our way to the London Champions Finals in the Summer term at the Copper Box in the Olympic Park - wish us luck!

Ms Montague
Teacher in SDD



Year 9 Boys Football

Congratulations to the Year 9 boys football team who have reached the final of the Borough Cup Competition. The boys beat Eastbury School 2-1 in the semi-final, despite being 1-0 down at half-time, everyone put in a much improved performance in the second half and goals from Olu Owuseni and Taylor Skinner helped the team win the game. It is the first time in many years that any KS3/4 football team has reached the Borough Cup final so this is a very unique achievement which the students should be very proud of.

The final will be played on 14th March against Eastbrook School.

Mr Howard
PE Department

KS3 Girls Rugby Festival



We took 16 KS3 girls over the road to Barking RFC to participate in a Girls Rugby Development Festival run by the London School of Economics Women's Rugby Team. The day started with a circuit of rugby specific skills drills developing core rugby skills such as passing and tackling. This gave the girls the opportunity to practice their technique and develop the skills they have been learning in KS3 lessons. The team then competed in a small tournament against other local schools including Warren, Eastbrook, Barking Abbey and Robert Clack. We won two matches and lost two matches and the girls came away with a positive attitude to girls rugby and the day certainly helped to instil rugby's core values of teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship. The girls finally had an opportunity to ask questions to the LSE ladies about their involvement in women's rugby and courses in higher education. Thanks to Mr Kersey and Mr Bailey for accompanying the girls and well done to all involved.

Miss Boulton
Head of PE

Panathlon Round 2 Success!



It was my pleasure on Tuesday 6th March to accompany five students who were taking part in Round 2 of the Panathlon competition. This event took place at UEL Sports Dock. Barking and Dagenham had reached the cup competition after winning Round 1 and had to compete against the Boroughs of Redbridge, Newham and Hackney to get through to the London Finals at the Copper Box in June later this year.



As expected the competition was much tougher than in the last round. Reece Ward 9F and Victor Oso 8H faced stiff competition in the Power Wheelchair slalom, against some very fast chairs and came away with Bronze medals. Tristan Filbert 8A fought hard, alongside his team mates, to win two out of the three Polybat matches to gain a Silver medal. When it came to the running races, both Lewis Chilver 8C and Leticha Correia Cabral 8C, ran excellent legs in their relay races, both achieving Gold medals. Those of you who remember teams in past years will remember Georgina Hart who left Jo Richardson last

year. She is still entitled to compete as she is a Borough resident and achieved a Gold medal and a perfect score of 56 in the precision bean bag.

At the end of the afternoon came the news that we had all been eagerly waiting for; the Borough Team had made it through to the London Champions Final in the Copper Box at the Olympic Park in June for a third year running.

Commenting on the day, Leticha said 'It was nice to meet new people'. Tristan added 'I am excited to go to the Copper Box Arena'. Lewis was 'Happy and excited, I was half and half confident about making it through'. Victor said 'It was great and I feel overwhelmed', and Reece summed up his day saying 'Great fun!'

Congratulations to all those who took part for their excellent behaviour and fantastic performances. Thanks go also to Mr Bailey who helped out with the trip and supported the team on their way to victory.

Ms Montague
Teacher in SDD

Year 9 Netball

On Wednesday 14th March the Year 9 netball girls represented JRCS in the Borough Netball Rally. We faced four teams in the pool stage and started with a convincing win against Riverside who we beat 3-2. We then faced Robert Clack B who were a strong second team and we managed a 3-3 draw against them. The Robert Clack A team were then up next and following a heavy defeat in the league we were apprehensive about meeting them at the rally. Unfortunately, this lack of confidence showed in our performance and we suffered a loss of 6-0.



The final pool match was a closely fought battle with Dagenham Park, which we lost in the closing seconds 3-2. Sadly, this meant we did not progress through to the next round. However, we did receive some good news on the day that we came 3rd in the Borough League competition and the girls were happy to return home with a Bronze medal.

It has been a pleasure to manage this Year 9 team and I have been impressed with their commitment and effort shown throughout the year.

