



# SMSC “Matters”

## Autumn 2019

### SMSC General

#### Colin Pond Scholarship Awards Ceremony

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October I was delighted to attend The Colin Pond Scholarship Award Ceremony at the Broadway Theatre Barking.

The ceremony celebrates the successes of our highest achieving GCSE students from Summer 2019. Students from across the borough attended this prestigious event, I was very proud to share in the success of the students pictured above, and this award is a testimony to all their hard work and commitment over the past five years.



Congratulations to: Iretomiwa, Clare, Abigail and Maisie. Unfortunately Andreia was unable to attend.

Mr Smith  
Headteacher

#### JRCS joins Global Day of Action against Climate Change

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September a group of students lead JRCS in Action Against Climate Change. This was part of the International Global Climate Change demonstrations and these students joined millions of people in 188 countries around the world to raise awareness of the urgent need to take action to stop climate change. At lunchtime the students dropped a banner over Buck Bridge and lead a chant “Save the Planet”, then walked around school gathering like minded students worried about the planets future. The students have now formed the JRCS Environmental Action Group and plan to organise other activities to raise awareness about Green Issues.



Ms Lynch  
Second in SDD

## Carol Dwek Conference

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September Castle Green hosted a conference focusing upon Growth Mindset which was led by the world renowned academic Carol Dwek.

As part of the conference Mehnaz (Head Girl), Domas (Head Boy) and Jeremiah (Deputy Head Boy) spoke about their own personal journeys and the resilience they have had to show in the pursuit of their own goals. They all spoke with great confidence and we are very proud of them!

Mr Smith  
Headteacher



## Youth Mental Health Summit

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October JRCS ran its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Youth Mental Health Summit. On World Mental Health awareness day we raised £1029.81 for the chosen charity of Young Minds. A huge thank you goes out to everyone involved and to everyone who contributed to this amazing figure.

Ms Boller  
Student Communications Manager

## Remembrance Day

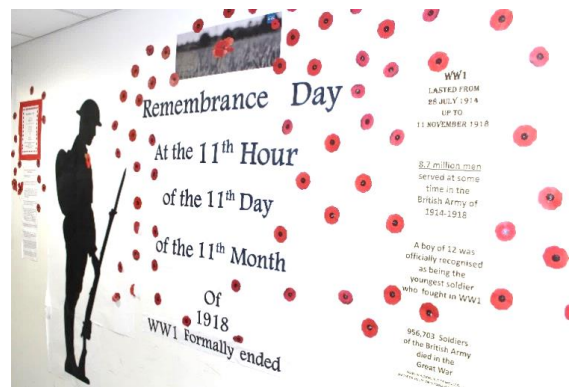
Our school community marked Remembrance Day with whole school assemblies delivered by Ms Pooley. At just before 11:00am, Mr Jenner played the Last Post from Buck Bridge whilst the students and staff had an opportunity to reflect on lost lives during a period of silence. Year 8 students took responsibility for selling poppies at break and proceeds will be sent to the Royal British Legion.



A Year 8 student Kyran, wrote the poem below whilst reflecting during the period of silence:

*The days that have passed,  
The years that have gone,  
Still we remember those soldiers from beyond.  
Through terrible times of pain and strife,  
The ones who help our country and gave their lives.  
For two minutes we commend them.  
Remember them. Remember them.*

Ms Salih  
Assistant Headteacher



Above is a display from our school library.

## Well done Zack

In November Zack received a Jack Petchey award from the Police Cadets under the Achievers category for his intelligence and for helping others when they find tasks difficult. He also gets involved in all activities and has a friendly personality. Zack is pictured above collecting his award from Superintendent Khan.

Mr Smith  
Headteacher



## The Wellbeing Room

Last academic year I had the great honour of winning the Jack Petchey Leadership Award and I was incredibly excited to see what kind of work I could do with the £750 that I received from the foundation. After weeks of planning, months of spending and a few hours of putting it all together... I am pleased to announce that JRCS now has its very own Wellbeing Room.

This room is designed to be used by all as a way of escaping the rush of the day and taking some time to be well. The room contains hot drink making facilities, lights galore, a zen garden, board games, colouring and craft materials, fidget aids, yoga mats, books, play dough and more. All of these activities are there to help us to prepare better for the challenges we face in our mental health.

It is important to remember that we all have mental health, just as we have physical health, it can be good and bad. Using time to focus on how to look after our mental health is equally as important as eating five pieces of fruit and veg a day. So, if you're paying a visit to JRCS, please don't forget to take a look!

Miss Draisey  
Head of Year 10



## Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales visits JRCS



On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November we were delighted to host a visit from the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, Lord Burnett of Maldon. Lord Burnett was accompanied by three other judges who gave our students a unique insight into the world of law and the judicial system.

It was fascinating to hear their career pathways and they actively encouraged our students to consider a career in law in the future.

I would like to personally thank Mr James Wilkes, who is a member of our Governing Body, for arranging this visit and giving our students such a unique opportunity.



Mr Smith  
Headteacher

## BAD Youth Forum

Jessica and Koryn have both played a massive part in the BAD Youth Forum this year, attending sessions consistently, and contributing lots of ideas.

They were part of Daggers against Racism Day at Dagenham and Redbridge Football Club, Koryn then went on to become a ball girl at the club.

Both girls have contributed towards various consultations requested by Council officers, they were part of the Prince Harry visit to Youth Zone, Koryn spent six hours at a local foodbank with the group doing the stock taking, they have both attended the Youth Information Advisory Group meetings (YIAG) with the police to discuss local crime and issues, they have both contributed to a film outlining the need for PSHE to be taught at a much younger age, and expressing views on what topics they would like to be taught. The film will be shown to Headteachers at a conference in the New Year.

Finally, Jessica got elected by Forum members, as the Deputy member for the London Youth Assembly, to represent Barking and Dagenham, and she has attended meetings at City Hall.

Ms Boller  
Student Communication Manager

## JRCS Environmental Action Group Activities

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November, JRCS Environmental Action Group joined students around the world by doing a week of activities to raise awareness about environmental issues.

All week students campaigned on Main Street, collecting signatures to introduce a recycling scheme to the school and asking their peers and staff to make a pledge to change one thing in their lives to be greener.

The zenith of the week was when students did a litter pick in the streets around the school. Students were alarmed at how much litter there was and the realisation it would end up in the earth's waterways and oceans. They were particularly alarmed that some of the rubbish was from JRCS students! Whilst out and about, students received support from passing motorists who beeped their horns and gave the students an enthusiastic thumbs up.

Well done to the EAG!

Ms Hunt, Mr Kilminster and Ms Lynch



## Gold Seagull

Congratulations to Keyra, Year 7. Keyra is the first student to achieve the Gold Seagull this academic year.

Well done Keyra!

Mr Smith  
Headteacher



# SMSC PDE & Social Studies

## Thank you Abigail and Sueda

Former Jo Richardson students Abigail and Sueda returned from university for the day to run a pilot workshop with Year 9s. The workshop will be delivered at the Mental Health Well Being Summit, that we are proud to be hosting for a second time in October. Year 9 students were given the opportunity to share their thoughts about mental health and social media.



