



SMSC “Matters”

Summer 2021

SMSC General

Pearson Silver Success



Mr Smith receiving the Pearson Silver Award for Lifetime Achievement presented by Sharon Hague Senior Vice President at Pearson

On Wednesday 23rd June our wonderful staff at JRCS celebrated National ‘Thank a Teacher’ day, which is dedicated to recognising the hard work and effort provided by educators and support staff.

Our incredible Year 12 BTEC Business students, along with our talented Business Department led by Miss Wright, hosted our very own afternoon tea awards ceremony, an event which honoured our staff and their efforts during one of the most challenging years. Students shared thoughtful comments of commendation via postcards with staff and thanked them for going the extra mile.

Alongside this, the school was joined by the BBC to showcase and commend our Headteacher, Mr Smith, for his dedicated service in education. Selected from thousands of nominations, Mr Smith has been chosen as one of 102 Pearson National Teaching Silver Award winners across the country. Mr Smith was honoured with a Silver Award in The Award for Lifetime Achievement for his outstanding commitment to changing the lives of the children he has worked with over the past 38 years.

The Silver Award winners are being honoured as part of the wider celebrations for 'Thank a Teacher Day', a national campaign to honour and recognise school staff for their incredible work. Mr Smith has now been shortlisted to win one of just 15 Gold Awards later in the year, in a programme which will be broadcast on the BBC. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the exceptional school staff who have worked wonders during an incredibly challenging time for educators across the country.

I am sure you will join us in wishing Mr Smith the best of luck and thank him again for his contribution to the school and wider community.



Mr Smith with Mr Buck and the class of 2002



Boothroyd Hall preparation



Gold Seagull Winners

Congratulations to the following Gold Seagull winners:

Year 7: Imran, Ruby-Rose, Benedicte, Rhemson, Alexander, Jack, Erin, Mariam, Alessandra, Mahin, Luke, Sophie, Scarlett, Lary. Scarlett, Stefani, Gabriella, Sallyann and Adrian.

Year 8: Amy, Eva, Karina, Irina, Chloe, Faith, Simona, Brandon, Nijel, Rougui, Patricia, Debra, Shain and Vesa.

Year 9: Jaime, Nathan, Daniels, Zubin, Brandon, Adaora, Esther, Ermal, Theo, Rayyan, Clayton, Georgiette, Robert, Morgan, Kayley, Nojus, Darius, Maria, Imran, Amy, Hephzibah, Katelyn, Summer, Precious, Ruby, Aimee, Maya, Kyle and Chelsea.

Year 10: Kira, Mahhum, Lola, Marvin, Eila, Ryan, Lucy, Christina and Julia.

Year 11: Luisa, Chelsea, Rachel and Nancie.

Year 12: Rebecca, Temitope, Annabelle and Rodrigo.

Special Congratulations to our Double Gold Seagull winners:

Year 7: Vasilena, Fareedat, Jannah, Wania, Leonie, Armaan, Anacleto, Ife, Valentina and Zoha.

Year 8: Orestas, Ebony, Ronni, Irina, Denisa, Harpreet, Tasha, Titilopemi, Abir, Lacie, Holly, Jing-Yi, Ronni and Honeymae.

Year 9: Katelyn

Super Special Congratulations to our Triple Gold Seagull winners:

Year 7: Valentina

Year 8: Keyra

West Ham Foundation

We have been extremely fortunate to work with the West Ham Football Foundation this academic year and have been able to provide some fantastic opportunities to students across all year groups.



Easter Football club

Well done to the students across Year 7 – Year 10 who attended the West Ham Easter football programme. Students participated in daily football sessions across the week and had the opportunity to meet and play football with Carlton Cole, an ex-player for England and West Ham. The coaches were impressed with the attitudes and enthusiasm from our students and we look forward to many more opportunities to come!

Jesse Lingard - player appearance

Robert (Year 7), Sebastian (Year 11), Destiny (Year 10), Kenzie (Year 8), Harrison (Year 8), Connor (Year 9), Harley (Year 8) and Jayme (Year 9) had the fantastic opportunity to participate in a virtual chat with the West Ham and England footballer, Jesse Lingard, this week. Jesse joined us via Zoom and the students were able to ask a question relating to his football career, top tips on motivation and the key to his success. Jesse spoke personally with the students and it was a brilliant session for all involved!



