



SMSC “Flying High” Summer 2023

Gold Seagull

Congratulations to the following Gold Seagull winners:

Mohammed Year 7
Frankie Year 7
Hana Year 7
Joanna Year 7
Nusrat Year 7
Nazmin Year 8
Sophia Year 8,
Emmanuelle Year 9
Summer Year 11
Joel Year 11
Kacie-Ann Year 8
Klarisse Year 8
Ria Year 8
Samuel Year 8
Chelsee Year 8
Salwa Year 8
Darius Year 11
Naima Year 11
Ollie Year 7
Riana Year 7
Sofia Year 7
Luka Year 9
Vasilena Year 9
Vignesh Year 9
Emma Year 7,
Lopez Year 9
Zoha Year 9.
Armaan Year 8

Kamil Year 7
Ady Year 8
Toby Year 8
Blessing Year 8
Melisa Year 9
Kamsi Year 9
Raminta Year 9
Adaeze Year 10
Majid Year 10
Ali Year 11
Ameera Year 11
Reece Year 11
Emily Year 7
Charlotte Year 7
Justin Mema Year 7
Jasmine Year 8
Vadim Year 8
Migle Year 8
Ella Year 9
Sabina Year 9
Keyra Year 10
Alenxander Year 7
Lexie Year 7
Lexi Year 7
Elizabeth Year 7
Sofia Year 7
Tamara Year 7
Justin Year 7



Enzo Year 7
 Tianna Loadi Year 8
 Migle Year 8
 Amelia Year 8
 Lhans Andrei Year 8
 Dorian Year 8
 Tairielle Year 9
 Doriona Year 9
 Goodness Year 9
 Petrut Year 9
 Ema Year 9
 Teddy Year 9
 Mehak Year 9
 Lily Year 9
 Hannah Year 9
 Alif Year 9
 Mohammed year 9
 Hafiza Year 9
 Daniel Year 9
 Harpreet Year 10

Princess-Mia Year 8
 Adrianna Year 8
 Titas Year 8
 Kajani Year 8
 Sakeri Year 8
 Josiah Jason Year 9
 Emily Year 9
 Taheem Year 9
 Patricija year 9
 Muhammad Year 9
 Valentina Year 9
 Charlie Year 9
 Roxana Year 9
 Qwamdeen Year 9
 Rayya Year 9
 Isra Year 9
 Nehan Year 9
 Mohamed Year 9
 Deborah Year 10



Gold Seagull Double winner

Mmachi Year 8
 Shalom Year 7
 Gloria Year
 Kadie Year 7
 Emmanuelle Year 9
 Keyra Year 10
 Emmanuelle Year 9
 Keyra Year 10



Ms Keane
 Headteacher

Check ... moving towards Checkmate for the GrandMaster



JRCS Chess tournament has been a buzz all last term and in the week before Easter we gained not only our semi-finalists but also our finalists.

Both the Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals were tactical affairs with a mix of strategies on display. A few false moves put the pawns in great peril and in some cases led to the ultimate fall of the King in Checkmate. Others managed to skilfully work their way back from their errors and produce a counter that caught their opposition's King's defence napping and stole in for a quick "kill".

Ms Osland & I have been delighted with the interest from the students and the way they have conducted themselves throughout the tournament. A special mention for Nevan Year 9 who kept

the KS3 flag flying all the way into the semi-finals and showed that skill can be demonstrated whatever the age you are.

We are delighted to be already asked about when next year's tournament will start! Before that we have the GrandMaster Final at the start of next week, this will be streamed to a room where those who have been involved in the tournament will be able to come along and watch the final live.

Games Played before Easter:

Quarter-Final Games:

Viktoras Year 12 v Nevan Year 9 Angelos Year 13 v Nafis Year 10

Hamza Year 10 v Victor-Petru Year 12

Danny Year 10 v Filip or Matas Semi-Final Games:

Angelos Year 13 v Filip Year 13

Nevan Year 9 v Victor-Petru Year 12

Chess GrandMaster Finalists:

Angelos Year13 v Victor-Petru Year 12 To be played Monday 24th April 1:30pm

Good luck to the two finalists and well played to all those who participated.

Look out in next week's Seagull for the result and naming of JRCS GrandMaster of Chess 2022/2023.

Miss Campbell & Ms Osland
Tournament Organisers

GrandMaster declares "Check-Mate" in Final



After weeks of pawns going on the attack and Knights riding in to protect their King & Queen, it came down to the two final chess players in the JRCS Chess Tournament 2023. Angelos Year 13 against Victor Year 12.