Miss Mitchell

Teacher of PDE & Social Studies

# SMSC Year 7

## Year 7 'Island Day'



On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, our Year 7 students were based on 'The Island' for the day. Throughout the day they worked in teams to overcome challenges, solve problems and make decisions. They took part in a range of activities from building a signal tower in Maths to orienteering in PE. It was fantastic to see how well the students worked together and the feedback from all staff was overwhelmingly positive. Each form tutor nominated one Year 7 student for

their first LOC (Letter of Commendation) and we celebrated their success in the assembly at the end of the day. The winners of these are listed below. An amazing first day, Year 7, finished off with a 'guard of honour' farewell from all of the JRCS staff!

Summer, Nifemi, Kenzie, Shalom, Alfie McCarthy Higgins, Faye, Harry, Scarlett, Maryjane and Deborah.

Mrs Morris

Director of Learning (Maths)

## Life of a Year 7! – by Nifemi

Upstairs, downstairs, inside, outside.  
Homework piling up like a game of Jenga.  
Life in Year 6 was never this busy!  
In fact Year 7 is quite tricky.

Math, Science, English, French  
Before Christmas, so many tests!  
Cramming, revising – better yet memorizing  
All the sets, so much stress!

Down the corridor, So many children!  
Bombarding you from every way  
"Excuse me, Pardon! Sorry!"  
Getting squished is quite a worry!

HOWEVER!!

There is laughter and lots of fun!  
Sitting with friends, having a smile  
**Pointless** pencil jokes, **Tearable** paper puns  
With all this stress I feel free.

Funny, kind, smiley teachers  
I'm exaggerated for each day  
Year 7 may be tricky  
But I love school, friends, teachers, and all -  
either way.

# SMSC Year 8

## Year 8 Student of the Month: September

Tyler was nominated as Year 8 Student of the Month for September. He has shown dedication to our ACHIEVE agenda by engaging with all the opportunities presented to him by Miss Simpson and the Year 8 team, and developing his resilience so that he faces all challenges with enthusiasm, something that will stand him in good stead as a goalkeeper. Tyler celebrated this award with a hot chocolate and a donut with Mr Rackstraw this week.



Well done Tyler!

Mr Rackstraw  
Assistant Headteacher

## Year 8 Student of the Month: October



Lillie has been nominated as Year 8 Student of the Month for October. She has shown dedication to the ACHIEVE agenda by engaging with the opportunity of the Dance arm to the Wings Academy. Lillie has dedicated herself to improving her skills in dance, and this week she introduced a dance piece in assembly that she had co-devised. Lillie celebrated this award with a hot chocolate and donut with Mr Rackstraw this week. Well done Lillie!

Mr Rackstraw  
Assistant Headteacher

# SMSC Year 9

## Commando Joe's at JRCS

In October students from Year 9 took part in a nationwide research project looking into the importance of outdoor and adventurous activities in helping with students achievement. Nik Keast from Commando Joe's was a guest with us all week and led the students through a whole series of personal development challenges which helped to develop the students communication skills, ability to work with others and their ability to develop themselves. The week concluded with each group giving a presentation about the missions they had undertaken. It was lovely to see students, who at the start of the week, were too shy to talk in front of the group then stood in front of the class with Ms Eastman, Ms Rowland and Ms Salih and proudly gave a wonderfully clear presentation.



Congratulations to all of those involved: Ryan, Bethanie, Saad, Harvey, Madison, Eden-Rose, Martynas, Mackenzie, Matthew, Ioannis, Ruby, Tyler, Charlie, Gift, Bradley, Thomas, Sidnie, Chloe, Reegan and Finlay.

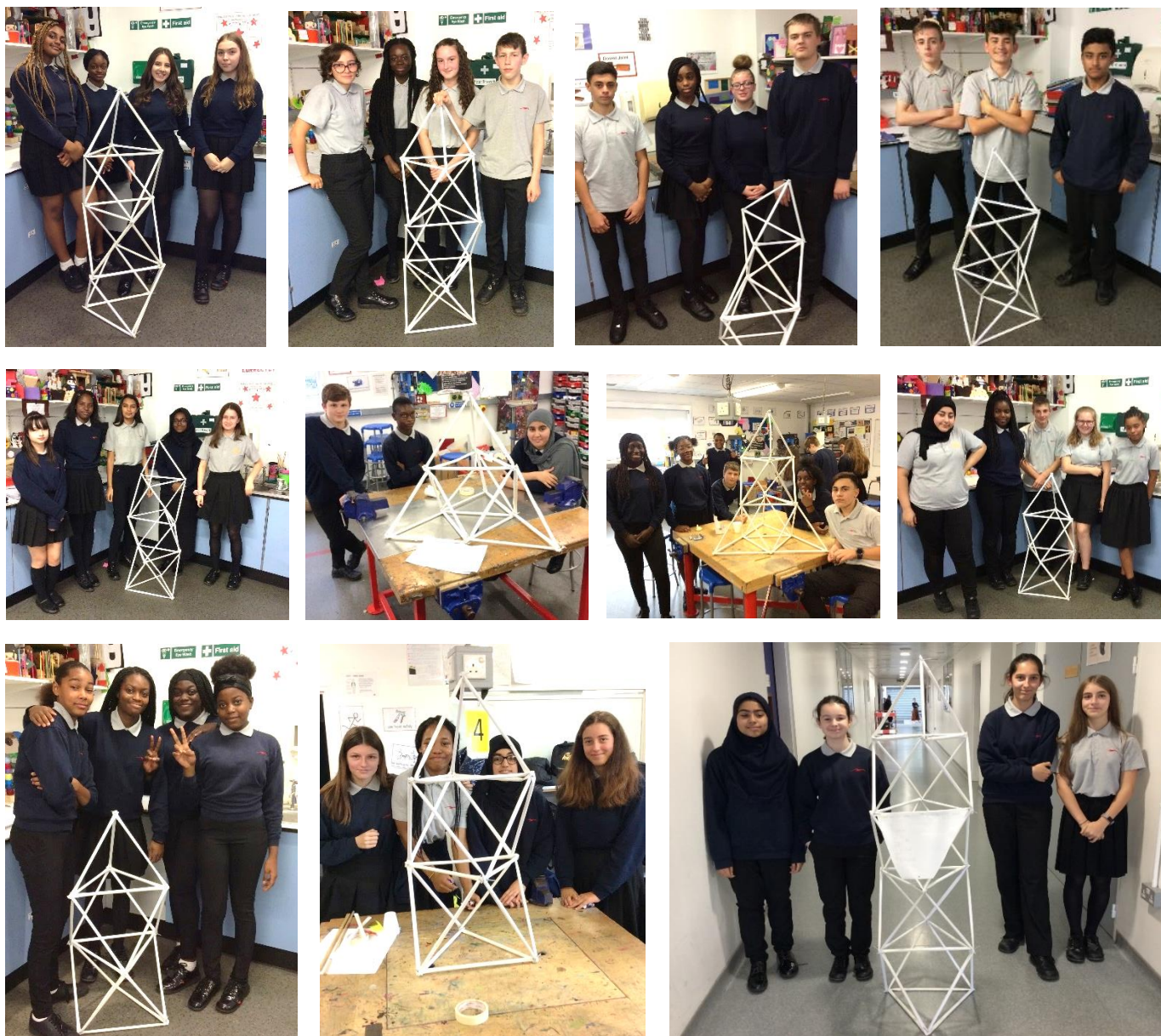
All those who completed at least four days of the project received an LOC for establishing resilience. Well done to all, and I really hope that you can draw on some of the lessons learned on your return to the classroom this week.

