



# SMSC "Matters"

## Spring 2019

### SMSC General

#### Gold Seagull Winners 2018/19

Chloe Sealey  
 Mikayla Culling  
 Nikolay Petrov  
 Alba Nuhiallari  
 Ediri Chelsea Akposheri  
 Arafat Abiola  
 Angel Campbell  
 Tayte Bramley-Naipaul  
 Theodore Toma  
 Jack Marshall  
 Filip Zajdler  
 Khai Sesay  
 Nikhil Ahty  
 Ameera Khatun  
 Mahhum Saqib

8J Hayley Stevens  
 7B Mehnaz Musthafa  
 7B Bridget Aryee-Brown  
 9C David Nenadovic  
 9C Trisha Jadav  
 9C Rebekah Ogunturin  
 10C Sajida Amina  
 8H Maisie Lethbridge  
 7D Radvile Padelkaite  
 7B Ana-Maria Latcan  
 9H Joshua Harvey  
 11D Milly Emery  
 7E Doris Blumel  
 7C Hisham Bousbaa  
 8E Reegan Murphy

8G Sammi Lai  
 8G Mariyah Tufael  
 8G Megan McCabe  
 10E Mia Ribbons  
 10E Noorjahan Ahmed  
 8E Sorna Chondhury  
 8H Ella Hunt  
 9G Sidnie Day  
 9C Jenny Peka

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#### Double Gold Seagull Winners 2018/19

8E Lubna Ishaque  
 9G Oyinkansola Oginni  
 7C Hayley Stevens  
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## Time to Talk Day

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February, marked Time to Talk Day, which is promoted by the Time to Change campaign. The campaign aims to end the stigma and discrimination directed towards those in our communities living with mental health conditions such as anxiety, depression or obsessive-compulsive disorder to name just a few of the most common.



let's end mental health discrimination

The incredible reality is that 1 in 4 of us will live with a mental health condition at some point in our lives. As life becomes more complicated and pressured, mental health issues are not just more prevalent than we first thought: they're on the rise. The World Health Organisation has sounded repeated warnings that in the next decade, mental health issues will become the number two (if not number one) cause of illness.

Worryingly, just 1 in 8 people who have mental health issues feel that they are able to step forward and speak to someone with a view to receiving the acceptance and support needed to make their condition manageable. Our aim in sharing Time to Talk Day with the school this week is to change this frightening statistic. We want to foster an environment at JRCS where all members of our community, be they staff, students or parents and carers, feel able to have open and honest discussions about conditions that can (and do) affect many of us.

Quite often, it is a lack of understanding of mental health issues that can make them an awkward or even frightening topic to discuss, and yet our message this week has been simple: all our friends, family and colleagues living with mental health issues want is a patient, non-judgemental ear for a few minutes.

To that end, Mrs Quail, myself and two Sixth Formers, Ebony and Kieran, compiled a short video to display in assembly. We shared our own experiences around the topic of mental health, whether discussing loved ones or talking about our experiences living with our own mental health conditions. We all concluded that, while mental health conditions are another way in which life can be made challenging, they should do nothing to lessen the identities of our friends, colleagues and loved ones, or the love and respect that we have for them.

People with mental health issues exist in all areas of our community. It is my hope that, in speaking frankly and openly in assembly, we can continue to be as frank and open as a community and make talking about our mental health as routine as discussing a bad back, nasty cold or a headache!

As well as our assembly, meditation sessions, a joke-telling competition in the Peace Garden and a mental health pledge wall all formed the centre of the day. We were really humbled to hear from staff and students about discussions they had had or witnessed as a result of these activities, and we hope that this is something that continues every day, not just on Time to Talk Day!

Mr Rutland  
English Department

## 100 Club Winner!

Congratulations to Maisie Lethbridge in Year 9 who is the first student to achieve the '100 Club' reward for attending 100 extra-curricular PE and Dance clubs this academic year. Maisie has been committed to attending fitness, netball, trampolining and boxing to name a few and has displayed fantastic resilience since September. She is the first student to achieve this award in three years and the fact she has achieved this before Easter gives us more reason to celebrate.

Well done to Maisie and I hope to present more '100 Club' polo shirts in the near future.

Miss Boulton  
Head of PE



## Time to Talk Day 7<sup>th</sup> February

As Mr Rutland wrote previously, we had lots of events going on in school last Thursday to mark 'Time to Talk' Day. These included assemblies, a pledge wall, A tell a joke in the garden competition and meditation sessions. Lots of staff and students got involved in the events and the photographs here capture the events that took place.

The students who were involved in the meditation all left feeling peaceful and relaxed. Here are some comments made by Year 7s:

"I felt relaxed and engaged in what I was doing and I felt I was in a peaceful place." Barakat 7G

"I felt really calm." Matt 7A

"During meditation I felt so relaxed, it was like I was in a different world. I really enjoyed it and was focusing just on the treehouse there." Priscilla 7G

Congratulations to the following students who won the prizes for the joke competition. Prizes were awarded in year group assemblies this week to:

1st - Bradley Carroll, 8E, whose joke was: "I was on my way to school this morning and I heard an explosion at the factory where they make washing up liquid... but don't worry it was only 'Cillit Bang!'"

2nd - Kane Gilbey, 7A, whose joke was: ""I ate my homework last because the teacher told me it was a piece of cake!"

3rd - Lewis Bridges, 7H, whose joke was: "I've been learning how to do my shoelaces but I keep getting all tied up!"

We are now looking to make a permanent feature of some of the pledges made and are already looking forward to planning next year's events!

Mrs Quail, Mr Rutland, Mr Kilminster, Ms Doshi and Ms. Eastman.

## Jodie Chesney

In March we received the tragic news that Jodie Chesney, who left JRCS in 2017, had been murdered in an unprovoked knife attack on Friday evening. We will remember Jodie as a positive, popular and happy member of our school community, she always gave her best and developed strong relationships with both her peers and school staff. She was an active member of our Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and went on to take her Silver award. She will be missed enormously and will forever remain a member of the JRCS community.

Our thoughts are with her family and friends at this time and today we took part in a wear purple for Jodie day in her memory and also to raise awareness about the terrible impact that knife crime can have in our community. Next week we will be placing a book of condolence in our school library so that all members of the JRCS community can record their memories and thoughts about Jodie.

Mr Smith  
Headteacher



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## Young Carers

We recently held two special assemblies to raise awareness of our Young Carers.

We were supported by Hannah Martin from Young Carers of Barking and Dagenham.

Students were reminded of how resilient these young people have to be and how, at times, the support they give family members can impact on them at school.



Two members of our Action Team: Remi Newman 9I and Kiera Allwell-Brown 9I supported this event by spending their own time to produce an information board which was displayed on Main Street for everyone to see. They felt strongly that the school community should recognise our young carers and what they do.

### My Story .....

I have been a young carer for over a year now, I care for my dad and sometimes help my mum.

There was a time before I was a young carer when I would get stressed or very emotional but, I was given some help and I talked to people about how I was feeling and explained that I cared for my dad and they suggested going to Young Carers.

Once I joined I got a lot of help and support to understand things.

I have felt happier and more able to cope.

I care for my dad because he had a heart attack when I was six. Although he survived, he is partially sighted and has some brain damage. I help to keep the house clean and do chores, as well as help my dad with his basic care.

I think becoming a young carer has changed my life so much and made me a lot more positive.

I'm just glad I became a young carer.  
Year 10 Student.