A much-anticipated final was played on Monday 24th April. Those who had played in the tournament had the opportunity to watch the final as it was streamed to a nearby room for spectators – ensuring the quiet for the two finalists to concentrate.

It became clear that both would play strategic and was interesting to see both Kings become protected by a triangular pawn defence. A flurry of quicker pace play saw the number of pieces on the board reduce and a few gasps from the watching room as sacrifices were made to advance attacking tactics.

Gradually it appeared that Angelos started to gain the upper hand, but all was still in the balance as both moved to promote a pawn to a higher rank. Eventually Angelos' strategy and tactics saw Victor lose too many pieces and the end of the game draw closer.

The handshake came as Victor's King had to surrender to Check-Mate.

An enthralling final between two top class Chess players, both of whom played with a high level of skill and sportsmanship.

Overall, a fitting finale to an amazing tournament. The questions have already begun about next year's tournament!

My personal thanks to Ms Osland who has been an immense part of the organising and running of the tournament. Definitely the Queen of the playing area!

Congratulations to all who competed, to those who made it through to later stages. Victor for getting to the final (step further next year?) and obviously to Angelos for being GRANDMASTER 2023.

**GrandMaster Finalists 2023:
Angelos Year 13 v Victor-Petru Year 12**



GrandMaster JRCS Chess 2023 Angelos Year 13

Miss Campbell & Ms Osland Tournament Organisers

Wellbeing Club



As Spring is upon us it was time for the Wellbeing Club to get out into the sunshine and do some gardening in the wellbeing garden.

For the past few weeks, we have been building play dough figures, mindful colouring and playing 'getting to know you' games to help support positive wellbeing.

This week was somewhat more special as we could get out into the sunshine and plant our beautiful new cherry blossom trees. Fortunately, they have had a few flowers already, we hope to keep them growing in the garden for years to come!

Well done to my Year 7 wellbeing club attendees, we hope to keep growing!

Ms Draisey
Senior Mental Health & Wellbeing Lead

Year 10 and 12



Before the half term spring break, a selected number of Year 10 and 12 students from our Citizenship and Politics classes, attended the Halcyon London International School.

The students were given the opportunity to take part in a student led conference, where they participated in three interactive workshops which focussed on controversial issues; as well as having a guest speaker, Eva Thorne, who came along to speak about Equity v Equality.

I am so proud of how our students were able to come out of their shells and participate in all discussions. They all absolutely represented our school really well. They were sensible and well behaved on the commute there and back and did the school proud in terms of manners and behaviour during our time at the Halcyon London International School. We too hope to be able to organise and run a similar workshop here at JRCS to host our Halcyon colleagues.

Congratulations to:

Year 10 students:

Charley, Emmanuel, Joshua, Keyra, Donel, Rougi, Lara and Mazey

Year 12 students: Edisona, Elvinas, Donte and Dylan

Miss Mambuini
Teacher of PDE

Award winners

Congratulations to our Gold seagull winners!

I also had the opportunity to attend the Jack Petchey and Duke of Edinburgh celebration events. I am so proud of our award winners. Well done for taking up the extra opportunities on offer and showing real resilience and leadership qualities!

Miss Keane
Headteacher

Jack Petchey Awards Ceremony 2023



On Tuesday 2nd May 2023 the Jack Petchey Awards Ceremony was held at the Barking Broadway Theatre.

All awards winners from last year June – November winners were invited to come along with parents and carers to support them.

Winners walked on stage to collect their Jack Petchey Medallion and shook hands with the Mayor of Barking and Dagenham, Farouk Choudhury.

The event was a fantastic celebration of our winners' successes, filled with music, fantastic performances and students' nominations read out for all to celebrate.

Students who attended the event were:

Sophia – Year 8
Anton – Year 10
Ayen – Year 10
& Teeyah – Year 11

Our Sixth form Leader award winner Mrs Evans was also celebrated at the event. We are so proud of our Jack Petchey Winners from November to June, and I look forward to announcing our June 2023 winners very soon.

Miss Hallas
Student Aspirations Coordinator



OSHL Fair raises the roof on Keane's Canopy!



On Wednesday 24th May in the afternoon a lively event was held under Keane's Canopy – our Out of School Hours Learning (OSHL) Fair.

The purpose of this was to promote the wide variety of after school clubs that go on within the school. Clubs that were represented included Drama, Wellbeing, Computing, Spanish, lots of DT clubs, DofE, Panathlon, Pride and Allies, and a whole variety of clubs in PE.



The PDE and RE departments were also out in force to promote a new Amnesty Club that will start in September. There was an exciting atmosphere, and the event really gave students a chance to engage with their teachers regarding the out of school hours learning opportunities that are on offer.