Finally, many thanks to Miss St Hill-Duhaney who also supported this project throughout the week.

Ms Montague  
OSHL Co-ordinator

### Year 9 ACHIEVE Day

The DT Department set up a very challenging task for the Year 9 students for their ACHIEVE day. Their task was to complete a structure of at least one metre tall using only 24 sheets of A3 paper along with ten nuts and bolts. The students took to the task with great enthusiasm and determination. Teamwork was the key to succeed in this challenge which was evident across all teams that participated. The students developed some problem solving skills along with an understanding of how to effectively work as a team. Overall the challenge proved to be a very positive experience for all involved.



Well done!

Miss Dormer & Mr Massop  
DT Department

# SMSC Year 10

## Work the World 2019

Each year two lucky Year 10 students get the fantastic opportunity to travel abroad to a location of their choice for their work experience. This experience comes with some financial and logistical support from the school for the chosen individuals. This year we had a total of 14 wonderful applicants who wrote outstanding and heartfelt applications for the opportunity (please see full list below). On Thursday 10th



October, myself and Mr Smith interviewed these students and we were in awe of their resilience and positivity, additionally we were delighted to see how much they had done for JRCS already in their time here. Sadly, we could only choose two students and those lucky individuals were:

John who is planning to travel to Canada and Chiara who is planning to travel to France.

A huge congratulations to this wonderful and humble pair, of course, we were incredibly sad to say no to the other applicants but please congratulate all students if you can!

Feba, Melani, Dylan, Sorna, Tiffany, Arafat, Rachel, Chelsea, Joshua, Rhianna, Kehinde and Taiwo.

Miss Draisey  
Head of Year 10

## Muslim Student Panel Event

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September I went to the Muslim Student Panel. The first activity was a Q and A session with students from a variety of faculties. During this session we were able to ask questions for example "How are you able to manage your time to pray 5 times a day?" and "What A-Level grades are required in order to get into one of the Russell Group Universities?"

In my opinion I thought that lunch time was the best memory I had from this experience. This was because at lunch time everyone got together boys and girls, men and women and we all prayed together which was led by one of the male lecturers there. I was shocked to hear how Muslim individuals were able to pray in the middle of their lectures and the professors would not mind. Instead, some of the Muslim professors would encourage the students to pray and remind them when they needed to. Everyone there was very helpful and respectful to the views of others. They were very religious using Islamic words such as InShaAllah, MaShaAllah and Assalamualaikum.

Later, we had a networking session; I spoke to one of the medical students who studied at Imperial College London. The medical student I spoke to was from Chelmsford and we had many similarities such as the people who we watch on YouTube. She also spoke to me about attending lectures which were open to everyone to attend and how that would enable me to build my confidence. We spoke about what grades are required in A-Level for medicine. In addition to this we spoke about what type of questions are asked in interviews and how some universities base it on the outcomes of your learning whereas others base it on academics results. Finally, we finished off with advice on how to write a personal statement; how to not over complicate your statement and using a dictionary in order to find more sophisticated words which are unfamiliar to you.

After this session I felt honoured and very thankful for being able to attend an event like this as it encourages people of all races to attend universities and how to enjoy the University life.

By Sorna.

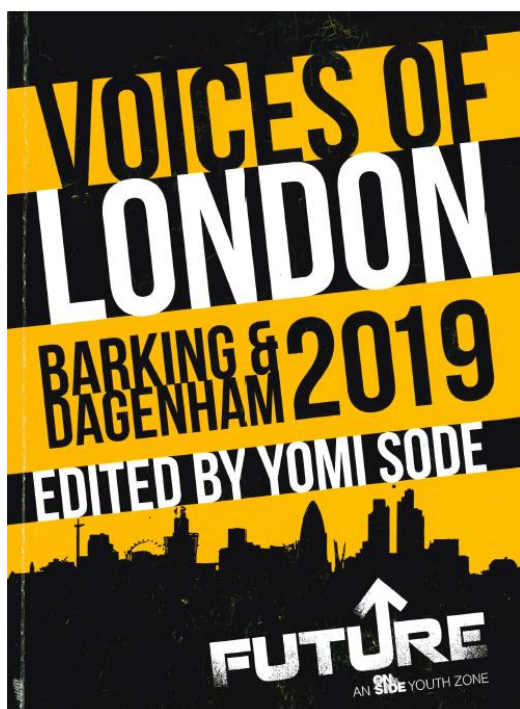


## Pathways to Oxford and Cambridge

The week before half term, I and 11 other students were given an opportunity to go to the Barking Learning Centre and broaden our knowledge on the Russell group universities we could potentially attend. This group consists of great universities such as Cambridge and Oxford. During the trip three lecturers spoke to us (two of which were former students from Oxford and Cambridge, and a student currently studying history at Cambridge). We were informed about all the university courses available to us, as well as: what A-levels and GCSEs are appropriate to enter specific fields in the universities and which ones would keep our options open; extracurricular activities which would prove to be very helpful in our personal statements; advice on our personal statements and the financial aspects of university. Personally, I found this experience beneficial and informative and something that would be most helpful in the near future.

Luisa Year 10

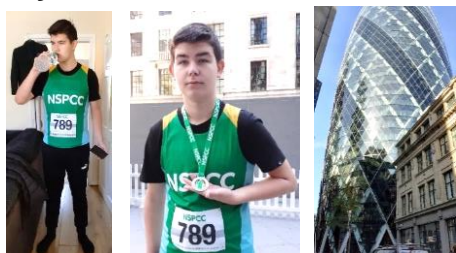
## Well done Sulaiman!



A huge well done to Sulaiman for his published work in the Voices of London – Barking and Dagenham 2019 (printed below). This is such an incredible achievement for this young man, and I am very proud of him.

Miss Draisey  
Head of Year 10

## Taylor climbs the Gherkin!



On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019 Taylor in Year 10 took on the challenge of climbing the 1037 steps to the top of the Gherkin in central London. Taylor completed the challenge with his mum to raise money for the NSPCC and, whilst he was incredibly nervous about making it beforehand, he got to the top successfully. Taylor and his mum raised a heart-warming £250 for the NSPCC who are fighting to end child abuse in the UK.

We are incredibly proud of Taylor and we know that he will take the resilience he has shown during the climb into his academic studies too. Well done Taylor!