Miss Simpson
Assistant Headteacher

5k for 50 Days

As part of a fundraising activity a friend of Miss Draisey decided to run 5k every day for 50 days. The aim was to raise as much money as possible to buy football boots to support anyone in London who may benefit from them. Finley completed his 5k every day in the rain, sun and freezing temperatures throughout April and raised over £2000.



Alongside this, he made a great partnership with Mad About Boots who then also agreed to donate boots to the cause.

As a result of his outstanding efforts, JRCS are now the proud owners of 13 brand new/barely worn football boots, some of which have been worn by players playing professionally in the Championship!

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank Finley for his efforts in fundraising and delivering so many pairs of boots for us here at JRCS, the boots are now with our Wings Football Academy (Mr Richards & Mr Kersey) and will soon be on the feet of an outstanding player near you!

Miss Draisey
Head of Year 11

Year 7 Jack Petchey Winners



Huge congratulations to our Year 7 Jack Petchey Winners: Wania, JJ and Anacleto are all deserving winners of this award and should be very proud of these accomplishments so early on in their school career!



Miss Deboo
Jack Petchey Co-ordinator

Well done girls!

Year 7 girls Friendship group made desk tidies by recycling old coffee pots and an assortment of jars etc. Great fun was had by all.

Mrs Falzon
LSU Manager.



Wellbeing @ JRCS

As a way to mark 'Thank a Teacher Day' (23rd June) we officially opened the Wellbeing Garden on 14th June. In a small ceremony on Monday our Student Voice teams, Head Girl, myself and Mr Smith all gathered to share appreciation for teachers at JRCS and recognise the important of positive wellbeing in teaching and learning.



Wellbeing has long been a priority at JRCS and as we have navigated the challenges of the past year or so, we have come to learn that we need to work on this a little more to help with our collective recovery. What we have learnt is that we need space; space to be alone and space to be together. Importantly, that space needs to be fit for purpose and designed with our school community in mind.

In 2019, we opened the Wellbeing Room which is now used frequently for school counselling sessions and 1:1 meetings with those who need the calming lights, chalkboard wall to write on and mindful activities to get into the right head space to learn. But, whilst this is an excellent space for most students, for some, this still feels too restrictive as it is a room. Therefore, we set about creating a wellbeing garden designed to bring the benefits of designated space to the outdoor environment for all students to enjoy.

The garden is complete with lights, greenery, summer flowers, a water feature and a brand new mural that was commissioned as a tribute to Mr Smith who retires at the end of this academic year (pictured below). We are extremely proud of our garden and all that it stands for and we know that our students will treat the space with utmost respect so that we can all enjoy its value for years to come. We hope that we can welcome you all to Open Evenings and Progress Evenings soon to see it for yourselves.



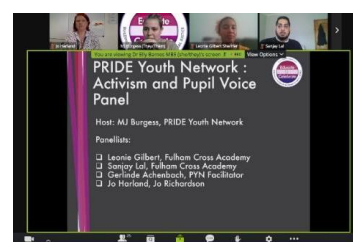
Additionally, keep an eye on the school website as we will also be launching a 'Wellbeing Hub' there to ensure all members of our JRCS community can live well together.

Miss Draisey

Head of Year 11 & JRCS Mental Health Lead

JRCS Pride and Allies

On Wednesday 30th June, Ms Harland joined a panel of teachers and Headteachers who have set up Pride Youth Network groups in schools. She spoke about the similarities and differences between starting a Pride group at an independent college and a state school, the benefits of having a Pride group at school and the value it brings to the students and staff. Ms Harland also gave advice to other students and teachers around the country on starting their own Pride groups. The Pride Youth Network is a branch of Educate & Celebrate, a charity who help schools normalise LGBT+ supportive curriculums. Ms Harland praised Mr Hinchcliffe and the History Department for their excellent resources created for LGBT+ History Month and Pride Month. The annual conference had speakers from primary and secondary schools across the country and a very interesting and enlightening discussion of trans awareness in sports. JRCS Pride and Allies is online because of Covid restrictions. If any student wishes to join, please email or come to see Ms Harland. JRCS is, and always will be, an inclusive school.



Jack Petchey Award Winners

Huge congratulations to our Sixth Form Jack Petchey winners, Abu, Molly and Matthew and our Year 8 winners Simona and Michael. They should be very proud of their achievements as they are very deserving winners!