Thank you to all the students who took an interest, and especially to the staff who set up stalls and took time to promote what they are doing in their

own time to further student's learning opportunities. Thanks also to Mr Cully and Daniel, OJ and Frankie in Year 9 whose help was invaluable in setting up and packing down this event.

There is a chance after half term to enter a raffle every time you attend out of school hours activities. You get a ticket for every session you go to. A draw will be made at the end of term with prizes for the winners.

Also students should remember that they are entitled to a credit for every OSHL session that they attend, and regular attendance over the course of a half term can be rewarded with an LOC!

Ms Montague
OSHL Co-ordinator

Culture Day 2023 at JRCS!



On Friday 5th May 2023, we celebrated Culture Day at JRCS. Students paid £1 to the Red Cross to wear something that represented, reflected and celebrated their culture.

It was an incredibly positive and uplifting day where we recognised the diverse and rich cultures of students and staff alike and were able to learn and be inspired by the wide ranging cultures around us.

At break and lunch times, we held a 'Social Time Showcase' with varying acts celebrating multiple cultures' these ranged from songs, dance, spoken word and music.

I am so proud of the students who put themselves forward to perform and represent their culture. It took real courage, and your hard work and commitment really paid off.

Well done to all students involved, it was a really positive event where everyone felt celebrated, respected and seen.

Miss Hallas
Student Aspirations Coordinator

Environment Action Team – Bottle Launch



Over the past two months our Student Voice Environment Action Team have been taking to assemblies to promote reusable water bottles and launch JRCS into becoming a more plastic free school.



In order to promote this, they created an interactive assembly which culminated in every student in Year 7-9 being awarded their very own 'JRCS' re-usable water bottle in the hope that students use and refill these instead of contributing to plastic pollution by buying multiple plastic bottles.

The action team are constantly thinking about new and exciting ways for us to become a greener school and how to

reduce our carbon footprint and are excited to see what the future holds for JRCS's greener and more plastic-free journey!

Miss Hallas
Student Aspirations Coordinator

Trewern Trip



Last week twenty nine students went to Trewern. Students took part in activities such as canoeing, gorge walking, caving, mountain walking, orienteering, and climbing. They faced many challenges and were inspirational in their teamwork and 'can do' attitude.

Students thoroughly enjoyed their time and were praised by Trewern staff for their behaviour and organisation.

Thank you to Mr Hill, Mr Bashir and Ms Lea for their time and energy so this trip could take place and well done to all the students who participated – you were a credit to the school.

Ms Lynch
Head of ARP

Pride Afternoon



To celebrate Pride Month, On Wednesday 21st June many teachers and students came down to DR3 to watch an original play called “All because he was gay,” written by our very own Joseph in Year 9. The room was decorated with pride flags and students were selling badges and ribbons.

There was massive support from the audience, including Student Voice members from Press and Publicity, and the Pride and Allies club who helped for the afternoon. Together, we raised money for LGBTQ charities through the selling of tickets and merchandise.



“I’ve heard it’s a Work In Progress, but I think it will be a good chance to show off the creativity. It’s a good chance to have these conversations” – Ms Brookman

It was a great afternoon and celebration of how far we have come as a society.

Miss Hallas & Ayen (Year 10) - Fundraising, Press and Publicity

Jack Petchey June Award Winners



A massive congratulations is in order to our brilliant June Jack Petchey winners!

These students have been commended for their excellent achievements within school with a Jack Petchey award and have been awarded £300 to distribute to an area of the school of their choice.

The students will be invited to attend a celebration event with the Jack Petchey Foundation where they will be formally awarded. These students are so deserving of this award and should be very proud of themselves!

Beau Year 7
Maatchi Year 8
Elois Year 9
Lacie Year 10
Jennifer Year 11
Zubin Year 11
Hany Year 12
Deivis Year 13



Miss Hallas
Student Aspirations Coordinator

Goodbye for now to Year 11 and Year 13



In June we held our celebration assembly for Year 11 and our boat party for Year 13.

Year 11 and 13, I am extremely proud of all you have achieved in your time at JRCS. You have been fantastic role models for the younger students and have developed into mature responsible young adults who embody the key character traits of respect, resourcefulness, self-reflection, and of course resilience. I hope you all achieve the results you deserve this summer.

Now as you stand at the threshold of new beginnings, remember that you are equipped with a solid foundation of knowledge, skills and values. The world eagerly awaits your contributions and I have no doubt each of you will go on to achieve greatness in your chosen paths. Embrace the unknown with courage and curiosity, knowing that the lessons of the past have prepared you for the adventures ahead. As you embark on the next chapter, know that you carry with you the best wishes of all the staff here at JRCS.