### My Story .....

I was a young carer for my mum when she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis when I was in Year 6.

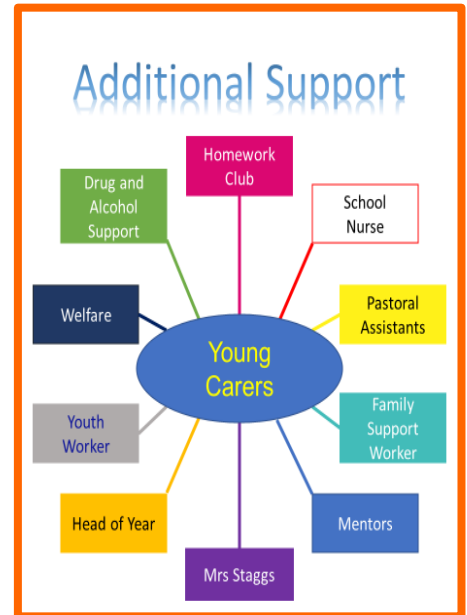
In just a couple of months my mum lost her eyesight and mobility which changed the way things had always been in my family with my mum being at the centre of our home.

My dad worked long hours to support our family which meant, as the eldest of 5 children, it became my responsibility to help my mum get ready for the day ahead and make sure my siblings got dressed and ready for school on time.

Lots of things changed during this period and it was a very unsettled time in my life, as well as starting secondary school. I had to grow up very quickly to take on this extra responsibility and my school were able to help me with this.

Being able to have support from my school helped me to juggle my home and school life.

A member of staff



Mrs Staggs

Lead Inclusion Practitioner

## WE Day

At Jo Richardson School we are very proud of our community action and how our student body support and lead on many global issues through our student action teams. Many of those involved were rewarded with a ticket to the hottest gig in town,

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 our students joined 13,000 young change-makers at The SSE Arena, Wembley for an unparalleled event. A-list celebrities including The Duke and Duchess of Sussex (Prince Harry and Meghan Markle), Liam Payne, Nicole Scherzinger, Naomi Campbell and world leaders, mixed with students to celebrate a year of action that has transformed communities and changed lives.

Liam Staley 9D and Josh Harvey 9F had the honour of speaking on stage and they were a real credit to themselves. They overcame nerves to speak on behalf of Virgin Atlantic and were highly praised by the organisers.

Ms Boller

Student Communication Manager



## Year 7 and 8 Trewern Trip 2019

In March Ms Lynch, Mr Hill, Mr Dignam and I had a very busy week taking 30 students from Years 7 and 8 to Trewern, the Borough's Outdoor Education Centre on the Welsh borders. The aim of the week was for students to increase their independence, and organisational skills and to develop resilience. We arrived on Monday afternoon and after getting settled in and having an evening meal we went on a wonderful night walk around the local area and even heard some owls!

The next three days were packed with exciting activities including crawling around in dark, wet and muddy caves, visiting a disused coal mine, walking up a mountain and around waterfalls, canoeing in the pouring rain and visiting a lambing shed. We approximately visited the nearby town of Hay-on-Wye – the famous 'town of books', which has around 24 second hand book shops. The activities didn't stop in the evenings and the centre staff put on activities such as climbing games, indoor orienteering and making electronic books on ipads to record our adventures.

As well as doing all these activities the students had to look after themselves, keeping their rooms tidy and doing chores around the house such as laying and clearing tables, washing up, getting packed lunches ready and sweeping up in the kit store. All the students worked very hard together in their duty groups and in their rooms, prompting June one of the Trewern cleaners to say that the rooms were 'very good'. There was a daily room inspection and at the end of the week room 2 for the girls and room 5 for the boys won the prize for best rooms of the week.

I have to say that all the students (and staff) proved very resilient throughout the week, despite some quite challenging wet, cold and windy weather but it didn't stop us all from having a good time. Thank you to all the students involved for their good behaviour, and particularly for their ability to get a good nights sleep.

The students involved were: Joshua Olaniji, Angel Woodham and Lexie Brown 7A, Richie Buttery, Tyler Henderson and George Adu 7B, Alexia Ivey 7, Theodore Toma, Thomas Fortt, Lisa Manu and Aleksander Nenadovic all 7D, Ridwan Chowdhury, James Eden-Russell, Nathan Nicholls, Jamie Adams, Precious Mzolameso, Amber Miller, and Meda Kavaliauskaite all 7E, Harry Thomas, Yasmina Sambiena, Zubin Burley, and Levi Cunningham all 7F, Tyreese Samuels 7H, Lewis McMenamin 8C, Amidat Ibrahim and David Nenadovic both 8E, Molly Flaxman and Thomas Meade 8H, Porscha Swann 8I and Sean Kerry 8J.

I would also like to thank Justin, Vicky, Stephen and all the Trewern staff who made the week such a great experience for everyone. Special thanks goes to the JRCS staff who ran the trip alongside me for their kind and patient work throughout the week with the students.

We will be celebrating this trip with a special celebration evening later this term for all the students who attended and their families. Please look out for the date in The Seagull.

Ms Montague  
Year 7 and 8 Trewern Trip Leader



## Sid Summers 11H – BRIT School

At JRCS we are extremely proud of the range of journeys that our student embark upon when they leave us either in Year 11 or Year 13. I am delighted to announce that our Deputy Head Boy, Sid Summers, has gained a place at the prestigious Brit School in South London.

Sid has appeared in a number of school productions and his performances over the years have always been hugely impressive. We wish him all the best in what I am sure will be a very successful stage career. (Sid is pictured here in his role as Edna Turnblad in last year's performance of Hairspray).



Mr Smith  
Headteacher

## World Book Day

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March was **WBD**. The main aim of the day is to encourage children of all ages to explore and encourage the pleasure of reading. The day is acknowledged in over one hundred countries and many schools including ours here at JRCS.

Our school held an all-day reading marathon. Every 15 minutes throughout the school day a different student would read. To make it more fun and to encourage students to take part, the reading marathon was set-up on a staged area where a camping theme was created, complete with a tent, camping chairs, (mock) fire and even trees and leaves.

Many students wanted to take part and for each lucky student that did participate they each received a personalised World Book Day certificate and bookmark.



It was a great day and the students really did enjoy keeping the reading going.

To find out more about WBD log onto [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com) Students can find competitions, quiz's, news and events, play and win and of course everything about reading, books and authors.

Many thanks to everyone involved.

Ms Osland  
School Librarian

## Red Nose Day 2019

A huge thank you to the JRCS community. We managed to raise **£1,073.18** from the generous donations of students and staff. I am sure this will go some way to improving lives in the UK and abroad.



Ms Salih  
Assistant Headteacher

## SMSC PE

### Year 7 and 8 Indoor Athletics

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December a group of Year 7 and 8 students represented the school at the Barking and Dagenham Indoor Athletics Competition at Riverside School. All students trained extremely hard at lunchtimes and after school and went into the competition with lots of confidence. A special mention to the Year 7 squad as this was their first time competing in a big event. The JRCS students should be very proud of their achievements on the day. There will be further athletics competitions this term so please keep training hard

#### Results

Year 7 boys- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Year 7 Girls- 5<sup>th</sup> Place  
Year 8 Boys – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Year 8 Girls – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Miss Pridie & Mr Howard  
PE Department



### Year 7 Netball

The Year 7 netball team have won yet another Essex Cup game! This time the girls went up against The Davenant Foundation School, from Loughton. The girls started the game strong and were 3-0 up in the first quarter. Asharni Blake (7C) turned over two centre passes with her ability to cleanly intercept the ball and Priscilla Collin's (7G) fed the ball fantastically into the attacking circle allowing the shooters to shoot comfortably under the post.