Well done.

Miss Boulton
Head of PE

SMSC Food & Catering

Cooking Club



The Food and Catering Department has had an exciting Cooking Club during January and February and the students have produced some excellent work. It has been a great turn out again this term. The students really love a challenge and have shown great skill in the way they have produced some of the products and have learned some good skills and shown great commitment to the club.

Mr Hargreaves
Food and Catering

Cooking Club



We had an excellent turn out during February at Cooking Club with 21 students. They produced some lovely hot cross buns, the standard of work was outstanding and the students showed great commitment to the club.

Well done.

Mr Hargreaves
Food and Catering

Cooking Club

Students had a great cooking session during March in Cooking Club where they produced a great batch of chocolate muffins. The skill level this week was excellent for all the students and Harry Ely 11A is a real inspiration to the younger students. It's a real pleasure to teach such a positive and motivated bunch of students. Well done on your commitment and a well-deserved 5 credits.



Mr Hargreaves
Food and Catering

SMSC Student Voice

Community Team – Young People’s Safety Group Conference.

Once a term the Community Action Team organise the YPSG Conference and discuss interesting topics that affect us as young people. This term’s agenda was about young people who go missing who are similar to our ages. We sat in Boothroyd Hall with four other school groups and talked about runaway children in Barking and Dagenham.



The YPSG has been running for over ten years talking about various issues, for example: runaway children, sexting, railway safety and child exploitation. We were given the task of trying to figure out ways to reduce the number of children missing and looked at ways to keep young people safe. We found out that a child is reported missing every 3 minutes and the police have received 25,000 missing children reports this year alone in the UK. We gathered information about a case that happened in 2013 to 2014, about a boy named Breck Bednar who was killed on the 14th of February 2014, by a boy he met online and gained his trust. After reading this case we found out the dangers of online predators.

The day was so useful and helped us understand and try to be part of the solution in our Borough. It was good talking to other schools and meeting new people. At the end of the conference, we were given a leaflet with helpful numbers to call if we are ever in danger, for example Child Line. We will hopefully do an assembly after half-term to share the information with everyone in the school.

Callie Caxton 8J

SMSC PDE

LBBB Healthy Schools Celebration Event

On the Tuesday 20th February Adunola Olayiwola 9F, Callie Claxton 8J, Dejhanae Smith 9D, Iyekonnie Conteh 9D, Jak Newman 8J, Kanya Archer 9F, Lottie-Mae Benjamin-Swale 8J, Orestas Vecys 8J and Toni Hristov 8J had the opportunity to be part of the LBBB Healthy Schools Celebration Event.

The students above delivered a presentation on how they achieve mental health and wellbeing in addition to talking about what this looks like in JRCS. The students also took part in the interactive workshops held and their views will help make a difference in the community.



An excellent achievement for the students involved, Miss Hector is very proud of the impact they made.

Head of PDE
Miss Hector

SMSC History

Suffragettes

Tuesday 7th February marked the 100th anniversary of some women achieving the right to vote through the Representation of the People Act in 1918.

On Wednesday 31st January five Year 7 students created and presented an assembly for other Year 7 students to celebrate and mark the occasion. I would like to thank and congratulate the five students who showed great subject knowledge and effort:

Gift Alatishe (7E) Hadiyah Ashraf (7E), Mahhum Saqib (7E), Raihan Bousbaa (7J) and Aqsa Saleemi (7J).

Miss White
History Department

We have a right

Women Women

We chant and chant till we get our rights,
We fight and fight till we see our rights.

You see people marching,
And shouting with big banners, shouting.
Women have a right, women have a right.

I am writing this poem to say thank you
For every woman who stood up there.

Rights

Because today is the 100th year since women
had a right to vote.

By Gift Alatishe 7E



SMSC Maths

MathsFeast

On Wednesday 21st February, four Year 10 students competed against 18 other schools in the MathsFeast. Representing Jo Richardson Community School: Larisa Cring, Najeeb Ahmed, Jeidan Smith and Klaidas Runele travelled to Central Foundation Girls' School and solved a wide range of problems, from matching different coloured faces of a cube, to solving tricky algebra dilemmas!