Ms Keane
Headteacher

Textiles Club



I would like to start by thanking the students who every week come down to DT and give 100% on what they do; your commitment and dedication are impressive and very inspiring.

Over the term we had a few new starters, and it has been wonderful to see the students supporting each other, demonstrating resilience and resourcefulness, sharing tips and ideas.

I am extremely proud of all textile's students; they all aspire to be their best and engage with the opportunities and challenges new techniques may bring, and it's lovely to see how confident and resilient they all have become.

You are a wonderful bunch to be around, always keep up the good work 😊

Mrs Mir
Teacher of Design Technology

JRCS Wellbeing Week



In July Wellbeing Week took place here at JRCS and we had a wonderful range of activities designed to help our young people know exactly how to look after their wellbeing.

Wellbeing is often confused with mental health, but wellbeing put simply is knowing the things that help you to relax, unwind and feel more positive. As described on the school website, we are keen to encourage our JRCS community to follow the '5 Ways to Wellbeing', to find out more,

simply go to the Wellbeing Hub on the JRCS website.

Monday	Learn	On this day students had a tutor time activity on self-care, this was designed to help students prepare of a 'Self-care summer', everyone made a small card to take home with their plans for looking after themselves when school ends for the summer break.
Tuesday	Give	During tutor time students completed 'Thank a Peer' cards, where they thanked their friends across the school for being lovely. These were collected by Ms Hallas and then hand delivered to their recipients by our Student Voice Wellbeing team.
Wednesday	Connect	Students in KS3 were selected to join our year 10 students for a 'connect' session where students sat together to develop positive social skills with our Y10 students as the role models.
Thursday	Active	Ms Jones ran a breaktime Zumba session that anyone was free to join!
Friday	Notice	Finally, we had started to grow a tree of wellbeing positivity on main street and Ms Hallas spent all of Friday painstakingly sticking leaves and messages from students and staff to the tree.

To mark the week, we had a different way of wellbeing to celebrate each day and that schedule went as follows:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Hallas for all of her hard work on this project, Ms Jones for running Zumba and the student wellbeing team for their contributions.

It was a wonderful week!

Ms Draisey
Head of Year 11

SMSC Year 9

UKMT challenge winners for Year 9



In April a few students from Year 9 completed the Junior Mathematical Challenge which is national competition in the UK. The following students won these certificates:

BRONZE:

Leo	Intisar Afm
Jack	Emilia
Gabrielle	Ayomide
Albert	Nivrita
Abid	Mohammed
Roxana	Endri
Tomas	Valentina
Ramadan	Jannah
Isah	Adonai
Sibgath	Nnadi
Denis	Mohamed
Mahin	Anjolaoluwa
Sophie	Khushbu
Denisa Alexandra	Shanai
Aizeyosabo	Nicole
Marcel	Rayya
Marina	Ife
Tanjim	Sabina
Jimmy	Indra

SILVER

Zhi	Oskar
Emily	Victor
Marko	Vasilena
Kye	Archie
Muhammed	Tia
Liam	Kiera
Tyler	Adrian
Luka	Arisha
Christina	Ihsan
Solomon	Ema

GOLD:

Sawon-Ahmed	Zoha
Leonard	Ishmam (to the next round!)

Miss Fernandes
Maths KS4 Coordinator)

SMSC Year 10

Year 10 Construction Youth Trust

The Construction Youth Trust Year 10 group had the opportunity to visit L&Q The Hive Construction Site at Barking Riverside to gain a greater insight to the construction industry.

They had an opportunity to meet the project manager who described the career possibilities in construction and talked through the massive 2.2bn regeneration project that is taking shape at the site.

Students were taken on a tour of the working site to observe a range of trades in action such as bricklayers, quantity surveyors and project managers and students were inspired by the talks given around career pathways.



Miss Boulton
Assistant Headteacher

Year 10 RPC Mentoring Programme

Year 10 students had the opportunity to participate in a professional mentoring programme with RPC Law firm.

This involved 1:1 mentoring sessions which helped the students to network with a variety of professionals and gain a greater insight into the working world. There were sessions on career pathways, self-branding, CV writing and interview skills all of which will benefit the students as they progress through their career journeys.

They have enjoyed trips to the London office situated at Tower Bridge and have been inspired by the professionals they have met as part of the programme.



Miss Boulton
Assistant Headteacher

SMSC Year 11

Cheerleading Success in Florida!



During the Easter holidays our very own Year 11 student Yasmine (pictured on the front page) flew out to Florida to compete in the World Championship of Cheer. Competing with her team: Marshals Cheer & Dance Major 6.