The girls played exceptionally well together and the game ended 9-3 to Jo Richardson! Player of the match was awarded to Chanise Diallo (7D) for her fantastic shooting ability.

Team: Asharni Blake (7C), Chanise Diallo (7D), Priscilla Collin's (7G), Elyse Inzinga (7D), Monjola Olayiwola (7I), Ella Turner (7G), Beatrice Bukauskaite (7I), Anatasia Dizako (7C), Sadia Khoyer (7A), Hanifa Juma (7E), Angeline Varghese (7D) and Greta Antanviciute (7D)

Miss Emeny  
PE Department

## Year 7 Football

The Year 7 second team took part in a tournament over at Barking Abbey. The boys went undefeated winning three games 2-1 and two games 4-0 and were crowned champions. Elijah Ajayi 7H claimed the top scorer award with eight goals throughout the tournament.

Mr Coupland  
PE Department



## KS3 Girls Rugby Festival

The U13 girls rugby squad represented JRCS in the Barking and Dagenham Girls Rugby Festival held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January at Barking RFC. This was the final of three festivals that Robert Clack have hosted this season and the girls have shown progress each time winning more games and displaying improvement in their skills and decision making each time. We won our first game against Robert Clack winning by 1 try. We then lost to Barking Abbey's A team by 3 tries, but went on to beat their B team by 1 try.

The girls have really enjoyed the experience of contact rugby and it is pleasing to see many players follow pathways over to Barking Rugby Club and represent JRCS. It is also great to see an increase in the participation of girls rugby, which is down to the inclusion of rugby with the KS3 curriculum and extra curricular opportunities offered by Keith Hughes our rugby coach.

Well done to all the girls involved:

Barakat Olokoobi 7J, Frankie Garland 8D, Bethanie North 8C, Casey Mwangi, Mae O'Brien 7D, Abieyuwa Sankan 7G, Priscilla Collins 7G, Millie Bowers 7H, Charlotte Neale 7H, Lilly O'Brien 7I, Ella Turner 7G, Destiny Rosier-Welch 8H, Charlee Bromwich 7G, Aimee Matthews 7J, Lola Oloyede 8F and Victory Ndibe 8A.

Miss Boulton  
Head of PE



## KS3 Cheerleading Club

The KS3 Cheerleading Club is looking to recruit new members in preparation for the Spring Cheerleading Showcase at the Excel Centre in March. All students in KS3 are welcome to attend on Wednesdays in the Sports Hall from 2:00pm – 3:00pm. The sessions are run by a specialist Cheerleading Coach from Ascension Eagles Cheerleading Club and no previous experience is required. This is a fantastic opportunity to develop your gymnastics and dance skills and compete against other schools as part of a fun and exciting team.



Please see the PE Department for further information and we hope to see some new faces next week!



Miss Boulton  
Head of PE



## Year 10 Football

Congratulations to the Year 10 football team who beat Barking Abbey 3-0 in the Borough Cup. A confident performance included two goals from Taylor Skinner and another from Nana Annan to complete a convincing win and the team now progress to the quarter-finals of the competition, where they will face Robert Clack.

Congratulations to everyone who took part:

Bayley Maffia 10H, Jack Curtis 10F, Samuel Ogunyemi 10F, Taylor Skinner 10A, David Elliot 10I, Olu Owoseni 10B, Anthony Thomas 10C, Ernest Peka 10C, Fortunate Olaleye 10C, Dimeji Olayinka 10J, Renaldo Hurtault 10I, Nana Annan 10C and Joel David 10F.

Mr Howard  
PE Department

## Year 10 Netball

The Year 10 netball team played Riverside on 29<sup>th</sup> January in our last Borough League game of the season. The girls have been committed to training and have improved throughout the season in terms of their skills and tactics we have used. We went ahead in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and by half time the score was 7 -3. The Game finished 15-5 and it was great to end the season with a win.



Temi and Adunola worked well together in the attacking circle and scored some fantastic goals, whilst Jayze and Maya defended well at the other end rebounding and intercepting many shots. This team displays great team cohesion and I look forward to taking them to the Borough Netball Rally on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

Miss Boulton  
Head of PE

## Netball News

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February the Year 7 A and B team came up against The Goresbrook School. The B team started first and were very nervous as it was only their second game this season. The first quarter started quite slowly and the score was 0-0. However, the girls quickly settled into the game and there were some excellent shots scored by Stephanie Izekor in 7J and Abigail Uche-Kalunta 7D.



The game ended up 4-1 to Jo Richardson Community School and player of the match was awarded to Abigail Uche-Kalunta 7D. A special mention to Hanifa Juma 7E and Greta Antanaviciute 7D for making some fantastic interceptions throughout the match.

The A team had yet another triumph against The Goresbrook School. The girls have been on a winning streak for the last 5 games and were keen to make it 6!

Fantastic movement of the ball and feeding into the circle came from Elyse Inzinga 7D, Priscilla Collins 7G and Anastasia Dizeko 7C. The steady shooting hands of Chanise Diallo 7D and Monjola Olayiwola 7I meant the game ended 11-1 to Jo Richardson Community School.

The A teams defence also need a special mention as they kept the ball out of the oppositions half and turned the ball over on numerous occasions! Player of the match was awarded to the steady shooting hands of Chanise Diallo 7D

Well done to both teams and good luck in the upcoming Year 7 rally!

Miss Emeny  
PE Department

## Year 10 Netball Borough Rally

The Year 10 netball girls participated in the Barking and Dagenham Borough Netball Rally at Robert Clack on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. The competition was a round robin format with six schools competing in 8 minute games, with a winner decided at the end of the event. Our first match was against an evenly matched Sydney Russell team which we ended up drawing 1-1. The second match saw us lose to Dagenham Park by only 1 goal which was an improvement on last week's friendly where we were heavily beaten. The weather then took a turn for the worse and we played Robert Clack A during a hail storm which severely hampered our performance and we lost 5-0. The tournament then moved inside, where we faced Robert Clack B team and unfortunately lost 3-0. After some time for reflection we went out fighting in the last match and convincingly beat East brook 9-1.

Overall, we placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the tournament, just losing out on a medal. The girls have been fantastically committed to netball this year and I have enjoyed coaching the team and seeing them grow in confidence and skill level.

Well done to all the girls involved.

Temitope Taiwo 10A, Ella Adomo 10A, Maya Quagraine 10H, Jayzy Daniel 10H, Abibat Popoola 10B, Adunola Olayiwola 10F, Annabelle Ngala 10J, Prunella Madika Mbomba 10F and Kanya Archer 10F.

Miss Boulton  
Head of PE



## Year 8 Netball

Well done to the Year 8 girls netball squad for coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Borough at this year's Borough Rally. All girls have worked tremendously hard since September.

In the final game of the season the girls went down 3-0 to Dagenham Park. However, came back fighting and showed a huge amount of resilience to win the match 7-4.

Miss Pridie  
PE Department



## Junior NBA League

The Year 7 Boys took on two teams at Shoeburyness High School this week for the Junior NBA League. The boys won the first game 25-14 and were unlucky to lose the second, losing 19-17 in overtime.