Miss Deboo
Jack Petchey Co-ordinator

SMSC Year 8

Year 8 Celebration Breakfast



On the last Thursday before half term, Year 8 had their first celebration breakfast. The breakfast was to celebrate the students who have made a positive impact to the year group since returning from lockdown 3. The students were selected by the year team and a great time was had by all. Reasons for students being invited to the celebration breakfast included being kind and helpful, made a positive change in a subject and displayed a great strength in one of the Character is Key characteristics (Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, Reflection & Resourcefulness)

Not only were the 30 students treated to a breakfast, they then had the opportunity to relax and play table tennis with their peers. The atmosphere in the Sports Hall was fantastic and it was a pleasure to spend the morning celebrating these students. I look forward to the next one.

Miss Emeny
Head of Year 8

Year 8 Tutor Time

8J are doing presentations at the moment once a week in tutor time with the student they sit next to in the seating plan.

Here are the mighty Enoha and Bayley, with a presentation of Enoha's Rubik's Pyramid completed in 27.17 seconds.

That's got to be some sort of world record for his age! Wonderful and highly entertaining, and he did it twice. Phenomenal!

Miss Hurst
8J Tutor



Thank you for the fantastic masks!

8C have created some fantastic Elizabethan masks to collaborate with their learning of William Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing. Mrs Way will be using these for her Shakespeare display boards. Fantastic effort. I will make sure you all receive credits for your hard work.

Mrs Way
English Department



Blue Peter Badge

In nearly 20 years of working at JRCS I think that this is the first ever occasion when a student has won a Blue Peter Badge. I want to congratulate Barimah in Year 8 on his fantastic poem and I look forward to seeing his badge as soon as he receives it.

Sitting by the Parakeets

By Barimah Year 8

'Twas a cool summer afternoon
I was sat at the hedges
With the cherry blossoms that, with grace bloomed
And marvelled at its ledges

And a visitor arrived;
To a flying ambassador it cites,
The Ringneck glides
In terrific flight,
And on the tree abides.

And the visitor salutes,
With the most prestige coating of green;
And a beak, the complexion of vivid maple,
The sun enhancing its regal sheen
And as it stands, it holds the prize, of a plum branch
Stationed gently in its cradle.

He bowed his head low
As if to pay homage,
And its feet stood firm like stucco

Realising that his time has come
The branch it rested on, he plumbed
And glided off the tree,
The ringneck flocked with dozens;
And flew into the distance.



SMSC Year 11

Listen to the stories. Learn the principle. Spread the word.

With the recent events in relation to Sarah Everard, there have been conversations concerning sexual assault all over social media. Many students within the JRCS community have been a part of this conversation. This could be due to personal experience or general concern. We believe it's essential that communities don't shy away from it as silence acts as part of the problem.

During the last two weeks of last term, we were going into all year group assemblies to spread awareness and educate those around us on what sexual assault is and its impact, in order to help nurture a mindset that has zero tolerance for it. Sexual assault is defined as unwanted sexual contact or actions taken without consent. We are all maturing and learning as we grow so we need to acknowledge people's boundaries and learn to respect them instead of making it a joke. As a community, it is important that we stand up for one another and offer help when issues like this arise; we should never normalise inappropriate behaviour and mindset as this can promote serious psychological problems in the future.

Let us be the generation who stops the normalisation of sexual harassment and assault.

Rachel and Zydrune - Year 11

Saying goodbye to Year 11 and hello to new beginnings



On Monday 7th June it was time to say our final farewell to the best year group (no bias from me at all!). They came in, signed shirts, enjoyed a wonderful celebration assembly, and released eco-friendly balloons into the atmosphere to signify the end of KS4 at JRCS. During the assembly we heard from Mr Smith who commended the year group on their resilience to complete their GCSEs amid the pandemic and their humility. Our Head Girl Rachel and Head Boy John also spoke fondly of the year group and how they had become a large bubble of support for one another throughout their time here.

As you will know, we have had to cancel our Year 11 prom, which is such a shame, they really deserved a prom. However, I am really grateful that we got to spend the 7th June together celebrating. Now, we look to the future! Here are a few important notices for Year 11:

Sixth Form transition work – All Year 11 students are now part of a new Microsoft Team entitled 'JRCS Year 11 Transition'. Here they can find taster work for each subject. I encourage all students intending to study at JRCS to have a look at the work for their chosen subjects so that they can get a good notion of what the subject is about.

Prom Awards – Just because we do not have a prom, it doesn't mean we can't still celebrate those whom we had planned to. If you are a Year 11 student, please check your emails to vote.