She is a 'flyer' who is repeatedly tumbling through the air, always with a beaming smile!

The team placed 11th in the world which is an outstanding achievement.



We are so proud of Yasmine for her fantastic achievements and look forward to hearing more about her Florida adventures in school.

Yasmine has dreamt of competing in the worlds for cheer since starting her journey at the age of 7.

Well done, Yasmine!

Ms Draisey
Head of Year 11

SMSC Sixth Form

Year 12 sociology trip



On 21st April, we visited the City of London Police Headquarters as next year we will study crime and deviance. We had talks with experts from four departments: cyber-crime, forensic services, serious organised crime and support operational group.

The sessions were interactive, and we were introduced to real cases that the police had worked on. This helped us to understand more about the control and punishment.

Radina



Year 12 Psychology Egg Baby Project



This half term, Year 12 Psychology students have been studying attachment: an emotional bond between two people, leading to certain behaviours such as proximity-seeking and serving the function of protecting an infant.

The psychology department decided that the best way to help the students understand this was by giving them something just as delicate as a newborn baby: an egg. Using the principles

and theories of attachment, the students had to take care of egg babies for a week, and this included taking their babies everywhere with them all while keeping them alive.

They had to write up baby journals throughout the process and some students did that by creating diaries, documents, and even TikTok accounts. We found that there were genuine attachments formed between an egg baby and its caregiver, leading to heartbreaking situations when some eggs were lost during the week, and tearjerking moments when the project was finally over.

It was extremely exciting to see the way the students handled this project, and I am excited for the winners to be announced after half term! Aisha - Psychology Subject Prefect

Miss Scrimshaw
Teacher of Psychology and Social Studies

Year 11 Leavers Day



The time finally came in June to wave goodbye to our dear Year 11s. They have been a wonderful set of individuals who have so much talent and potential within. It has been an absolute pleasure to take them through their journey at KS4 and I can't wait to welcome so many of them back for Sixth Form.

The day started with shirt signing in Main Street, where students got to come back together after weeks of only seeing each other in a group prior to their exams. Following this, it was onto the lines for the last time to await the 'guard of honour' where staff line the route to Boothroyd Hall to clap the Year 11s into the hall for the last time, this is in reference to when they are clapped out in Year 7 on their first day.

We then had an excellent assembly where we celebrated twelve students getting £100 for completing 100% attendance for 5 years, 18 students achieving the Gold Seagull in Year 11, ten best tutees from each form, our nominated Jack Petchey winners and of course, those who achieved specialist awards that will mean their name is on the walls of JRCS forever!

Finally, the day ended with the traditional balloon (biodegradable) release to signify the end of an era of JRCS history.

Can I just take this opportunity to thank Year 11 for all their hard work and determination throughout the exam season, they thrived when the pressure was on and every single one of them made me feel very proud.

We look forward to seeing them all at the prom on Monday 3rd July and for Sixth Form induction on Thursday 6th July.

Congratulations Year 11

Ms Draisey
Head of Year 11!

Year 13 Bow out in STYLE



Year 13 pulled the curtain down on their journeys with JRCS night during their leavers' boat party.

Having travelled there in style on traditional double decker buses, the students embarked to a reception drink and an evening of memories, fun, laughter, photo booth posing and dancing.

London gave them a great farewell with wonderful weather, and as the light faded London lights lit up their Thames adventure.

I am immensely proud of them as a year group; they have got on with the academic and subject demands throughout the two years in Sixth Form. We have some outstanding BTEC & CTEC results already in and await the A Level results in August.

As a year group they are polite, courteous, and caring. They have a sense of identity and look after each other. Seeing them on Monday night it was evident that they will confidently make their way on the next stretch of their life's journey via university, apprenticeship, and work. They will capture people's attention; their characters and work ethos will capture people's admiration. I have no doubt we have a cohort that will go out and make a positive difference in the world.





My warmest wishes, sense of pride and belief travels with them for their journeys.

Miss Campbell
Deputy Director of Sixth Form
Head of Year 13

Cherry Orchard Trip, Health and Social Care



In June, the Year 12 Health and Social Care class visited Cherry Orchard care home to carry out creative activities with the residents as part of their coursework unit.

Both the students and the residents had a fantastic time and developed very close bonds.

They carried out activities such as bingo, sing-alongs and colouring in. We also got to meet Coco the chicken who was very friendly!

The staff at the care home said that the students were fantastic and have requested that we return again soon.

Miss Scrimshaw
Teacher of Psychology & Social Studies

Year 12 Jungle Creations Mentor update

Seven Year 12 students are four weeks into their ten week mentorship with Jungle Creations.