Massive congratulations to the boys gaining valuable points in the overall league

Mr Coupland  
PE Department

## Girls Football

Fantastic to see the girls football squad out in full force last Thursday evening and battling through the rain and wind. All girls have shown such commitment and resilience this year. A very successful tournament for the girls with lots of exciting fixtures ahead for the squad.

Miss Pridie  
PE Department



### KS3 Cheerleading

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March the JRCS Cheerleading squad participated in the Talent Central Spring Showcase at the ExCel Centre, London. The JRCS Wolves have been preparing for the event since January and have spent hours practicing their routine with Sammy the Ascension Eagles cheerleading coach to ensure they were competition ready. On the day the girls performed fantastically and were awarded the Gold Award for their high energy and well executed routine. The squad are looking to recruit new cheerleaders in the Summer term and will be in assemblies to talk about the club and perform their competition routine. Cheerleading Club will recommence on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and the sessions run every Wednesday in the Sports Hall from 2pm – 3pm.



Well done to the JRCS Wolves:

Lilly O'Brien 7I, Mae O'Brien 7D, Milly Emery 8E, Molly Flaxman 8H, Harley Rogers 7H, Jasmine Hunter 8B, Radvile Padelskaite 7B, Asharni Blake 7G and Ifeoluwasimi Sotande 7F.

Miss Boulton  
Head of PE

### KS3 Girls Rugby Festival



LSE Women's Rugby Club hosted a Girls Rugby Development Festival at Barking RFC on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

We have previously attended these events however I was astounded by the positive response from the girls, who embraced the opportunity and 42 Year 7 and 8 girls attended the event. The morning sessions involved drills practising passing, tackling and kicking as well as a brief intro to rugby rules. In the afternoon the girls competed against the four other schools in non-contact matches and it was great to see four JRCS girls teams in action!

The LSE students closed the day with a Q&A session about Higher Education and university life which the girls found interesting and a guest speaker from Saracens Women's Rugby Club talked about increasing participation of girls rugby.

Thank you to Keith the Rugby Coach for inspiring so many students to attend and Mr Kersey who supported the event.

Well done to all the students involved and we hope to see many of you at extra-curricular rugby on Tuesday after school.

Miss Boulton  
Head of PE

# SMSC Science

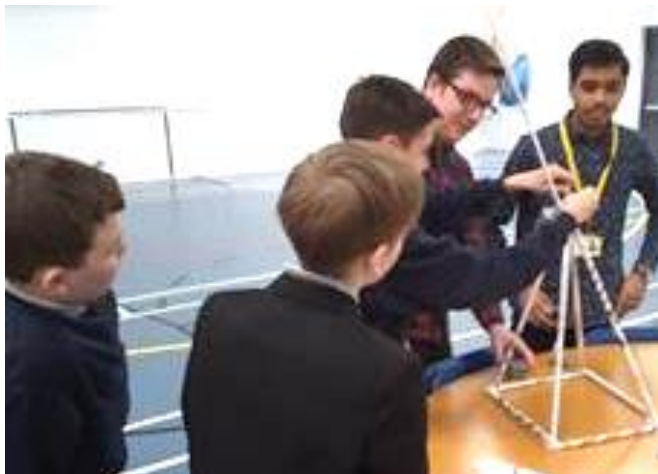
## Year 10 Science trip to London Zoo

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, a group of Year 10 students went on a trip to London Zoo as a reward for their fantastic start in Science this year. Students visited many areas of the zoo including the Gorilla Kingdom, Tiger Territory, Into Africa, Butterfly Paradise and The Aquarium. Penguin Beach was one of the highlights. Overall students enjoyed the day and were inspired by the wildlife at London Zoo. Well done to Nicola Hicks on her fantastic photography on the day!

Miss O'Neill and Mr Glover Science Department



## JRCS and Ogden Trust Physics Olympics 2019



On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 50 students from Jo Richardson Community School, Seven Kings High School and Eastbury Community School gathered here to pit their wits against each other in the JRCS Physics Olympics 2019. Teams of 4-5 students competed and gained points in a series of challenges, the winners being the teams with the highest cumulative points at the end of the day. Students tried their hand at solving five physics based problems throughout the day, guided and judged by Physics Sixth Form students.

### The Challenges:

#### Bridge building

Students were given a budget and had to decide how to spend it on various resources in order to construct a bridge. Points were awarded for the bridge supporting the greatest mass and for how they used their budget.

#### Drone Dilema

Teams used drones to haul a payload over a set distance. The most accurate landing and largest payload carried gained most points.

#### Tower Construction

The teams constructed a tower from a limited supply of newspaper and tape. They scored points for the tower height and how much mass it could hold.

## Catapult Chaos

Teams used available resources to make a catapult. The catapult with the furthest range gained the most points.

## Fermi Quiz

Throughout the day the teams worked on estimating answers to simple but challenging problems such as: How many days will you sleep in a life time? How many people would need to stand on each other's shoulders to reach the height of Mount Everest?

Well done to all those who took part and to the winners who took home prizes to celebrate their excellent and highly competitive performances at the games.

Mrs Brook  
Science Department (Physics)

## Superbugs: 'Join the fight competition'

Congratulations to Abrar Sidker 9I, Ali Dibra 9J and Ella Ayres 8D who made it onto the shortlist for the Superbugs 'Join the Fight' competition. There were many entrants from schools across the UK and the judges thought their work was particularly creative and so wanted to present them with letters of commendation. Well done!

Miss O'Neill  
Science Department



# SMSC ART

## Art Workshop @ William Morris Gallery



On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, the Art Department took a selected group of Year 9 students to the William Morris Gallery in Walthamstow. The trip helped the students understand why Morris' work became so prolific and relevant up to this day. The aspiring young artists also took part in a printing workshop led by a professional artist, in which they were able to explore techniques and processes using professional equipment.

We all had a great day out and came back inspired, ready to take on Art GCSE in Year 10!

Ms Franz  
Art Department

# SMSC Music

## Winter Concert 2018-19



A huge well done to all students that took part in our Winter Concert. The quality of performance was excellent and there was a real variety of music. All students should be proud of themselves, whether it was their first JRCS performance or one of many. LOC's are on their way to all performers and tech crew.

Music Department

## Year 8 Music Assembly

Well done to all students who performed the Year 8 assembly. It was a fantastic showcase of musical talent in the year group.

Students involved were as follows:

Joel Nzanga 8A, Alina Merkulova 8C, Nino Marechal Rocha 8E, Tumi Onafadeji 8E, David Nenadovic 8E and Victoria Idahosa 8G.



Miss Ford

Music Department

## Music Recital Evening



A huge well done to all students involved in the Recital Evening on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. It was a fantastic display of the hard work you have been putting into instrumental and vocal lessons this year. Whether it was your first or fiftieth solo performance, you did yourselves proud... well done!

Students involved were as follows:

Radville Padelskaite 7B, Theodore Toma 7D, Chloe Whyte 7E, Elio Aliaj 7H, Tara Boafu 8G, Victoria Idahosa 8G, Keira Christopher 8G, Stacey Levitt 8H, Elias Dragoi 9D, Nancie Tyler-Goode 9G, Sammi Lai 9G, Filip Zajdler 9H, Orestas Vecys 9J, Jonjoe Mould 10G, Alicia Percival-Jack 10H, Khai Sesay 11D, Gerren Ntiri 11G and Arsel Aliaj 11H.