Miss Draisey  
Head of Year 10

### On Blackness

Black is pride  
Black is celebration  
My Family  
My mum telling to wash the dishes on a day I'm not keen on washing dishes  
Black is happiness  
My friends  
It's sports  
It's overcoming all the struggles  
Black is free  
Is fashion  
Colour, seeing colour  
Standing up for what you think is right  
It's food  
Is overcoming segregation  
Is music  
My tradition  
Technology  
Breaking stereotypes  
Is me, my name – Sulaiman – me, Sully what my friend, Kaya, calls me. A social person that gets on with people, that's funny. I don't know if she means it. Sully, not from Top Boy, who on typical days, walks down the street greeting everyone he meets. Sulaiman – SULAIMAN, meaning man of peace, and on typical days I avoid all the bad things that make me sad. In most cases I wish I had a button to take it away, whether roadman, knives, thieves, murders, take it away, pain, suffering, people crying – take it away. A typical day for Sully, for me, is walking down the street, greeting everyone I meet.

# SMSC Sixth Form

## A “Scholarship” start to the Year

I had the enormous privilege to go to Herbert Smith Freehills Law firm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September to attend the launch of their 2019 Networked Scholarship Scheme.

During the previous year, six of my Year 12 cohort had applied for a place on the scheme. They attended insight days, completed application forms and had interviews, both individual and in the final group interview day. After all the debating and scrutiny, Jennifer was selected to receive one of the five scholarships that were on offer. This is a significant achievement as she beat off stiff competition from students across London.



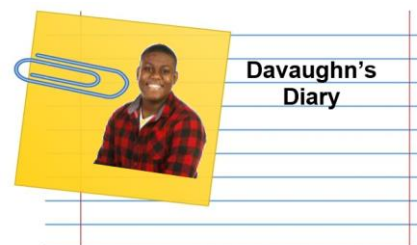
At the launch Ian Cox, who is the Executive Partner, UK and EMEA, spoke about the determination of those that had achieved this year’s prize and how he hoped the five year scholarship will help them finish their current studies, help guide them on their university route and ultimately help them “network” to get work options when looking for their first employment.

Jennifer is looking forward to the three week internship which will be done after her A level exams next summer – and particularly the opportunity to go to Paris to visit the company’s office based there. She will also be part of a group that have to pitch to one of the company’s clients. It was a very proud moment to see Jennifer confidently introduce herself to the reception and show that she was delighted to be part of the Network Scholarship Scheme.

Congratulations!

Miss Campbell  
Head of 13 - Deputy Director of Sixth Form

Last Thursday, the Open Evening for the Year 6’s, who will hopefully become the new Year 7’s took place and we know what this means, right? Chaotic crowds, excited children and chatty parents are the norm for this type of event, and of course, we cannot forget the speech of our beloved Mr Smith.



Each year, we get a chance to show off the exceptionalism of JRCS, and this has always been a highlight of the school year and this year was no different. Many activities were available in all the subject departments especially the Science Department (as usual). Also, we must give thanks to Ms Buonaiuto and Mrs Richardson and an even bigger thanks to the students who participated, helping the parents, touring and giving out information packs on the evening.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> September, the Stubbers trip kicked off at high noon. Raft building and climbing sports were the activities of the day and anticipation was in the air. We must thank Mr Smith and the Sixth Form for keeping this specific trip on the JRCS curriculum. According to a lot of students this trip provided a stress free environment, as well as taking our minds off the future challenges of Year 13. The day include multiple climbing activities, some were difficult, some were chill, but overall everyone was challenged and had great fun. The raft building was the highlight of the day, with the prospect of being able to build and test your own raft, everyone was a mixture of excitement and anticipation. Almost everybody got soaked from falling into the water, but all in all it was a great day even though a lot of students say their muscles hurt from all the physical exercise the next day.

Davaughn Year 13

## Year 13 Stubbers adventure! Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Everyone has things that they are frightened of doing, but Stubbers was an enriching opportunity to get out of our comfort zones. In just four hours, we were able to feel the satisfaction and liberation of trying something daring. Perhaps most importantly, being at Stubbers also allowed us to work as a team and unlock a new level of trust and cooperation between each other.

Whether it was taking the plunge into the water during rafting, or balancing at crazy heights, the adrenaline and excitement felt was one of a kind.

If you are looking for an experience that will challenge your abilities or simply exercise your fearlessness; Stubbers is the place to be. If you are given the opportunity to go - grasp the chance with both hands. With the instruction and professionalism of the guides, you are sure to take part in an invaluable adventure and the whole of Year 13 had a great afternoon.



Guste & Jenny Year 13

## Parliament Week



A Level Politics students took part in the national Parliament Week this year. In assemblies in Boothroyd Hall students from all year groups were told about our link with Betty Boothroyd, former Speaker of the House of Commons, who opened our school in 2002. The assembly was on the day that the newest Speaker was elected. The Year 13 politics class all contributed to the assembly. They wanted to celebrate the good things about our democracy, even though there are some difficulties at the moment.

Mrs Wren  
Director of Sixth Form



Davaughn's  
Diary

Who runs the school? - A welcome to new teacher: Mr Rackstraw.

As you all know, every year there are new teachers coming here and someone needs to give them a warm welcome. Mr Rackstraw our new Assistant Headteacher (who also teaches English) is more interesting than he first appears. Hearing about this position from fellow cycling fanatic Mr McInerney, he decided to apply to

this school as 'the culture here is really special' and he hopes to be "accepted in the community" of Jo Richardson. From a very young age, he has been influenced and keen in the teaching area as his "mother's a primary school teacher" and he spent time working with his mum helping children with poetry.

This early exposure did not lead him to become a teacher himself as his dream job growing up was to be a car designer. Being interested in Maths and Physics as well as a fascination with cars led him to wanting to design cars such as Lotus. His love for wheels still hasn't died down as one of his hobbies is cross country cycling on vintage bikes, even as far as John O' Groats in the north of Scotland.

Cycling and poetry are not the only hobbies Mr Rackstraw has, he considers himself to be a "good chef" and in his spare time he likes to cook fancy meals or bakes for himself (if he feels like he deserves it), when he needs to relax.

By the end of the year, he hopes to be able to feel that he is accepted in the school and to feel he can make a difference.

Davaughn Year 13

### **"Ignorance Isn't Bliss"**

I had the absolute pleasure to be invited to see the premiere of a short film called "Ignorance Isn't Bliss" last Sunday at the BFI Southbank.

The film was written, produced, directed, gaffered, lit, edited and everything else needed to produce a film by a group of young film makers (and they acted in it too!)

Emma in Year 13 was a member of this group and I was delighted to be invited, as her guest, to the event. It was truly inspirational to see the talent our young students have and wonderful to see the opportunity they were given to display it. Emma applied for the opportunity at the start of the academic year and made "the cut" to get on the course. She worked through her half term, and all weekends since meeting the rest of her group, under the guidance from mentors, to get the film finished. In true Hollywood fashion, they took it to the wire and only got it finished the weekend before the premiere!

I was not only proud sitting there and watching the film that Emma helped create, but also proud of her for the independence she had demonstrated by stepping out of her comfort zone, applying for the opportunity and joining a group of people she did not know. She is truly an inspiration and a wonderful example of what can be achieved by taking a leap of faith and confidence.

You can see the film and the story of the making via the following links to youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f263wyhB-Dw> - Film

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-J83LjZjwg>

-Behind The Scenes

Hopefully if there is ever a Hollywood premiere, I'll get another invite!