The initial meeting at the head offices in London really was just an insight into the amazing mentoring programme that has been set up between Peer 2 Peer and Jungle Creations. All the students have been enthusing about how well they are getting on with their individual mentors and the things they are learning and confidence they are gaining. We have already had students preparing footage, being on shoots and being taken out for lunch!

Below are comments from two of our students:

“Not even halfway through the programme yet it is already extremely beneficial - my mentor has taught me so much about brand building, such as pitching, and the strategy plan used when doing so. I'm lucky to have been paired with someone so diligent, and I feel that I'm learning so much in such a short time. I'm also grateful for how flexible the programme is - something important to me as a student, especially with exams coming.”

Almas

“The programme has been great so far. My highlight was meeting with a graphic designer, he gave me useful advice on how to build my career. I've been taken behind the scenes of some filming sites which was great too.” Amidat

The students are putting everything into their part of this programme but so are the mentors, for which I am really grateful as they are giving so much on top of their busy schedules.

More updates to come before the end of summer term.

Miss Campbell
Deputy Director of Sixth Form
Head of Year 13

JRCS Class of 2023 Prom



On Monday 3rd July we had the great pleasure of celebrating the Class of 2023 at their prom.

The event was held at Orsett Hall hotel and our wonderful Year 11s did not disappoint with their gorgeous gowns, spectacular suits

and grand entrances. From stretch hummers to quad bikes and flares, the start of the evening had it all.

Students were then sat to a two-course dinner before dancing the night away to a range of classic party tunes and more modern beats.

The evening was a wonderful opportunity to see our Year 11s celebrate diversity, kindness and all that they have achieved during their five years of secondary school. Additionally, we got to celebrate those who won awards voted by the year group, this included:

- Prom Royalty – Bobby & Teeyah
- Best Couple – Ella & Tommy
- Funniest – Lewis
- Most Artistic – Jean
- Most Competitive – Ali Zain
- Biggest Heart – Olivia
- Most successful in 10 Years - Divine

We are so proud of this year group and know that they will go far. Best of luck to the class of 2023!

Remember - Work Hard, Be Nice, Take Opportunities.





Ms Draisey
Head of Year 11

Year 12 Jungle Creations Media Mentoring

Another week has passed in the journey of the mentees, we have had three been on site for podcast/ media filming and worked with the full crew behind the scenes, plus a couple of cameo appearances! (more info and photos in the next newsletter).

There are also plans underway for one of the students to be on set for the full day Friday next week to shadow a production/ direction team and to have some time to speak with media creators about the process before the shoot occurs.

All the partnerships are now also focusing on their final projects and presentations at the end of the 10 week programme – for one of them it will lead to a paid internship – but all of them are winners in the experience they are getting.

The students are all feeding back that the contact, networking they are getting is exciting and so much more than if they were not on the scheme.

A few extra words from them:



“So far, the programme has gone amazingly as being able to talk to someone well versed in the media has been exciting! I have the opportunity to learn more about the media through my mentor and I'm able to receive great advice about careers in the future. The programme has been beneficial so far as it has helped me understand what specific forms of media, I'm most interested in.” Anastasia (Tricia as Mentor)



My sessions are going great, my mentor has helped me learn so much about the potential industry I want to go into - network affiliation on social media. Connor has given me personal advice, as well as tips & tricks and general information that I should know when entering this industry. Our plan for the final presentation is going well too, it's very clear that both Connor & I love to stay organised! I can't wait for the future sessions!! Ellie (Connor as Mentor)



I am really enjoying this experience. I have learnt so much already about the media industry and the different types of careers available and the networking is great. My highlight would be my session seeing the different studios such as Craft Factory and Four Nine which was a really fun experience. Jessica (Mariem as Mentor)

Next week we will hear more from the other two mentees not yet mentioned and catch up on some of their podcast experiences and on set shooting. We are indebted to Heena at Peer 2 Peer for organising the link and obviously the amazing mentors at Jungle Creations for giving up their time and organising such great experiences. I would also like to thank Dionne who co-ordinates for us at Jungle Creations.

Miss Campbell
Deputy Director of Sixth Form
Head of Year 13

Year 12 Psychology Egg Baby Project- Winners

Following on from The Seagull article written last half term, I would like to formally announce the winners of the egg baby project!

This was not an easy task; I have been blown away by the sheer amount of effort that has gone into these. So, without further ado...

Third Place: Aisha- with Daenary's Omlette Tareggyen (DOT)

Second Place: Delia – with Reggina George

First Place: Lucy- with Daniegg Howell

And of course, I cannot forget an honorable mention for Dane and his evil twin with Yorkikaye Kira!