Larissa, Najeeb, Jeidan and Klaidas' work was exemplary, and showed other schools across London the great problem-solving skills that students have at JRCS.

Well done!

Ms Colborne
Maths Department

SMSC Music

(Im)possible Works Performance

A selection of our students were recently involved in a project called '(Im)possible Works' run by the Barbican Learning Centre. They worked in collaboration with students from Barking Abbey and Eastbury to put together a couple of creative pieces for a performance as part of the 'Changing Dialogue' series.

They performed on the evening of Wednesday 21st February at Chat's Palace in Hackney, a very different venue to the type our students are used to performing in. They all performed incredibly well and enjoyed the experience of seeing the audience dancing to their own pieces. We then stayed to listen to a band made up of Guildhall students (some of which had assisted the school group performance) where they played a number of funky pieces including plenty of improvisation as well as spoken word. All in all, it was a fantastic experience for all involved. We would like to thank our students for the commitment and hard work shown throughout the project. They had a series of after school rehearsals at other schools and represented JRCS very well.

Students involved were as follows:

Charlie Mould 12D, Sam Clarke 10A, Ibukun Silva Ope 10F, Gerren Ntiri 10G, Shanise Garner 10H, James Kiely 9A, Ayaan Chida 9B, Libby Jones 9D and Jonjoe Mould 9G.

Music Department



Music Recital Evening

A massive well done to all students who performed in our Recital Evening on Tuesday 6th March. It was a very enjoyable event and we were impressed by the standard of performances. It really shows how much effort has been put in throughout the term and each student who performed should be very proud of themselves.

Students involved were as follows:

Sam Clarke 10A, Arsel Aliaj 10H, Jazmine Defrietas 9D, Nyomi Forbes 9D, Charlie Brown 9E, Jonjoe Mould 9G, Kwame Swaray-Agbloe 9H, Elias Dragoi 8D, Redwan Hussain 8D, Sammi Lai 8G, Rebekah Ogunturin 8G, Filip Zajdler 8H, Ella Ayres 7D, Stacey Levitt 7H and Chloe Sealey 7J.

An extra thank you also to Redwan, Jonjoe, Filip, Elias, Jazmine and Nyomi for their fabulous efforts in introducing the performers.

Music Department



SMSC Year 8

Celebrating Gender

On International Women's Day it was only fitting to bring together all the girls from Year 7 and 8 as they are in the formative years of their female development. All girls were asked to stand, then asked to sit down if they had ever been called a long list of words read out by myself. I had two students left standing. They were then all asked to sit down and close their eyes. Whilst their eyes were closed, the girls were asked to raise a hand if it had been another girl that had called them that name. Over 50% of the room raised a hand. We considered together the impact we have on one another and how we treat our fellow girls on Social Media. The hope was that the girls would understand that Equality for All involves them supporting each other as well as fighting against inequality.

On the other hand, the boys of the year groups were doing a similar activity based around male bravado. Discussing the impact of not talking about emotions and feelings, form tutors completed this activity with boys in form rooms and this was also powerful for them when considering the rate of male suicide compared to females. In particular, the impact came when we linked that high rate to a high rate of failure to raise issues when they relate to emotion.