Miss Campbell  
Deputy Director of Sixth Form  
Head of Year 13



### Davaughn's Diary

A welcome to new teacher: Our new Director of Learning-English and Literacy, Miss Parker. With the influx of new teachers, Miss Parker, a new English teacher as well as the new Director of Learning for English and Literacy, has made the cut in our ruthless student led process of teacher recruitment. Miss Parker chose our school because of our “sense of community” and in a “terrifying interview with the student panel,

I could see students who were fiercely loyal and extremely proud of their school”. This exact loyalty is something Hamlet would do, but it will not be our downfall.

From childhood “it's cheesy but I always wanted to work with English and education. I love books and talking, so it's the perfect job!”. This is not surprising because if you have been in any one of her lessons, you can hear the passion in her voice as well as the love of books and plays. Being a teacher, what does it mean to be. “Inspiring, brilliant, kind, sensitive, intelligent, motivational” her academic teachers had such an impact that it made her want to do the same.

However, when asked what the most challenging thing about teaching, Miss.Parker responded that “teaching can be a challenging job with governmental pressure and changes that sometimes distract and take away from the core joy and pleasure of the job which is working with young people.”

By the end of this year Miss Parker wants to feel like she has taught and supported many students across the year to feel happy, motivated and to actually care about English as well as their own futures.

Davaughn Year 13

### Mark Evison Foundation Award Winners



Four members of our Sixth Form successfully gained an award from the Mark Evison Foundation to complete a project of their choice earlier this year. They decided to construct and code a maze solving robot.

They have finally completed their project and their report is on the foundation's website:

<http://www.markevisonfoundation.org/>

The boys are all in Year 13 Brandon; Filip, Malav and Temi.

Miss Campbell  
Deputy Director of Sixth Form

### Inside the Courtroom!

Last Friday the Year 13 Sociology class enjoyed a trip to the Old Bailey (Central Criminal Court). It was a stimulating experience which opened our eyes to the reality of the extent of crime and wrongdoing in our society and community. Being in the public gallery was an opportunity that we hadn't had before, and it allowed us to experience the action that we learn about in class in relation to the criminal justice system. As well as this, it was enriching to see the concepts that we learn about in lessons come to life and actually be used in practice.

We would love to go again!

Guste and Jenny - Year 13 Sociologists

## Discover Risk Workshop – CII

Jo Richardson Sixth Form had the opportunity to take part in a Game of Risk produced by the Chartered Institute of Insurers.

We were fortunate enough to have some on hand experience with Aimee Jarrold, from Swiss Re Insurers leading the second and third sessions supported by her colleagues Fiona Halliday, Holly Richardson, Robert Van Haaren, all from Swiss Re and Courtney Varney from Ensurance.

The Year 12 Sixth Formers made the most of their opportunities, having on tap experience and understanding of the insurance industry.

The students were split into teams, over three sessions, and had to decide on the risk and impact of certain events within real life scenarios.

Each scenario mirrored events that have taken place in the world and produced some thought provoking discussion.

Students began to realise that in the world of insurance all areas have to be thought of and covered!! Would anyone have thought about the possibility of a film crew breaking both 3D cameras whilst filming to a tight 12 week schedule - what impact might that have? Who could imagine a popstar slapping an interviewer around the face – how would that affect their image, reputation and record sales? A vegan superstar snapped by the paparazzi eating a burger?

Aimee outlined the variety of options for students in the world of insurance and got some of them to ponder a career down that path. She also provided insight as to how some of the scenarios actually had a bigger impact on events than students first assumed.

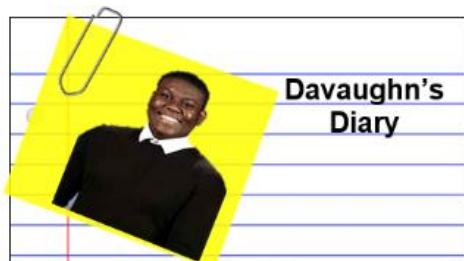
It was a good exercise in reading the clues carefully and picking out the key words that signposted the likeliness and impact.

All session winners, and several other teams scored over 100 points. All teams were getting high marks in the latter rounds, apart from a couple of slips, showing that their understanding of Risk had increased. The competitive nature of business also came out as the overall scores were being amassed round by round!

Many thanks to the CII, for providing the resources, Swiss Re & Ensurance for their time and expertise and Year 12 for their contribution to a fun learning activity.

Miss Campbell  
Deputy Director of Sixth Form





A welcome back to one of our teachers: some of you may not know, but Miss Meehan has previously been one of Jo Richardson's ex-students. In fact, there are teachers who joined us who are also ex-students, and this led me to ask the question "why?". Miss Meehan answered that she came back to this school because she "believes that she owes her success to the teachers that taught and cared for her and education". It may sound cliché, but "wanting to become a

teacher from a very young age meant that she would try to picture herself in the profession at times" and every time she "could imagine myself in JRCS doing the job that I do now". That goes to show what a wonderful school Jo Richardson is, and the new teachers who were attracted to this school from previous schools is testament to that. It provides such a plethora of "experiences and cultural capital", with the staff in the school "genuinely really caring about the students, their education and well-being. There are so many opportunities for the students to grow intellectually and emotionally too, which isn't actually too common in inner London schools". These kind words could not reveal anything truer, compared to some other schools in London.

When asked what the most frustrating thing about teaching is, not having enough time to devote oneself into everything we like because of the lack of time to do so. Most of her students know this, but Miss Meehan really has terrible hearing

Aside from that, she wishes to be "named the best teacher with the best hair" (because she's super proud of it). In the future she'd love for the debate club that her and Mr. Watts run, to be successful and to hold competitions and events.

Welcome back!

Davaughn Year 13

## SMSC Religious Studies

### RS Competition

KS3 students were given an opportunity to take part in a competition with the winners going forward to a national competition. They were asked to think about three different topics.

- 1) Where is God?
- 2) Picturing Faith
- 3) Inspiring!

The competition asks them to engage with lots of parts of the Jo Richardson school life including ACHIEVE, the 5Rs and Growth Mindset. There have been some incredible entries and I look forward to sharing them with you next time.

### Faith and Belief Forum

In October, some KS3 classes welcomed guests from the Faith and Belief Forum into their lessons. They listened to a range of speakers from different faiths as well as speakers with no faith. At the end of the talks students were able to ask questions and I was extremely impressed with how they listened to the speakers but also how they asked inquisitive, respectful and well-thought out questions. All classes involved were a real credit to the school and themselves.

Mr Kendall  
Head of RS

**PRIZES!!!!**  
1) €25 book voucher + lucky dip  
2) €15 book voucher + lucky dip  
3) €10 book voucher + lucky dip  
The top 10 entries will all receive LOC's.

**WINTER RS COMPETITION 2019**  
Closing Date; Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Where is God?**  
Athletes, agnostics and believers in God can all respond to this. Where's God? In your heart, in prayer, in the temple or the universe? Or is he hiding? Is he not there at all? How are we doing in finding God? Would your search with google or a 'goddetector' find God on Instagram or WhatsApp? Can God be found by prayer or by looking among the world's suffering people? Produce a piece of creative work that answers this question.