Yearbook – We will still be having a yearbook, so please pay your full amounts as soon as possible. I am still waiting for several of you to send me an appropriate quote to include under your name. See the Year 11 weekly bulletin for the link.

Personal information – As a way of keeping in touch with Year 11 when they leave, we need personal email addresses and phone numbers. Again, please check the link in my emails to Year 11 to provide this information.

Finally, please ensure that if you are in Year 11 you are checking your emails regularly, this is the way that we will contact you about results/Sixth Form and more.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on the 12th August to collect your results!

Work Hard. Be Nice. Take Opportunities.

Miss Draisey
Head of Year 11

100% Attendance since Year 7

As the year ends it is time to celebrate the excellence of our Year 11 students who managed to maintain 100% attendance throughout their JRCS careers.

Here are some photos of them collecting their certificates and their reward of **£100**. What an incredible commitment to learning.

See below for the full list:

Callie, Matilda, Doris, Donte, Elias, Sulaiman, Melani, Stevie, Chelsea, Philip, Jeremy, Justina, Arthur, Rhianna, Aaliyah, Charlie and Lewis.

A huge well done to these fantastic students, we hope you have a brilliant Summer and get to treat yourself with your cash!

Miss Draisey
Head of Year 11



SMSC PDE/Citizenship

Well done Sadie!



In PDE Year 7 we were given an extended homework task which focussed on smoking –

the students were required to create an anti-smoking poster/advert, which educates young people about the dangers of smoking. The students also had to identify the potential health, social and economic impacts of smoking, suggest ways of resisting the pressure to start smoking, outline the reasons why young people may start smoking and suggest sources of help and support to help young people quit smoking. I was really impressed with the level of effort, time and thought that Sadie seemed to have put in this task, achieving an LOC.

Miss Mambuini
PDE Department

SMSC Year 7

Well done Mia!

Huge congratulations to Mia in Year 7, who has achieved a county record in archery for having the best shot within the under 12 age group. Mia was first introduced to the sport by her grandad just over a year ago, and she now holds the clubs record of 489 out of a possible 600.