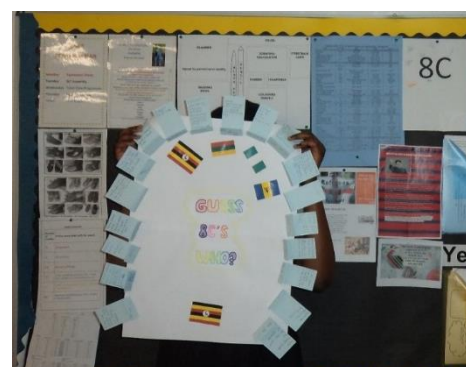
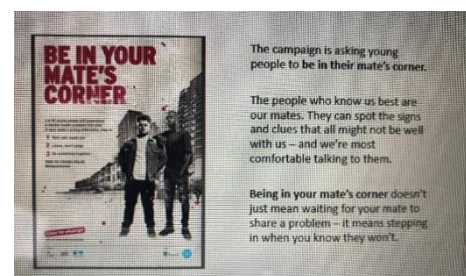
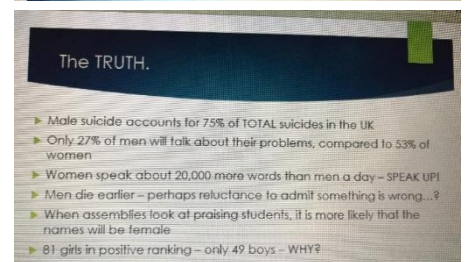
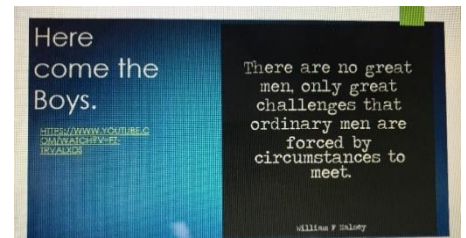
Time to Talk

During 8E's form time assembly they introduced the Time to Talk initiative as it was Mental Health week by showing Year 8 what it means to talk, where they can talk and why they should talk. It was a beautifully confident and considerate assembly. The main take home message, you can see in the picture (right) is that we should all 'Be in our mate's corner'. Great work 8E and Mr Rutland!

Celebrating Cultural Diversity

Year 8 were tasked with the challenge of creating a tutor board in their form room that was engaging, informative and celebrated who they were as a form. In particular, 8C created a beautiful celebration of cultural background within their form by creating a guessing game to stick on the board. It can be seen in the photo (right), this was a beautiful show of how Year 8 recognises cultural difference, accepts it and celebrates it too. Sparking on from this I decided to explore our language abilities as a year group by asking every form to send a list of how many languages they speak. This was brilliant! In total, Year 8 can speak 42 languages, we are wonderful!

Be Nice, Work Hard



This term Year 8 have also been looking hard at our Golden Rule – Work Hard, Be Nice. We have many rewards for academic ability, for effort and for sporting greatness... but sometimes, we should celebrate the simple things – being nice! All staff are keeping a beady eye on Year 8 to give individuals raffle tickets for politeness, helpfulness and great friendship. So far over 200 raffle tickets have gone out and there is still two weeks left from the time of writing this!



Form Representatives

Our Year 8 form representatives have been extra busy this term, meeting with Mr Smith about reward trips, emailing PE about wearing leggings under shorts in the cold weather and feeding back and taking suggestions from their own form groups. Most importantly, they spent their February half-term creating individual suggestion boxes for their form rooms and they were beautiful! Here you can see a photo of just a few. The idea of the box is to encourage all form members to give suggestions/raise concerns in a safe environment if they do not feel confident to do it on a larger scale and then all form reps bring the suggestion to the table in our half-termly meeting!



London School of Economics and Politics Applicants

Four of our Year 8 boys were selected to put forwards an application to the London School of Economics and Politics University. For this they had to write their own personal statement onto a clean application, we then sent this off to the university. Unfortunately, the boys (pictured right) did not get through to the final stages but this was a great experience for them. It encouraged them to research potential future jobs and allowed them to show us at JRCS what they are made of!



Self-belief and 'What Am I Good At?' Assemblies

During the February term it seemed that many students had started 2018 with a negative mindset and that they were spending time putting themselves down. Mrs Eades was unhappy when she realised and so created an assembly to deal with this. Some of her slides can be seen below, she also showed a small clip from the film 'The pursuit of happiness'. In this clip, even though Will Smith was dressed poorly, he attended his job interview, believed that he could get the position and so, he did. During the following assembly, students were asked to write down something that they were good at on a slip of paper and bring it to the assembly. We then shared one form each form and it was a great celebration of a variety of skills and personality traits that make Year 8 great!