**Picturing Faith**  
Pupils are invited to select up to 4 photographs from a visit to a place of worship or another trip connected to RE – preferably those taken by themselves, and give a brief commentary on the pictures to say what was great and what they learned from their visit. Comments about the emotions and the purpose of the place, not just 'labels and captions' are best.

**Inspiring!**  
What inspires you? A song? A quote? Another person's life? A place? Religion often provides inspiration to live. Sometimes an inspirational life, a person's example, a text or a piece of music develops our inspiration. In this theme, you are invited to identify what inspires you from anything. Music, sport, religion – it doesn't have to be your own faith, as inspiration tends to spill over the edges of religions.

**RESPONSIBILITY**    **RESILIENCE**  
**RESPECT**    **RESOURCEFULNESS**    **REFLECTION**



# SMSC D of E

## Silver and Gold D of E Summer Success

In the first two weeks of the Summer term, two groups of students from last year's Year 11 and 12 worked very hard to complete the expedition section of their Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards. The first group to complete their expedition were the Year 11 Silver group, who took on the challenge of a three day trek across the South Downs, undertaking a practice expedition on 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July, and then completing their qualifying expedition on 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July. This group were Shanise, Luke and Ire. They were also joined by Alperen who was able to come along and make up the numbers and gain some valuable experience. Mr Hargreaves helped to supervise on the practice expedition and Mr Kilminster helped with supervising the group and also acted as the group's assessor.



The Year 12 Gold group completed a four day canoeing expedition on the River Wye, leaving the town of Hay-on Wye on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July and ending up at Symonds Yat on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July. This group were Alperen, Daniel, Nathan, Lauren, Emma, Yewande and Emily. Terry Dignam helped with supervising this group and Justin Bradley of Trewern acted as their assessor.



Congratulations to both groups on their brilliant success and all the hard work organisation and planning that they put into their expeditions. A huge thank you also to the staff who supervised and assessed both groups.

Ms Montague  
D of E Manager

# SMSC Drama

## Curious Incident of the Dog in The Night time- National Theatre School's Tour



On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November the Drama Department organised for this production to be brought to our school. GCSE and A level drama students, Psychology A Level and HSC Ctec students and students from our ARP also attended. The play was extremely well received by all students.

Miss Cook  
Head of Drama



# SMSC Science

## Exploration into the University of Cambridge

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 24 students had the opportunity to look around the University of Cambridge. The trip was mainly focussed on the Faculty of Physics at Gonville and Caius located at the heart of Cambridge. The first event that we attended was a Q&A session with a Psychology student. She told us what it was like being a student at Cambridge and about the accommodation and services provided to undergraduate students. We were also told about the grade requirements, application process and work ethic needed in order to apply for the University of Cambridge.



After the Q&A session we had a tour of the Gonville & Caius College, which is one of 31 colleges in Cambridge University. We were lucky enough to be taken around the campus and feel the experience of living at Caius which is a calm and quiet place which has many places to study, for example the Gonville and Caius library, which has 100 working spaces and around 60,000 volumes of books and journals. There are also many social spaces to relax and good sports facilities.

In the afternoon we took part in 8 activities in the Physics Department at the Cavendish laboratories, the medical Mavericks, where students got to see and use some of the equipment including ultrasound probes and key hole surgery equipment. We also took part in the AWE session, which taught the students about states of matter, in particular plasma, and they discussed their role in developing nuclear weapons for the army.

By Aylin, Cole and Sorna.

## Faraday Science Challenge Day



On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 36 students from Year 8 took part in the Faraday Challenge run by the Institute of Engineering and Technology. On the day students were introduced to a challenge which tested their teamwork and communication skills, as well as (STEM) Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths knowledge and problem solving. Students worked in teams of six throughout the day and were scored on various tasks and towards the end of the day student had to present their ideas and solutions. The winning team has been entered into the regional leader board and if they remain near the top they may be invited to the regional finals. They have also been invited to the Young Engineers Festival next summer. Well done to all students who took part, you all worked amazingly well and you will all be receiving certificate from the IET.

Particularly well done to the wining team Thomas, Oliver, Casey, Hisham, Aleksandar and Alfie.

Mrs Brook  
Science Department

# SMSC PE

## Under 14 Girls Football

Congratulations to the under 14 girls football team (pictured on the front page) who got off to a winning start by beating Walthamstow Academy 3-0 on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October with goals from Ebony and Grace.

'Woman of the match' goes to Deborah for unbelievable determination throughout the game.

Well done!

Miss Pridie  
Acting Head of Year



## Netball News

Congratulations to the Year 9 girls netball squad getting off to a winning start to their netball season on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. They played a very talented and established Barking Abbey side. In the first two quarters we saw fantastic shooting and game play from Lola and Koryn which put us into a 6-3 lead.

In the final two quarters we had great team work within the defence (Tekairah, Margaret and Victory) which only allowed Barking Abbeys shooters to score 2 goals.

The final score was 13-5. 'Woman of the match' goes to Soraya.

Well done girls!

Miss Pridie  
PE Department

## Year 7 Football

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October the Year 7 football team played their first competitive match in the Essex Cup 1<sup>st</sup> round against Ockendon Academy. The boys played well considering it was their first game together and they managed to win the game 3-2 after extra-time, thanks to a hat-trick from Kenzie. All of the boys should be very pleased with this result and look forward to playing in the next round.

Sion, Harry, Barimeh, Craig, Kenzie, Frankie, Jack, Daone, Brad, Caleb, Ayden and Melchi.

Mr Howard  
Head of PE

## RugbyX Competition

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October the Year 11 boys of our Dallaglio Rugby Works programme took part in the initial RugbyX competition at the O2 Arena.



RugbyX is a new, unique concept 5-a-side competition that is fast paced and played on a half size pitch, this inaugural event being held at such an iconic venue. It was televised live on ITV4 that night.

Playing in front of a large crowd that was arriving for the Main International event, which was growing larger by the minute, did not daunt them. Ten schools and educational establishments took part and there were three matches each. All of our lads, to their credit, took the opportunity to play an extra game as part of a Barbarians team (mixed with other schools) that was set up.

We won two matches and unluckily drew the third. This meant that we were runners up and missed out on the main trophy by just one point!

Accompanied by Mr Kersey and Mr Richards, all the boys who took part deserve full praise for the way they conducted themselves throughout the day, the skill and intensity they played with and the respect they gave to the officials and our host the Dallaglio Foundation.

Congratulations to Mike, Posi, Jack, Gabriel, Alfie, George, Tyresse and Paulo.

Mr Kersey  
Pastoral Support Assistant

## Netball News

On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October the Year 9 Netball team took on Robert Clack A team. This fixture is always heavily contested. JRCS made a great start by getting three early goals, however Robert Clack continued to pile on the pressure. Jamilah, Victory and Tekirah worked tremendously hard to break down Robert Clack's attackers. The end result saw JRCS beat Robert clack by 9 goals to 6. Player of the Match goes to Margaret for fantastic determination throughout the game. The Year 9s' next game is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November against Eastbury.

Good Luck.

Miss Pridie  
PE Department

## Girls' Football Success

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October the Year 7 girls' football team took on their first fixture against the Year 6 district side. This fixture is always a tough fixture.