Also, we would like to thank all staff members and parents who came along to support our students – we really appreciate it!

Miss Ford

Music Admin Assistant

# SMSC Food & Catering

## Cake Club 2018

Cake Club for 2018 was a real big success with many students taking part and achieving a great deal of new skills along the way, they developed a good bond as a group and had great fun. They mastered the skills of marzipan and icing of the cakes and then finished off with a wonderful snowman design on their cakes which they then took home to show off to their families. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Moffatt for her support with this club, I could not do it without her help, thank you so much. Well done from the Food and Catering Department.

Mr Hargreaves  
Food and Catering



## Cooking Club

Students prepared a vegan curry and we are going to promote this to other students within the school, a couple of times a week in order to promote healthy eating and to cut down on processed foods and animal fats. The students cooked a chick pea vegan curry and really enjoyed the session, we had an amazing 18 students who attended and cooked a really tasty curry.

Mr Hargreaves  
Food and Catering



## Cooking Club

Thanks so much to my trusty troops who supported the Vietnam trip by making some fantastic cakes and biscuits. I was so pleased to see you all improving your skills and at the same time supporting a truly great cause. This Thursday you will make a special food product that I hope you will enjoy and appreciate, I will expect feedback!



You are doing very well and I am so proud of you all, it shows that you have respect for other cultures in the way you are supporting another school so far away. It will make a difference.

Mr Hargreaves  
Food and Catering Cooking Club

## Cooking Club

In February students learnt how to improve their cooking skills by using the melting method when making chocolate brownies. It was great fun and a great way of improving both cooking and social skills. Year 8 and 9 students were supporting the younger students.



This session also helped with the student's sensory skills. Through tasting, hearing, touching, smelling and seeing, children are exposed to and also can identify different foods. Motor skills are improved by being actively involved with food. Food preparation also enhances eye-hand coordination; it was pleasing to see most of these skills were being carried out in the club and the students got a great deal out of cooking this product.

It was a very hard practical task to master, I was pleased with the progress they made. In addition, we have three Duke of Edinburgh students attending to complete their skill section of the award.

Mr Hargreaves  
Food and Catering

### **Cooking Club**

In February we had a great evening with the Cooking Club, I had 23 students cooking a great Italian pizza. I also cooked one for my daughter who is vegan, the students were interested in the different types of cheese that were on offer. Year 9 students have shown great interest in choosing food as an option, which is outstanding. Students now understand how to produce a good pizza dough and make a great pizza.



They had so much fun and I would like to thank Mrs Moffatt for supporting me during the evening.

Mr Hargreaves  
Food and Catering

### **Cooking Club - Food and Catering**

Students prepared some Italian Focaccia bread and their products all turned out well. Focaccia is a flat oven-baked Italian bread product similar in style and texture to pizza dough. Focaccia can be used as a side to many meals or as sandwich bread. Focaccia al rosmarino is a common focaccia style in Italian cuisine that may be served as an antipasto, appetizer, table bread, or snack. The students really enjoyed this lesson, as it was something they have not tried before, but they would like to do again.



Mr Hargreaves  
Food and Catering

### **Cooking Club:**



In March the Cooking Club cooked an old classic, the jam tart. There was some very good pastry skills used, shaping, cutting and all the students chose a different design to decorate their finished product.

All 20 students had great fun and I had great pleasure in teaching them. I would like to thank Mrs Moffatt for all her

support with Cooking Club.

Mr Hargreaves  
Food and Catering



# SMSC Student Development

## Panathlon News

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January students from Jo Richardson took part in Round 1 of the East London Panathlon Challenge Competition, as part of the Borough team. The students involved were Tristan Filbert 9C, Robyn Parker 8H, Porscha Swann 8I, Victor Oso 9H, Lewis Chilver 9C and Eniola Koleowo 9B.

The competition was extremely successful and the Borough team were victorious coming top of the four Borough's beating Havering, Waltham Forest and Redbridge. Robyn Parker was at her first Panathlon competition competing as part of the Boccia team. She certainly made her mark by making a decisive shot that secured one of the ends for the Borough team, helping them win a Silver medal. The rest of the teams also put in excellent performances: Tristan – Gold in the Poly-bat competition, Porscha – Gold in the running races, Victor - Gold in the wheelchair slalom and wheelchair races, Lewis and Eniola also won Gold in the running races.



Congratulations to all who took part on your achievements and your very sporting performances. They now go forwards as part of the borough team to take part in the Cup competition Round 2 event which takes place at UEL Sports Dock on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Thanks also goes to Mr Bashir who also supported the team on the day of the competition.

Ms Montague  
Teacher in SDD

## Victory at Panathlon Competition



On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March seven students from Jo Richardson took part in Round 2 of the Panathlon Competition. The students were Porscha Swann 8I, Robyn Parker 8H, Victor Oso 9H, Sophie Wood, 9B, Tristan Filbert 9A, Lewis Chilver 9C and Reece Ward in 10F. The first Gold medals came to Reece and Victor with Victor getting the fastest time for the Wheelchair Slalom.

More medals followed with a Silver medal gained by Tristan in Polybat, a Gold medal for Robyn in Boccia and another Gold in table cricket for Sophie. The team including Lewis, Porscha and Tristan also got a Gold in the running races.

It was a very enjoyable competition for everyone. Now, on to the Copper Box for the London Champions Final on 12<sup>th</sup> June. Lewis said of the competition 'It's outstanding because it gets kids of different ages and abilities involved'.

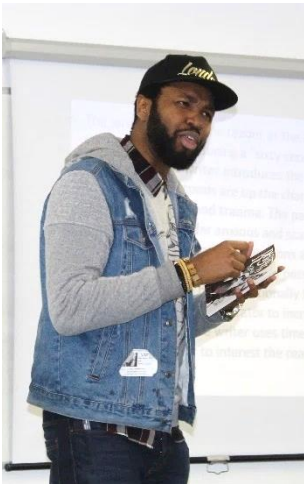
Wish us luck!

Thanks also to the whole group for their excellent behaviour and sportsmanship, and to Mr Kilminster for his help and support with the group.

Ms Montague  
Teacher in SDD

# SMSC English

## Karl Nova Poetry Workshop



In January JRCS welcomed Karl Nova, CLIPPA award winning poet and hip hop artist, to lead a workshop with Year 7 students. Karl gave examples from his childhood of the types of everyday events that inspire him to write hip hop influenced poetry and performed several of the poems from his new book, 'Rhythm and Poetry' to the year group. The workshop was a huge success. Students came away feeling inspired to try and write their own poetry based on a challenge set up for them by Karl on the theme of colour. Students were challenged to use more than 10 colours in their poems with some using up to 14 examples!

Year 7 should feel very proud of their poetry. There are some fantastic examples for you to enjoy below.

Ms Dulwich  
Head of English (KS3)

### Colours

Blue, the cooling, calm whistle of the sea.  
The unique and shady.

Purple, the prudent  
The console of confusion  
The mesmerising mother of  
Them all.

Red, a burning emerge  
Of lava, blood and ire.  
The gush of frustration.

Orange is that much needed  
Tangy zest flavour in life,  
The pop, bang and fizz of it all.

Yellow, the lingering ray of  
sunshine  
The delicate gleam of my night sky.  
The waterfall of joy.

Burgundy is priceless.  
A rich and deep sensation  
A majestic and awing colour.