Well done to all, please come and see me to collect your prize.



Miss Scrimshaw
Teacher of Sociology and Social Studies

Year 12 get Creatively Mentored in the Jungle



Seven Year 12 students have seized an outstanding opportunity to get mentored by employees of Jungle Creations – a social media first publisher.

The company specialises in building and promoting brands. The opportunity is sourced via Heena at Peer 2 Peer with Dionne at Jungle Creations.

Students had to apply to gain the mentee ship, attend an online interview and on Tuesday this week went in person to the company office and met their mentor.

The group listened to Heena outline the programme, expectations of the students and what she hoped they would get out of the time. Dionne explained about the company and introduced each of the mentors and got them to explain to the students the role they have at the company and how it works. This identified the wide range of opportunities that are present in this career area.

After a few ice breakers the students were paired with their mentors. This had been decided based upon the application form and interview in order to make the partnership as helpful as possible.

Just before the group broke away, the CEO of Jungle Creations, Melissa Chapman, came and introduced herself – showing how the company is really behind the scheme. Mentor and mentee then had about 50 minutes together getting to know each other, outlining what they want to achieve and having preliminary discussions in some cases about what their presentation might be for the competition at the end! By the end, all had planned for their next week's session.

The programme is a 10-week programme; at the end of it one of the students will also be lucky enough to get a two-week paid work placement in the firm.

Having been at the launch on Tuesday and spoken with Heena & Dionne I have no doubt that JRCS students will gain enormously from this experience, not only benefiting during the 10 weeks, but also in their ability to take new skills and confidence into their careers and futures. More to come in future updates – how do the projects go... who gets the 2-week work experience???

Jungle Mentees: Almas; Amidat; Anastasia; Ellie; Jessica; Ronnie; Yasmin pictured with their mentors: Connor; Mariam; Nads; Patri; Steph; Tom; Trish.

Miss Campbell
Deputy Director of Sixth Form
Head of Year 13

SMSC English



Year 7 Globe Theatre Trip Just before the Easter holidays, the English Department lead two days of trips to the Globe Theatre in London.

Earlier in the year we had bid for, and successfully obtained, free tickets to see William Shakespeare's *The Tempest*! We decided this would be the perfect trip to take our 300 Year 7 pupils on; they behaved exemplarily and engaged extremely positively with the opportunity.

Sponsored by Deutsch Bank, this experience allowed pupils to watch and experience live theatre on one of the most famous stages in the world! The bright costumes, incredible surroundings and lively atmosphere made for two amazing days out that not only enhanced their contextual learning, it also supported the learning from the previous term when they studied Shakespeare in their lessons.



The buzz on the train journey before and after encapsulated pupils' excitement and enthusiasm, and all the students and staff had a fantastic time.

Mrs Patel
Year 7 Cohort Manager for English

SMSC Maths

Intermediate Mathematical Challenge

In February a number of students from Year 10 completed the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge which is a national competition in the UK. The following students won these certificates:

BRONZE:

Khilbat	Ishaaq
Shalom	Sophie
Chloe	Shohom
Ancilla	Deborah
Divine	Adriana
Matas	Emmauella
Densia	Diana
Oliver	Melchizedek
Ameenah	Ruqayyah
Ben	Robyn
Michel	Areeba
Hamza	

SILVER:

Farham	Maria
Adrijana	



Miss Fernandes
Maths KS4 Coordinator

SMSC History

Year 9 History reward trip to the Imperial War Museum



On Friday 16th June, a group of twenty eight Year 9 students visited the Imperial War Museum's newly refurbished Holocaust Exhibition. The visit included a pre seminar led by one of the museum's experts and then a 1.5 hour visit to the Holocaust galleries.



Armed with iPads the students were able to navigate the gallery and highlight certain objects that they found interesting. This was then followed by a 30 minute post seminar which analysed the students' findings.

The staff at the Imperial War Museum commented on the excellent knowledge the students possessed and their enthusiasm for the exhibition.

Mr Hinchliffe
Head of History

Year 7/8 History Reward Trip: National Maritime Museum

On Friday 30th June thirty students from Year 7 and 8 embarked on a JRCS first which was a visit to the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich. The students took part in an investigation on how the East India Company impacted different people's lives.

The students attended a lecture about the East India Company and then were involved in a workshop analysing evidence. The students then visited the galleries armed with iPads to substantiate their further understanding of the immense impact the East India Company had on the Britain and the British Empire.



Mr Hinchliffe
Head of History

SMSC D of E

Soggy seven experience success!



Seven students from Year 10 took part in their bronze practice expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh Award last weekend.