The game got off to a fantastic start by Robyn scoring a debut goal. The girls played brilliantly together and managed a 2-2 draw. Woman of the Match goes to Robyn (Year 7). The Year 7s' next fixture is against Sydney Russell in two weeks' time.



On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October the under 14 girls took on a newly established Eastbrook team. The girls have been on superb form recently and have been training hard together. The girls managed to keep their unbeaten streak going by winning 2-1. Goals from Lola (Year 9) and Ebony (Year 9). Woman of the Match goes to Alice (Year 9).

Girls' football training continues on Wednesday (2-3pm) and Thursday (3.15-4.15pm).

Miss Pridie  
PE Department

## JRCS Host Panathlon Trials

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November the Year 10 Sports Leaders took pride in hosting the Borough Panathlon trials here in our Sports Hall. We were visited by Eastbrook, Sydney Russell, Trinity, Riverside Bridge, Robert Clack and Trinity Schools, and the following students from JRCS took part:

Ryan, Nathasha, Oliver, Phoebe, Joseph, Matt, Porscha and Aiyana. The students were very well behaved and enjoyed having a go at all the various Panathlon activities which included Boccia, New Age Kurling, Table Cricket, Poly-bat, Precision Bean-bag, Standing Long-jump, Foam javelin and running races.

Thanks to the excellent organisation of the Sports Leaders the event ran very smoothly indeed and they are to be congratulated on their excellent leadership throughout the event. They were: Asiya, Alba, Goda, Madona, Oktawia, Noorjahan, Victoria F, Victoria D, Ramona, Maddie and Victor. Thanks also to Mrs Burgess from the School Sports Partnership who organised the event, and to Mr Coupland for training the Sports Leaders.



We look forward with anticipation to the release of the team sheet later this term to find out which students will be representing the Borough in the East London Panathlon Competition which begins in January 2020.

Ms Montague  
Teacher in SDD

### **Netball News**

Congratulations to the Year 7, 8 and 9 girls netball teams who took on Goresbrook School last Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November. The girls have been training incredibly hard over the past two weeks in preparation. All girls demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship throughout and some great netball was played. The results were as follows:

Year 7s won 9-5. Player of the Match goes to Fisayoi.

Year 8s lost 13-8. Player of the Match goes to Chanise.

Year 9s won 12-9. Player of the Match goes to Elizabeth.

Well done to all of the girls!

Miss Pridie & Miss Jones  
PE Department

### **Under 13s Girls Football - Sydney Russell**

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November the under 13s girls football team took on a very talented Sydney Russell team in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the Essex cup. JRCS got off to a difficult start by going 2-0 down inside the first 10 minutes. However, the girls fought back by Ella (Year 8) playing a perfectly timed pass to Adriana (Year 7) for her to get her first goal for JRCS. The girls confidence grew and Aimee (Year 8) managed to score a fantastic volley from a corner. In the second half the girls carried on playing some fantastic football but unfortunately lost 3-2. Player of the Match goes to Ella (Year 8).

### **Under 14s Girls Football - William Edwards**

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December the under 14s girls football team travelled away to Williams Edwards School in Grays. Once again, like the under 13 girls on Thursday, JRCS found themselves 1-0 down in the opening minutes. However, as a team they managed to redeem themselves and score a goal near half time. Goal scored by Lola (Year 9) which is her 3<sup>rd</sup> goal in three games. With the girls battling against a very fit side and the light William Edwards scored in the final stages of the game and therefore the game ended up 2-1 to William Edwards School. Player of the Match goes to Lola (Year 9).

For any girls interested in joining, training is on Wednesday 2pm-3pm with Mr Richards and Thursdays 3.05pm-4.05pm with Miss Pridie.

### **Year 9 Netball News - Eastbury**

On Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> December the Year 9 netball team looked to extend their unbeaten run to four in a row by taking on Eastbury. Due to injuries and illness the Year 9s had to play with the bare seven. The girls showed fantastic composure at times with great defending from Victory, Jamilah and Tekairah. Additionally, there was very accurate shooting from Lola and Soraya too. The game unfortunately ended up in a loss for JRCS (9-7). However, player of the match goes to Margaret. The next Year 9 game is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> to Riverside School. Good luck girls.

Miss Pridie  
PE Department

### **JRCS Cheerleaders**

Congratulations to the Cheerleading Team who won Gold at the Cheer Competition held at the Excel Centre. The girls have been training very hard since the beginning of term, and all of their hard work has paid off by winning a trophy for the school.

Well done girls!!!

Miss Jones  
PE Department



# SMSC OSHL

## Annual JRCS Clubs Fair 2019

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October the school held its annual Clubs Fair from 12:30 – 2pm in Boothroyd Hall. This gave students the opportunity to come and find out about all of the exciting clubs and extra-curricular opportunities that are available at JRCS. Stalls were set up about the new JRCS Pride Club (organised by Ms Harland) and the new Science Club (organised by Ms Ali). Staff and students were also on hand from the Maths Department and students were able to sample activities on offer at the Maths Puzzle Club and Times Tables Rockstars Club. Other stalls advertised the Cooking and Cake Club, Boxing Club, Panathlon Club, Textiles Club and a huge variety of PE Clubs.



Thanks very much indeed to all the staff who, as well as running the clubs, took time out of their lunch hour to talk to students about these great activities, they were: Ms Mir, Ms Moody, Ms Colbourne, Miss Pridie, Ms Robinson, Mr Toyuab, Mr Hession, Ms Ali, Mr Hargreaves and Ms Hunt. Thanks also to all the students who took an interest and came along to the fair. I really hope you were all inspired to join one or two of the regular activities on offer. If you do there could well be an LOC in it for you as you will be 'Engaging in Opportunities', and certainly 'Committing to your Learning'.

Ms Montague  
OSHL Co-ordinator

# SMSC Business

## Business Trip

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, the Business Department organised an incredibly enriching trip to an internationally recognised firm; Clifford Chance. A group of Year 11 students, who currently study GCSE Business were able to travel to London's heart of finance, Canary Wharf.



Upon arrival, we were greeted by the tranquil atmosphere. At first we were taken to one of the conference rooms, where the enrichment activities would take place. However, many students said their favourite part was the guided tour of the firm. Specifically finding out that the firm has a pool, gym, an extensive restaurant and bar area, and other cool features for those who work long hours.

We learnt about the different sectors at Clifford Chance; from Capital Markets to general finance. We also had the fantastic opportunity of talking to some solicitors, who were able to give us valuable advice, and a genuine insight into their job. Ironically, the most comforting thing to know was that most of them didn't know exactly who they wanted to be when they were our age. Learning that most simply did the EPQ, assured us that we still have plenty of time to choose our paths. We were also able to bombard them with questions about how they got to where they are, which also helped us to consider the skills needed to be successful.

Overall, the organised trip was of great value, not only did we learn, but we thought and engaged a lot throughout. Thank you to the Business Department for organising this trip, and many thanks to Clifford Chance for having us!

Pictured above are all the students involved:

Miss Abdalla, Devika, Elizabeth, Lilijana, Demi, Beatriz, Kwame, Daniel, Rebecca, Rodrigo, Leonardo, Oluomachi, Jessica, Joel, Tawanchai, Demi, Farid, Michael, Elliot, Billy, Leonard, Mr Richards, Zaynab and Miss Ryzak.