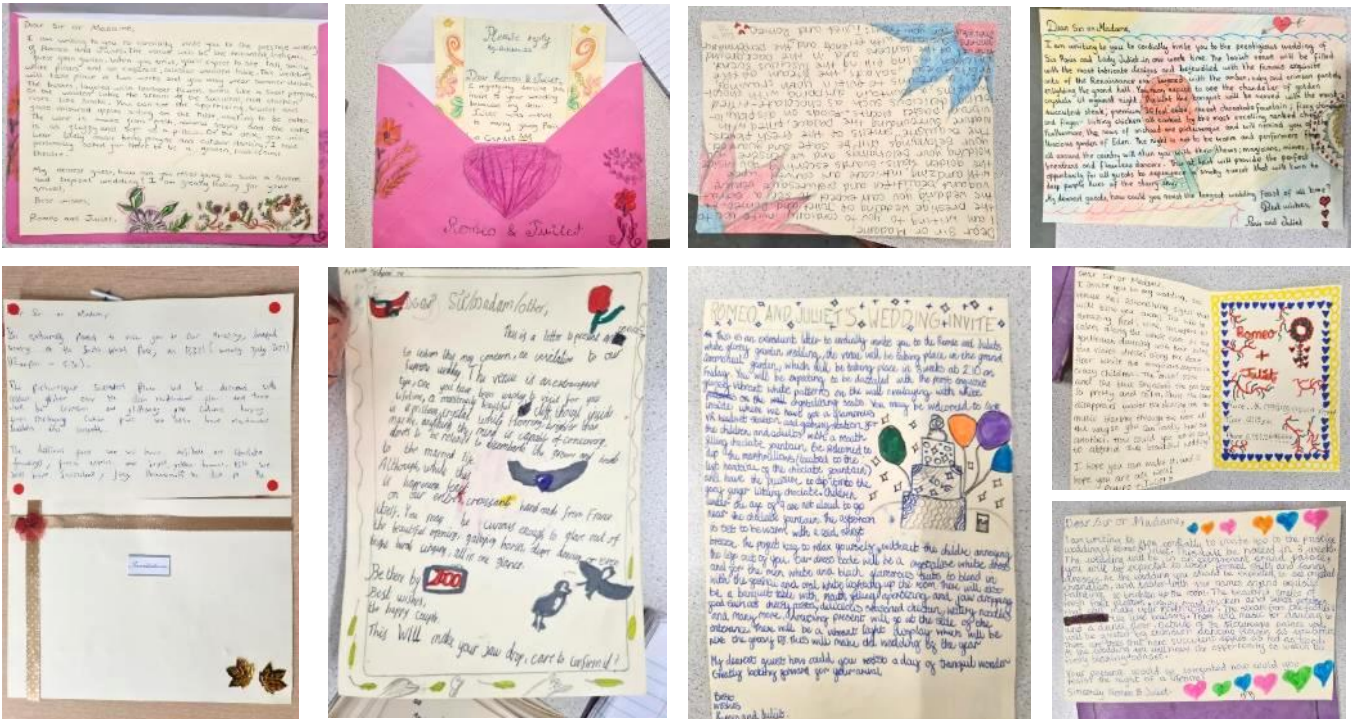


Well done Mia!!! Keep up the good work.

Miss Jones
Year 7 Tutor

Wedding Invitations

Miss Smith's English class, 7A, created some wonderful wedding invitations for the play *Romeo and Juliet*. It was such outstanding work and she would like to share them with the school!



SMSC Food & Catering

Year 7 Cooking Club

Really pleased to welcome back Year 7 for Cooking Club and how well they worked making some excellent Italian focaccia bread. Students put a great deal of effort into making their dough and were able to put some tasty toppings onto the bread with some excellent design flare. It has been both a pleasure and



fun to see how charged the students were at the end of a school day. Well done and I hope you enjoyed your bread. Thank you for your support Mrs Moffatt.

Mr Hargreaves
Food and Catering

Cooking Club



Year 7 had a really good evening in Cooking Club on Monday, making homemade pizza dough, learning how to knead and prove and then chopping all different types of toppings such as pepper, onion, mushrooms, jalapeños, pepperoni and cheese and they also helped to make the sauce.

I would like to thank Mrs Moffatt for her help and support.

Mr Hargreaves
Food and Catering

Hospitality and Catering Group



It has been a very challenging year for our Year 11 students, but the time I have spent with them I have enjoyed. They worked hard before Easter with the practical assessments, they have put a big amount of effort into the preparation for their mock exam. I would like to say to you all: "Whatever you do in

life think big." I had so much fun being your teacher, mentor and second family. All the best for your brightest future. I would like to thank Ms Hinds for her input and support with this group and Mrs Debono, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Moffatt for their continuous support.

Mr Hargreaves
Food and Catering

Year 7 Cooking Club



Students had a nice Cooking Club session on Thursday 17th June when they cooked some nice little carrot cakes. The students demonstrated a lot of skill in the practical and they were really enjoying lesson; the end results were great and they were very pleased. I would like to thank Ms Moffatt for her support in helping our great students. Well done Year 7.

Mr Hargreaves
Food and Catering

SMSC PE

PE Extra-curricular



On Thursday 6th May the PE Department had a fantastic turn out for the Year 7 extra-curricular night. We had over 60 students attend and take part in either athletics, cricket, rounders or tennis. Students had the opportunity to practise multiple events for the JRCS Sports Day which will take place in July. All students earned themselves 10 credits and two 100 club signatures.

PE Department

Success at Borough Athletics



On Tuesday 15th June 15 Year 7s and Year 8s represented JRCS at the Borough Athletics Championship. The day was highly successful with lots of students achieving a place on the winners' podium. All students showed fantastic sportsmanship towards each other and other schools and as a result this was the highest scoring Borough competition in the history of JRCS.

Overall results out of 12 schools:

Year 7 girls - 2nd 97 points
Year 7 boys - 4th 86 points
Year 8 Girls - 5th 74 points
Year 8 Boys - 5th 75 points



Individual results:

Year 7

Imran- Discus and 800m 3rd

Joan - Shot 1st place 100m 1st

Anacleto - 1500m 2nd

Ife - Javelin 3rd

Lilyana - 200m 3rd and Long Jump 2nd

Ehjoze - 100m 2nd

Ehizele - 200m- 1st

Girls relay team (Heidy, Joan, Opi & Lilyana) - 1st place



Year 8

Isaac - Discus 3rd

Tyrell - Triple Jump 2nd

Adriana - Long Jump and 200m 3rd

Fatomata - 300m 3rd



As a result of their efforts the following students have been nominated to represent Dagenham and Redbridge at regional competition on the 30th June.

Year 7: Joan, Anacleto, Enhjoze, Ehizele and Lilyana.

Year 8: Tyrell.

Well done to all those who participated. Athletics training for Year 7 and 8 will be continuing every Tuesday and Thursday after school.