Pink, the cute and fair  
The soft, adorable and warm one.

Lime green is the refreshing  
Awakening of life.  
A reviving luscious landscape.

Gold, the treasure  
The glorious luxury  
The prominent and most precious  
of them all.

Colours  
A funny aspect of growing up  
Difficult to explain but meaningful  
Once understood.

Monjola Olayiwola 7I

### Colour Poem

When we were together  
I thought it would last forever  
But that red passion, that scarlet  
burning love  
Soon turned frosty, blue and cold  
Now that you're up above.

I now turn green with envy  
Of the gods who rule the sky  
Cos I know that you're with them  
And I wish that time would fly by.

Since I used to be so strong  
Glowing golden rays of sun  
But...now that you are gone  
My life is boring grey  
You lit up my younger years  
Now, I'll never be the same.

I miss all I've lost so dearly -  
My heart's melted,  
Like white snow underneath the  
sun  
But with you no longer here  
I thought my happiness was  
done!

Now I see the light at the end of  
the tunnel  
It's bright and shining yellow -  
My heart is no longer black or dull  
My amazing family members  
helped me remember  
I am loved.

So if you're ever in a rough patch,  
One that's dull and grey  
Just remember that your loved  
ones will bring back that  
And will always save the day.

Summer Mason 7J

### The Light in the Darkness

I look up above to the black night  
skies  
I see the golden bright lights  
right before my eyes.

They sparkle light pink fairy dust  
And shine like the glistening  
orange sun,  
They started to fade as the new  
day begun.

A blue blanket hid the lights  
Oh, where could they have went?  
I know I saw them,  
I was a hundred percent.

As the sun had set  
The white moon rose.  
Maybe they left, I suppose.

They may return,  
Soon or never  
But I will not forget  
The silver shimmer, I once saw

I look up to the sky,  
The deep indigo sky  
And what do I see?

A familiar shine.

Katelyn Lewis Ward 7J

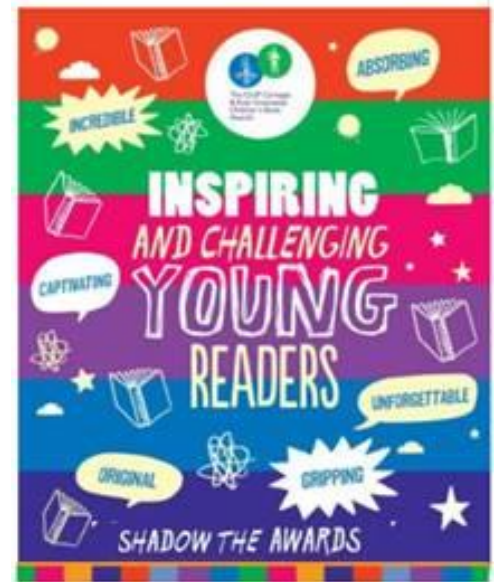


## JRCS Carnegie Shadowing Book Club

To inspire and empower the next generation to create a better world through books and reading we are announcing the start of the JRCS Carnegie Shadowing Book Club. The Carnegie Medal is awarded annually to the writer of an outstanding book written in English for children and young people. Our new Shadowing Club will meet every Wednesday lunchtime to read the shortlisted novels and consider which one is worthy of winning. Biscuits are provided! Come and read challenging, thought-provoking, engaging stories; voice your opinions and engage in debate.

Please see Mrs Colangelo-Lillis in the English Department to register your interest.

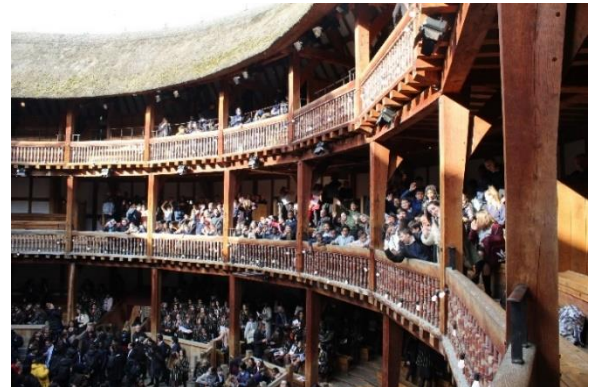
Mrs Colangelo-Lillis  
English Department



## Globe Theatre Trip

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March the English Department led a trip to the Globe Theatre in London. 105 of our amazing Year 7 students enjoyed watching William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet being brought to life on the stage. The modernised version of the play captivated them and allowed them to cement the learning that has been taking place in their classrooms over the last half-term. Our students were well behaved and a credit to the school; many thanks to them and to the staff that helped to support it.

Mrs Patel  
Year 7 English Cohort Manager



# SMSC Dance

## KS3 Dance Workshop – Centre of Advanced Training

A selection of JRCS students in Years 8 and 9 took place in a Dance Careers Day along with a number of other schools in the Borough. Students' were able to experience technique classes and creative workshops in a professional environment from teachers at the world-famous Dance Schools Laban and The Place. The students were able to learn about the routes available to them in Dance education and understand the huge number of jobs that further education in Dance can offer you.



Dance Department

# SMSC Sixth Form

## Year 12 Scholarships @ HSF LLP



Six Year 12 students were successful in their applications to be chosen to represent JRCS in the selection process, run by Herbert Smith Freehills LLP Law Firm in London, for their Networked Scholarship programme.

The six had been selected to attend a workshop, on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January, to find out information about the scholarship opportunity that the firm offers selected London students. The workshop gave the students the chance to see the different departments that operate in a city law firm (business side as well as legal side), they had a tour of the amazing offices based at Liverpool Street and an insight into what their application needs to consist of in order to be successful. They were also able to experience a corporate style buffet lunch.

Students will have the opportunity to undertake a five year scholarship which will see them gain an individual mentor, attend a Summer internship at the end of Year 13 and also receive financial support whilst at university.

Once they have applied, students will be invited back for an interview workshop and then an individual interview to win the scholarship. It is a very competitive opportunity so our best wishes go to our selected students:

Keren Mbo; Tasnia Haque; Reece Johnson; Anmona Siddaqua; Guste Rudzinskaite and Pamela Dicko.

Miss Campbell  
Deputy Director of Sixth Form

## A Level PE - University of Essex Visit

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January we welcomed an outreach Sports Scientist from the School of Sport, Rehabilitation and Exercise Sciences (University of Essex) to lead a session on 'Training at Altitude'.



The practical session involved a student cycling at varied intensities (low, moderate and high intensity) in normal environmental conditions and then after a short rest, at a simulated altitude of -2000m, using a portable hypoxic generator.

Students collected data and analysed this after to discuss the body's response to exercise and the effects altitude has on performance. This was then followed by a theory presentation covering the

various methods of altitude training and the resultant physiological adaptations, which really engaged the students and reinforced the learning that has taken place in the classroom.

The students had the opportunity to ask questions regarding higher education during the university presentation and many were interested to learn about the different courses on offer at the University of Essex and the experiences they could gain there.

We are planning to visit the University in the near future to attend a Biomechanics and Sports Psychology workshop which will further deepen the understanding of our A level cohort.

Miss Boulton  
Head of PE

### **Sixth Form Scholarships**

Last Summer we were lucky enough to be able to award a Reading List Foundation Scholarship to one of our fantastic Year 13 students who had just started at University. The scholarship was funded by a charity called the Reading List Foundation.