By Jessica Year 11 & Miss Abdalla Teacher of Business

## SMSC Music

### Music News

JRCS students from years 7 - 13 have shown promise in Music this half term and it has been a pleasure to see the talent and determination of our instrumentalists, composers and technicians. The school choir are working hard to prepare for the Jack Petchey Perfect Pitch competition, with the finals taking place in January 2020. Good luck to all involved!

Our vocalists have led the charge this half term with performances in assembly from the Year 10 vocal trio, Sulaiman, Venessa and Nancie, and a special performance by Armonia, of Stevie Wonder's 'Isn't She Lovely' for Black History Month.

Music Theory Club began this week for all students who would like to develop their knowledge of music theory up to grade 5. The club runs from 3:10pm – 4:00pm every Tuesday in Room MU2.

Several Year 7 students have signed up for instrumental lessons and extra-curricular clubs and it was great to see Ethan joining in with older students as a new drummer in the school's Jazz Band.

Remember that you can sign up to be added to the waiting list for Instrumental Lessons by seeing any of the staff in the Music Department.

Miss Hurst  
Head of Music



## Music News

The past term's work has seen students continuing to develop their performance and compositional skills from Years 7 through to 13. Year 11 GCSE Music students continue to prepare for their solo and ensemble performance recordings which will take place in January 2020, and we have enjoyed another fantastic assembly vocal performance of Des'ree's 1994 hit single, You Gotta Be, presented by Sulaiman, Nancie and Venessa. Filip also gave an excellent performance of Beethoven's piano solo, Fur Elise.



20 JRCS Choir members participated enthusiastically in their acapella vocal workshop led by the VCM Foundation's Victoria, on behalf of Jack Petchey. Students will perform in the regional final of the Jack Petchey Pitch Perfect competition, in January at The Broadway Theatre, Barking.

It was great to see Jonjoe performing at the beautiful LSO St. Luke's venue in Old Street at the weekend. Jonjoe performed as part of the London Symphony Orchestra and Barking and Dagenham collaborative inclusion project. All of the performances on the evening followed the theme of 'Time' and Jonjoe's ensemble performed original compositions, as well as favourites Havana, and We Will Rock You, with its driving rhythmic pattern performed by the audience.

On Tuesday the Music Department hosted the first Recital Evening of the year. Outstanding performances were given by the participants, and we are thankful to all of our instrumental and vocal teaching staff for preparing the students so well. Special thanks to Mr Barquilla for his inspirational guitar solo in the new Jazz Band's debut performance, to Mr Jenner for accompanying students at the event, to Miss Ford for her support in preparing for the event, and to all JRCS staff, parents and friends who supported us on the day.

Miss Hurst  
Head of Music



# SMSC Food & Catering

## Cooking Club

In November we had our first cooking night where the students cooked some great brownies. They have shown a great deal of commitment to the club, comprising a mixture of 7, 8, 9 and Year 10 D of E students. Well done on your work and great success. I would like to thank Ms Deboo and Ms Moffatt for their support.

Well done all.

Mr Hargreaves  
Food and Catering



## Victory Services Club Visit



The Year 11 Hospitality and Catering level 1/2 had an amazing trip on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November to Oxford Street London. They had the opportunity to visit to the great food hall at Selfridges to see and sample the goods. It was an area of outstanding quality to show our students how to present food and to see how it was prepared. Then we went on to the Victory Services Club in Marble Arch where we met up with Mark Field, the Operations Director, who gave the students a brief but detailed talk on how the hotel and restaurant works. The students were very interested in how the systems worked and asked a great deal of questions about the history and why it was set up.

Our students had the pleasure of seeing how a fully functional kitchen works and they met up with Paul Maddock, the Executive Chef, who has a great deal of experience of working in a very busy kitchen that caters for over 600 people on a weekly service. I was so pleased with how the students both interacted with Paul and had shown great interest in the functions of the kitchen. Then we sat down to a three course lunch that was prepared by Paul's team which was outstanding. Again, the students saw how a fine dining restaurant works and see how the front of house system works.

I would like to thank Ms Buonaiuto for her support and help with the preparation of this trip and for supporting me with my Hospitality and Catering students. I was so proud of my students for setting a very high standard in representing our school. I know you had a great day as you all had good smiles upon your faces!

Mr Hargreaves  
Food & Catering

# SMSC Student Voice

## JRCS Pride and Allies

JRCS Pride and Allies have entered the Educate and Celebrate annual bake off competition. They spent a session decorating this masterpiece, representing the theme "Change Starts With Us". You can see homophobes being squashed by the celebratory cake.

Now we need your help! Voting has begun for the best cake and we need all the votes we can get! Please click on: <https://poll.app.do/edu-cake-celebrate-great-rainbow-bake-off-2019/QXptIh5F> or scan the URL code to vote for the JRCS Cake:

Nifemi said "Remember, be happy. Whatever you feel and whoever you love, you should be happy."

Majid said "I had fun making the cake and I did it because I want to tell people that it is fine being LGBT and just because you support LGBT doesn't mean you are gay."

Eva said "Change starts with us! We have to be strong and stand up for what is right."

Noor said "When you are not homophobic, you get delicious cake".

Jo Richardson celebrates and supports all students, however they choose to identify. The Pride group was formed to help support students struggling with their identity but also to normalise and celebrate the LGBT+ community.

Ms Harland said "JRCS Pride and Allies is a lovely community and growing stronger each day. We want a safe and inviting space for people to come without fear or judgement."

JRCS Pride and Allies are also looking for role models from KS4 and 5 to join the group - MS2, Wednesdays, 1:30pm.

Thank you for all your support of the LGBT+ community at JRCS.

Ms Harland  
Head of Media Studies



# JRCS Dance

## JRCS Dance notices

JRCS Dance started the academic year with auditions for Wings Dance Academy where we welcomed four new members - Rebeca, Harpreet, Tayte and Elvinas. Congratulations! The next set of auditions will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 (ask Miss England for details).

Wings Dancers have performed in a few assemblies already this year including a choreography based on raising awareness for Mental Health week. The dancers performed beautifully and are experimenting with several styles whilst preparing for a show in Brighton this coming January and pieces for the Christmas show next week.

A group of KS3 students were chosen to attend a Dance Careers Day trip last month hosted by Laban and Trinity Centres for advanced dance training. Students were able to take part in technical workshops and learn about the array of jobs that dance can lead to.

Every Thursday we have Hip Hop Dance Classes held by Nathan, an experienced professional Hip Hop teacher and performer. The students have worked tremendously hard and developed in their focus, skill and technique over just a few weeks.

The GCSE Dance students attended a day of workshops with Boy Blue Dance Company and James Cousins Dance Company at The Laban Centre in Greenwich recently. The students were lucky enough to learn straight from the company's professional dancers while working in the outstanding space that is Laban.

To keep up to date with JRCS Dance news follow: [https://twitter.com/jrcs\\_dance](https://twitter.com/jrcs_dance)

Miss England  
Head of Dance