Miss Pridie & Mr Coupland
PE Department



Year 7 Cricket Team

Congratulations to the Year 7 Cricket Team, who won their first ever match against Eastbury School. The team put in an excellent batting display to score 76 runs from their 8 overs and this was supported by an even better bowling performance to restrict their opponents and eventually won by 40 runs.

The performance was made greater by the fact the game was played in heavy rain for the majority of it, but the team showed fantastic enthusiasm to continue playing. Hopefully, this will be the start of a successful Summer of cricket.

The students involved were: Ayyan, Zahib, Nathan, Imran, Eldar, Mahin, Hossain and Imran.

Mr Howard
Head of PE

6-a-side Football Tournament

On Monday, Mr Bashir, Mr Kersey and Mr Richards took the Year 9 Boys to Riverside School for a 6-a-side football tournament. The boys performed superbly to reach the final and finished runners-up. They displayed great team spirit and should be thoroughly proud of their efforts.

Mr Bashir



Athletics Success:

On Wednesday 30th June four Year 7 students were selected to represent Barking and Dagenham at this year's district finals in Chelmsford.



The four students were Anacleto (1500m), Ehizojie (100m), Ehizele (200m) and Liliany (Long jump). All four students performed fantastically and fought hard in their individual events. Outstanding performances go to Ehizojie who is now Essex 100m champion as he came 1st with a time of 12.96 seconds and Ehizele who came 4th in the 200m with a time of 27 seconds. A great achievement for all four students. These students will also go on to represent JRCS in the indoor athletics championship in October. Well done!

Please remember that athletics continues next week in the build up to Sports Day so please get involved.

Miss Pridie
PE Department

SMSC Year 9

Army Careers Workshop



We had the pleasure of hosting an Army Careers Workshop with a select group of Year 9 students, which was led by Corporal Seeley and Guardsman Collins of the Coldstream Guards.

After a video presentation of the 72 careers that are open to students from 16+ years of age, the group went outside and took part in some practical exercises and tests involving physical strength, agility and problem solving.

This was followed by a 1:1 Q&A session with both the soldiers. Congratulations to Bobby for winning a task and being able to wear actual Army uniform and equipment while performing some of the drills.

All of the Year 9 team were very proud of the students who participated!!

Miss Thomas
Head of Year 9

Year 9 Wellbeing Club



The Year 9 Wellbeing Club members have tried out several different activities to help them relax, have a chat, boost their mood and unwind after the school day. We have painted and meditated in the Peace Garden, made clay pots, played team games and this week we made chocolate chip cookies.

If you would like to get involved with our Tuesday group, please let the Year 9 team know!



Ms Hunt and Ms Dino

SMSC D of E

DofE Expeditions are back!

It was soooo good last Saturday morning to head out at last from school with a group of students to do some training for Bronze DofE. After 20 months of no expedition work, it felt like it was about time! This was a training day for the Year 10 Bronze group who have been working all year so far via online courses as well as face to face training more recently to prepare for their expedition. Following Friday's stormy weather, we were fearing the worst but the weather turned out to be mostly dry, if a little cold. New boots got well and truly broken in and caked in mud as the going was rather heavy underfoot due to all the recent rain. The students however were not daunted and managed to complete the route through the countryside around Enfield starting at Forty Hall and finishing at Trent Country Park.



The group were a pleasure to be with and hopefully took full advantage of the excellent support that they received from the staff on this trip, Miss Matin, Miss Islam and Mr Hargreaves. A huge thank you to these staff for giving up their Saturday to help these students. The students involved were Ella, Frankie, Lucy, Tara, Oyin, Danny, Treasure, Trisha, Luka and Aliena. We wish them all the very best with completing their qualifying expedition on 2nd and 3rd July.



Ms Montague
D of E Manager

Bronze D of E training heats up!

On Wednesday 16th June Mr Kilminster and I had the pleasure of working together with seven students who work closely with the Student Development Department to complete a training day for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE). These students have been waiting to do their expedition since Year 9 when their planned expedition work had to be postponed due to Covid. The students involved were all in Year 10, Alessia, Enis, Rahim, Mason, Leon, Porscha and Justin. Despite it being a very hot day on Wednesday, the group came well prepared with lots to drink, hats and sunscreen and some very cool shades (especially Rahim and Enis). They paced themselves well in the heat and took full advantage of stops in the shade. They all had a turn at navigating and leading the group and sharpened up their map skills ready for their qualifying expedition which takes place on Monday and Tuesday 28th and 29th June. We wish them all the very best, and hopefully some slightly cooler weather.