We also award five Colin Pond scholarships to the five highest scoring Year 11's who join our Sixth Form. This is a Borough-wide initiative and is celebrated by an event at The Broadway Theatre.

We strongly encourage our Year 13's to research bursaries and scholarships which universities award to their new students. In all cases, we are grateful for the extra incentive and recognition that awards like this give to our students.

Mrs Wren  
Director of Sixth Form

### **First Give – Year 12 Partnership Final**

Following on from the tremendously competitive school final at the end of the Year 12 course First Give in December, our victorious group representing 12C and The Trussell Trust took on four other schools to win a further £500 for the charity.

Having been victorious in the JRCS final the group had already won £1000 for the charity plus the amazing food bank donations which were delivered before Christmas from the whole school action. The group made a small number of tweaks to their presentation, showing actions taken since the school final and the contact they had had with the charity.



JRCS were first up and set an amazingly high standard for the other groups to follow. Prior to their presentation an excerpt was read out about why they thought they could win, it made everyone realise that it is possible to change a big issue by starting with themselves and a small step. The group were clear in their presentation, showed care and passion for their charity and the school action they had completed and made a compelling case for the audience to get involved with The Trussell Trust. The ending to their presentation left you in no doubt that you could make a difference.

Although ultimately an extra £500 was not to be won the group did us proud, congratulations!

Students: Edward Stemarthe; Alperen Oktay; Tasnia Haque; Malav Patel; Favour Anibeze

Miss Campbell  
Deputy Director of Sixth Form, Head of Year 12

## **PUSH deliver to JRCS Sixth Form**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March saw stand-up comedienne Lorna Notshaw deliver a PUSH presentation to Year 12.

PUSH have been delivering to JRCS Sixth Form for over 7 years and mark the start of Year 12 looking beyond their current A level/ BTEC studies. The session looks at the various pathways that are on offer post 18, including university and apprenticeships as well as some of the skills required to be successful in them. It looked at making the most of their current situation and how being successful in that opens the pathways to the future and provides choice. Lorna challenged them about taking risks through an active ping-pong ball challenge and making informed decisions.

The session identified the importance of developing soft skills to enhance their employability and how these are transferrable between jobs. It looked at identifying what the students are currently prioritising and what they want from their future jobs, money seemed quite popular! Lorna challenged the students about what employability actually is; what you know; who you know; personality; attitude; hard skills; soft skills.

An excellent session to start off the next step of thinking and preparation. Next stop.... 25<sup>th</sup> March The UCAS Fair!

Miss Campbell  
Deputy Director of Sixth Form



## **SMSC PDE**

### **MP Margaret Hodge visits JRCS**

Students Sukhdeep, Nojus, Joy, Zoe, Catarina, Grace and Caitlin taking GCSE Citizenship decided to base their action around sentencing in the UK and the way criminal courts sentence offenders. As independent learners they invited the local MP Margaret Hodge into school to discuss the issues surrounding sentences in UK prisons and wanted to find out the government stance on this issue.

The meeting took place at Jo Richardson School and students had an opportunity to give a summary of their action and finding and then a Q&A session took place. Students found this experience worthwhile and felt proud to have been heard.

Ms Hector  
Head of PDE



# SMSC History

## Windrush Generation



Years 7's are currently studying migration through time in History and they have been investigating the different migrant groups that have influenced Britain since 500 BC to the present day. On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 90 students were invited to attend a workshop at JRCS provided by the Museum of London. The students were selected for their interest in History, attitude to learning and their growth mind-set. They were able to hear the testimony of Shango Baku who is part of the

Windrush generation. This workshop was a special opportunity to hear about a teenager living in Trinidad (before its independence from the British Empire in 1962) and then moving to Britain at the age of 17.

The students listened to the story, took part in role plays and asked Shango questions about his own experience of migrating to Britain during the 1950s.

I would like to pass on my congratulations to the Year 7's who took part in this workshop for their hard work and the maturity shown during the workshop.

Miss White  
History Department

## Year 13 History Trip to Rome and Berlin

In March the History Department had the pleasure of taking eleven Year 13 students on a trip to two countries! First, we landed in Rome where we ventured to both the Colosseum and the Forum to view Ancient Rome. Dr Longson, Foreman Petrie and Laurent Brandao recreated a chariot race at the Circus Maximus, Dr Longson was the winner! We stopped at the Trevi Fountain to view this famous landmark at night (the students witnessed a proposal!) and to sample the local gelato. We survived the first full day by eating a lot of pasta, pizza and ice cream! On our last day in Rome we went to the Vatican to see the Sistine Chapel and marvel at the ancient artefacts and artwork, sadly we didn't get to meet the Pope. We ended our time in Rome by visiting the Trevi Fountain again in the daylight and explored the city.

Up bright and early we travelled to Berlin. We enjoyed a walking tour from Mr Hinchliffe to the Bundestag Dome. The Dome and roof terrace gave us spectacular views of the parliamentary and government district and Berlin's sights. The traditional German sausage house was a highlight for some on the trip as we had tables near the oompah band! On our second day in Berlin we visited the Sachsenhausen concentration camp and the Wansee Villa where the decision to carry out the 'Final Solution'



was made. To conclude the trip, the last day in Berlin included the Topography of Terror museum and as we walked through the city we saw Nazi and Soviet architecture, checkpoint Charlie, the memorial to Holocaust victims and the location of Hitler's Bunker.

Eleven teenagers and three members of staff returned to England very tired but with many stories to tell! Huge thank you to the students as their behaviour, interest and enjoyment during the trip was amazing!

Miss White  
History Department



## SMSC Maths

### Maths Feast Competition

Four top mathematicians had the opportunity to represent JRCS at the annual Year 10 Maths Feast competition, which took place at Eastbury Community School on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. There were four challenging rounds involving problem solving, reasoning and team work, and for each round there was a winning team. Out of the 15 schools that attended, the JRCS team achieved **first place** in arguably the most challenging round: comprehension of an A Level maths topic!



Congratulations to the winning team:

Astijus Karvauskas 10G, Hannah Tolentino 10G, Mehnaz Musthafa 10E and Alex Grain 10C.

We look forward to taking four more hungry mathematicians next year!

Ms Hunt and the Maths Department

### Pi Day

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, the Maths Department celebrated Pi Day. Students experienced an activity related to pi in all lessons, there was a competition to recite pi to as many decimal places as possible and we were also selling cakes (and pies of course) in the Maths Block. The Maths Department also got into the spirit of the day dressing in their favourite number to form the number pi! This was a great day and great to see so many students getting involved. The winner of our 'recite pi' competition was Annita Haque in 7G who managed to recite pi to 51 decimal places, which is incredible! Well done Annita.



Miss Thomas and the Maths Department



# SMSC Year 9

## Year 9 - City University Taster Weeks

Back in December, a member of City University came in to see Year 9 and gave them a talk on some of the opportunities available for them at the University during Year 9 and beyond. The students were told about a 'Taster Week' where various



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professions come together to work on a range of activities with the young people who are accepted. Many students showed an interest in this, which was great to see, however, only 16 took the plunge and applied. The application process was completely independent and involved the students themselves researching the University and opportunities. Students had to complete an online application form at home and send it off to the University. Below are the 16 students:

Sorna Chondhury 9A, Sulliamon Diallo 9G,  
Adiyat Sharif 9B, Charlotte Davenport 9G, Abiola Yusuf 9H, Vanessa Dapaah 9G,  
Alexander Adekeye 9A, Abrar Sidkar 9I,  
Doris Blumel 9G, Rebekah Ogunturin 9G, Zacharia Salim 9G, Bradley Williams 9G, Charis Adams 9A, Sheikha Ali 9A, Philip Adu 9D and Sammi Lai 9G.