Many thanks to all the students for their excellent attitude and behaviour throughout the day and also to Mr Kilminster for his excellent guidance of the group.

Ms Montague
DofE Manager

Bronze DofE group success!

On Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th June six students from Year 10, Enis, Rahim, Mason, Leon, Justin and Porscha completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award qualifying expedition. They started out in the pouring rain on Monday and trudged north through a very wet Epping Forest, however by lunchtime the sun came out which lifted everyone's spirits. The group camped in a beautiful spot in High Beech and cooked an excellent evening meal on camp stoves followed by toasted marshmallows.



Day 2 dawned grey but dry, and the group made an early start departing from camp at 8:30am. Their aim for the expedition was to explore myths and legends of Epping Forest. They explored Loughton Camp on their way. an ancient earthwork in the heart of the forest and visited the five-hundred-year-old Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge (originally built by Henry VIII) at the end of their walk, where Queen Elizabeth I is alleged to have ridden her pony up the stairs! They also made excellent time arriving over an hour early at the finish point.



Congratulations to all the students involved on keeping going through some very wet and muddy conditions and to Mr Hill for his excellent supervision and support of the group. I would also like to thank Miss Hall (especially for her wonderful washing up) and Tara and Lucy also from Year 10 who joined us at the campsite on Monday evening.



We look forward to hearing about Year 10's adventures in Epping Forest when they give their expedition presentation.



Ms Montague
DofE Manager

SMSC Sixth Form

Year 12 First Give Final



On Monday 24th May, Year 12 participated in the First Give final. First Give are a charity who aim to inspire and empower young people to take action to make a positive change in society and Year 12 have spent this term doing just that. Each form was tasked to research a local charity that they wished to support, create a form of social action to raise awareness for this charity and potentially raise money for this charity. Students in each form had to present their ideas and actions in small groups before deciding on a group to represent them in the final. First Give also supported our students in advance of the final with a presentation workshop in which they fully engaged and really enjoyed.

The final was hotly contested and our guest judges (Mr Smith, Headteacher, Mr Rackstraw, Assistant Headteacher, Tim Stillwell, Dragon's Den participant, businessman and friend of Jo Richardson and Sophie Standing, First Give) had a tricky task picking the winners. Our students represented a range of local charities, Salvation Army, Victim Support, BHR, Respect, Shelter and Mind and coordinated varied social action ranging from silent protests to a quiz to raise

awareness. In the end it was 12D's presentation and social action that won the final meaning that First Give donated £1000 on their behalf to their charity – Respect. 12D organised a Year 12 football match with a cover charge to raise money and gave out leaflets at the game to help raise awareness. Their presentation was engaging and well delivered by Ryan, Orit, Solomon, Judith and Temi and they should be very proud of their achievements. Ryan and Faith in 12B also won individual certificates for their delivery in their respective presentations.

Congratulations to all winners. It was lovely to be able to run the First Give final after a year of battling Covid restrictions and wondering if we could ever get the programme off the ground and Year 12 should be very proud of their resilience and creativity in some fairly challenging circumstances.

Well done Year 12.

Miss Duncan
Deputy Director of Sixth Form

Mrs Evans
Director of Sixth Form

Herbert Smith Freehills Networked Scholarship Scheme

I would like to present Reece in Year 12 who is our newest Herbert Smith Freehills Scholar. Reece has succeeded in gaining 1 of 5 places for young people in London to be mentored for 5 years within the Herbert Smith Freehills law firm in the City of London. In February, 10 of our students (Rodrigo, Leonardo, Daniel, Kevinas, Lyaba, Annabelle, Kanya, Michael, Oluomachi and Reece) joined HSF for a virtual careers day and were then allowed to apply for the scholarship scheme. Rodrigo and Reece were both selected for a virtual assessment after impressing the judging panel at interview and Reece was told on Monday that he would be recruited for the 2021 cohort.



We are absolutely delighted for Reece and wish him all the best in this endeavour. I would also like to share that HSF were highly complimentary of all of our students who participated in the careers day and who interviewed for the scheme. They said what an outstanding group of young people they were and how enjoyable it was to interview them all.

Miss Duncan
Deputy Director of Sixth Form

A Fond Year 13 Farewell

Last Wednesday (9th June) we said our farewell to Year 13 at their Leavers' Assembly. Some of the students have been at JRCS for seven years and others joined us for an amazing two years of the Sixth Form.



All students have persevered and developed in a programme that has not quite been what they, or we, imagined when they started the Sixth Form in September 2019!

During the assembly students reminisced on their fashion sense from further down the school with some "golden oldie" photos and realised how they have made the most of what has been possible during their two years in the Sixth Form. Tutors gave personal tributes to their tutor groups and reflected on how our young students had matured into amazing young adults and are ready to go out and face the world.



Mrs Evans and Miss Campbell referenced particularly, in their speeches, the determination and resilience shown through the two years and how they have so many skills compared to others that have not experienced such an unpredictable time during studies and how they will fall back on these in future life, being stronger for it. Mrs Wren's guidance with their university decisions will hopefully make the next transition smooth. The help and support for those going into work or apprenticeship is continuing, with two high profile degree apprenticeships already achieved.

Obviously, two highlights of the event were the "Year 13 Wave", which was successfully completed in all directions, and the finale of an ice-cream from the van outside!

Although sad to see them go, we know they are set up to take the world by storm - watch out world! The whole Sixth Form team wish them strength, fun and success.

Miss Campbell
Deputy Director of Sixth Form
Head of Year 13



Year 12

In June Year 12 students were fortunate to have a speaker come to talk to them in person. Moj Taylor from Push talked to the students about why going to university is a good idea for most students. He talked about his own university experience and gave examples of research students should do before they make their choices.

The Year 12 students are going to get plenty of guidance in the next few weeks with more sessions and information about their options for September 2022. Look at [HOME \(push.co.uk\)](https://push.co.uk) if you want to know more about what they learnt. If you have any questions, now or in the future, please get in touch with Mrs Wren mwren@jorichardson.org.uk who is coordinating the Post 18 aspect of JRCS Sixth Form.

Mrs Wren
Post 18 Coordinator

SMSC Media Studies

Media Studies

The JRCS Media Studies Department teamed up with the independent London College - DLD - to allow students access to a video conference with Empire editor-at-large Helen O'Hara. Helen has been working at the famous film magazine for over 11 years. She also hosts their podcast and is a freelance journalist. Helen is author of the book "The Best 80s Movies". Sonia in Year 12 said, "The zoom meeting was really fun! There were around six students including me and we were all really interested! I asked quite a few questions about being a woman critic, the public interest and difficult interview questions. It was really insightful and I'm grateful to have been offered this opportunity!". JRCS are indebted to John Branney, Assistant Principal at DLD for inviting us.



Ms Harland
Head of Media Studies

Media GCSE

Year 10 students are creating their coursework pieces for their Media Studies GCSE. They have a choice to make a magazine front cover and article, or a film poster and DVD cover. The students have to take all the images themselves and then use Photoshop, an industry standard piece of software, to edit the layout and design. Enis took advantage of the "studio" created in the classroom for his coursework, a poster and DVD cover for a new action movie. Mr Rutland supported Enis by becoming an action hero for a lesson, being directed by Enis for his photoshoot. Are you ready for your close-up Mr Rutland?

I am very proud of all the Year 10 Media students. After a long time in lock-down learning, it is great to see the students being so engaged and creative. I am also very grateful for the enthusiasm and support Mr Rutland shows his students, as a teacher and as a model! Enis sought help from Ms Chandler and the Drama Department while looking for props and costumes, and from Ms Claydon in Art for the make-up. Enis' work is a great example of JRCS working together as a community to help students achieve.

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SMSC Design & Technology

Textiles Club

After lock down, the girls have been experimenting making cushions and embroidery bags, with fantastic results. The students' commitment and dedication are impressive and very inspiring, they are a lovely bunch, and they create such a relaxing atmosphere afterschool.



Over the term we have had a few new starters, and it has been wonderful to see the girls and boys supporting each other, demonstrating resilience and resourcefulness, sharing tips and ideas. I am really proud of how far you have all come and your hard work.

Keep it up!

Mrs Mir
DT Department

Textiles Club

Exciting times for textiles at JRCS; the DT Department just received nine brand new sewing machines that will improve and inspire students' work. Textiles students have been working hard on the costumes and props for the school production Wonderland!!!

Their commitment to learn to use the machines and dedication to improve their skills on such a tight schedule, was impressive and a great reminder that you can achieve great things when you put your mind to it.



I am proud of your work ethic and how far you have all come, you are a wonderful bunch to be around.

Keep up the good work!

Mrs Mir
DT Department

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