I am extremely proud of every student listed here and I am pleased that they have learnt the value of being resourceful and taking opportunities. LOC's are on their way and let's keep our fingers crossed that they all get on to the programme!

Huge thanks for your parental support with this.

Miss Draisey  
Head of Year 9

## Year 9 Girls London City Airport Trip



On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February we had the fortunate opportunity to go and visit London City Airport with 25 Year 9 girls. Whilst we were there we received a tour of the airport and learnt about the different careers that are on offer there. The students were asked to complete personality questionnaires which matched them with an ideal job, but importantly, gave them a person specification on themselves.

All students were then put into groups to complete 30 second presentations on a range of random topics including socks and the weather. Once we had finished our talk from the Community Outreach lead at the airport it was time for the challenge to begin. Students (in groups) have four weeks to put together a proposal presentation for the new terminal building, specifically they have 3 units to fill. The next leg of the competition will take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> March in school where they

will present their findings and plans to an airport advisor. The winner of this round will be invited back to the airport to compete against nine other schools to be in with a chance of an airside airport tour and Westfield vouchers!

Best of luck girls!

Miss Draisey  
Head of Year 9

### **Year 9 University of East London Mentoring Trip**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February I had the pleasure of taking 14 Year 9 students to the University of East London as they had been involved in a mentoring scheme that we had trialled this year. Before the trip the students were apprehensive, thinking a day at university would be 'boring' or 'long'. Instead, they found it to be very interesting and were full of questions for the ambassadors there. Plus, they enjoyed a free lunch!



The day consisted of a quiz on university life where some of the misconceptions about university were challenged and we found out that Harry Hill was a doctor before he became a comedian. This was followed by a campus tour to see the sights, watch the planes take off and land across the water and we even got to see what living there would be like. We were particularly interested in the proximity of the shower to the toilet.



Then, it was time for a quick lunch and then back to our lecture room for a Q&A with the ambassadors of the university and our lovely mentors. It was a fantastic day and I was really proud of how our students conducted themselves at the university. We are extremely grateful for UEL's support during the last couple of months whilst these students have been navigating their way through their options choices. We had our last mentoring session last Friday and I was very sad to see them go, many of the mentors were asking if they could come and visit in Year 11 just to see how our students are progressing.

We will have a celebration event in the Summer term so that we can celebrate all of their hard work together.

Well done everyone involved:

Bradley Williams 9G, Callum Wallis 9E, Connor Harbour 9E, Courtney Robinson 9E, Maisie Lethbridge 9E, Brandon Slater 9F, Mucahit Duyar 9F, Katie Tahiri 9C, Jack Berrecloth 9C, Isabel Nichols 9I, Remi Newman 9I and Megan Jackson 9D.

Miss Draisey  
Head of Year 9

## London City Airport Presentations

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March the judges from 1millionEP came in to look at the amazing work our Year 9 girls had been doing since they set them a challenge. The challenge was to create a presentation to explain how the students would fill three new units in the new terminal building of London City Airport (LCY). There were six groups in total, see below for how each of them got on:

### Group 1

#### Iteli (9E), Suboni (9A) & Nicole (9A)

This fantastic little group (the smallest in the competition) did some outstanding work; they had a great presentation and had clearly done their research. All students spoke with confidence and Iteli even made a joke! They started off handing out mini passports from a range of countries that all included a fact about the airport or about a brand they had chosen. It all ended with a fantastic animation to summarise what they had told us. Well done!



### Group 2

#### Jenny (9H), Ella (9H), Feba (9I) & Mel (9I)

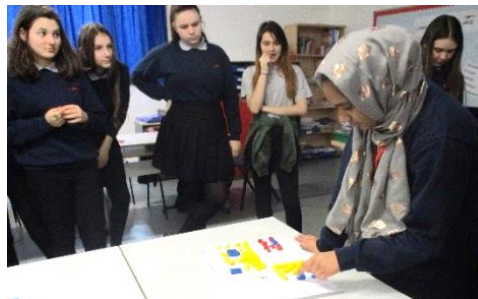
Our second group were also full of confidence, whilst I know inside they were feeling very nervous about speaking publicly. This presentation included a wonderful group of structures that combined cardboard walls with play dough inside! My particular favourite part was the 'play area' that had an actual slide and a ball pit with individual multi-coloured balls! Added with the very modern choice of Amazon Supermarket – what more could you ask for!



### Group 3

#### Adiyat (9B), Goda (9C), Asiya (9D) & Luisa (9B)

This group split their units into multiples in order to cram as many stores as possible in to their projects. They had a range of stores from Guess to Rituals to cover all of the needs of either a business or leisure traveller through the airport. Additionally, they had a great floor plan that included Lego bricks, created by Adiyat, to explain the inside of the stores including the layouts and sizes.



### Group 4

#### Sajida (9C), Sorna (9A), Irene (9B), Precious (9B) & Aaliyah (9E)

This large group had really pulled out the stops on being creative with their choice of brands, being one of the first the judges had heard of to use Clintons cards! Alongside this they built a fantastic structure of Clintons that included cute little teddy bears! Sorna had created a fantastically detailed blueprint for the 'food court' area. Another great group packed full of confidence in their delivery.



## Group 5

### Tierney (9J), Maddie (9D), Mia (9D) & Ellie (9J) – Unfortunately wasn't at the presentation

This group did exceptionally well to continue on as they were one member down due to illness. Without a thought they re-divided their lines and even spent the morning creating a meme to go with one of their great ideas. That idea was 'Jet Bear', he was a bear available in 'Build-a-bear' for children to buy, branded by the airport. Jet's meme told us all to 'be more like Jet' which added a nice layer of humour to the whole thing! The team were well rehearsed and confident too.



## Group 6

### Megan (9F), Mariyah (9F), Rebekah (9G), Sammi (9G) & Presdie (9G)

Lastly, our final group stood up to the plate by handing out boarding passes attached to paper aeroplanes for all of the audience. They then opened with Megan introducing her 'Cabin Crew'. It was clear that each student had taken a lead role on separate elements of the presentation and stepped forward to speak about this. Most importantly, the brands chosen by this group had a social and moral backing behind them, for example, Fix coffee who return 10% of their profits to the coffee farmers.



Overall, it was a privilege to see all 6 of the presentations and to hear that, in the other competing schools there had been many groups who refused to compete or where they had not put in nearly enough effort. Our JRCS Year 9 girls were outstanding! The overall winner was decided by the judges and every group received a little feedback too. The winners will be headed back to the airport on the 1<sup>st</sup> April to present to the judges and compete against the other 9 schools.



The winners were Group 6! Well done to Megan, Mariyah, Rebekah, Presdie and Sammi who have already started work on developing their presentation and re-designing their structures.

I am forever proud of them all.

Miss Draisey  
Head of Year 9

## Year 9 Going for Gold Group

It is amazing to think what a little creativity can do! A huge shout out to Selin Acar (9A) who took her assignment to 'be creative' with her extra homework to the next level. This example of a bacteria cell is fantastic and a true demonstration of a young lady who wants to push herself. Well done Selin!

Miss Draisey  
Head of Year 9