They braved the wet weather conditions and thundery showers and showed a great deal of resilience in spite of the very wet conditions.

The expedition took place in the London Borough of Enfield, and even though the participants didn't watch the coronation they did see the fly past fly over their route just as they reached the minibus.

Congratulations to all involved: Enoha, Ishaq, Majid, Shalewa, Marline, Ameenah and Harpreet. I would also like to wish these students all the best with their qualifying expedition on 19th and 20th May.

Many thanks also to the staff who gave up their weekend and helped out: Ms Lea, Mr Kilminster and Bill, your support is very much appreciated.

Ms Montague
DofE Manager

Celebrating DofE awards!



On Thursday 11th May our annual DofE Celebration Evening was held to celebrate all those who had completed an award during the last 12 months.

It was wonderful to see so many inspiring young people present with their family and friends to celebrate their achievements. It's amazing to think that our students have contributed to the

3,541,707 hours of volunteering recorded over the last year in the UK which is worth £17,035,611!

During the evening Amber, Sam, Sameer and Chloe talked eloquently about the various aspects of the award. Amber told us about the confidence that participating in bake sales to raise funds for the RSPCA gave her, Sam talked about the commitment that she was able to demonstrate during her participation as a footballer and how it gave her the necessary fitness to complete the expedition, Sameer talked about the challenges of summiting PenY-fan with one member of the group as a wheelchair user, and Chloe talked about the teamwork skills that she developed whilst playing in the school orchestra.

Many congratulations to all those who received their awards on the night: Amber (Year 10), Zubin, Theo, Daniels, Summer, Katelyn, Aimee, Sam, Chloe, Alina, Precious, Nikhil and Murtaza (Year 11). We also acknowledged Sameer's (Year 13) participation in his gold award, he will hopefully go on to complete his award later this year and attend a celebration at Buckingham Palace following on from that.

Unfortunately, Fatimah and Skyla (Year 13) and Reece (ex-student) were unable to attend the celebration. Both Fatimah and Skyla have completed their gold awards and Reece hopes to complete his shortly. Thank you to all those who supported the event especially Ms Keane, Miss Campbell and Bill Lockton.

On Monday 15th May I met up with Lauren (exstudent) and Skyla (Year 13) outside Buckingham Palace where they had just celebrated their gold awards in the presence of HRH Prince Edward The Duke of Edinburgh along with a number of celebrities including Ade Adepotane and Germaine Genus. It was a fantastic day where over 6,000 young people celebrated their gold awards. We went on to celebrate further over lunch.

We wish these two young women well for the future. Lauren is just completing her final teaching practice and has interviews for posts in primary schools coming up. Skyla has just finished her BTEC Business in Year 13 here at Jo Richardson.



We look forward to many more awards to celebrate next year!

Ms Montague
DofE Manager

Bronze DofE Qualifying Expedition success for Year 10



On the 19th and 20th May eight students from Year 10 set out on their qualifying expedition for the bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

They had undergone extensive training since September in a range of expedition skills including camp craft, map reading and navigation, route planning, first aid and weather. The weather was lovely and not too hot with a gentle breeze. The first day involved walking with everything that they would need from Woodford to High Beech in Epping Forest where they set up camp.



One group decided to light a campfire and busied themselves in the forest collecting firewood before it got too dark. They then took up the challenge of lighting a fire without using matches, which they did very successfully, and this kept everyone cosy as the temperature dropped away through the evening.



On the second day their trek continued through the forest via Debden to the Roding Valley Nature Reserve. A few people were quite stiff and tired by the end and one group in particular kept us guessing often as to exactly where they were, but they are to be commended for realising their mistakes and re-tracing their steps to a check point, as well as using their emergency phone at the correct time!



Congratulations to all of those in Year 10 who took part: Enoha, Majid, Ishaq, Harpreet, Shalewa, Ameenah, Marline and Ronni.

Enoha, Majid and Ishaq have now completed their bronze award. For everyone else please ensure that you upload evidence of your volunteering, physical and skill aspects of the award so that you can complete the whole thing.



Huge thanks also to the other staff who helped with the weekend, Miss Lea and Mr Kilminster.

Ms Montague
DofE Manager



Year 9 DofE Practice Expedition



On Friday 9th June a team of eight students from Year 9 set out on their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Practice expedition. They were in two groups: Nalini, Lily, Shanae and JJ with Miss Lea and Alif, Daniel, Charlie, and Rafael with Mr O'Keefe.



The groups departed from Forty Hall in Enfield, trekking through to The Ridgeway over the course of the day. The groups enjoyed the shade along the brook on the first part of the journey and had lunch in a shady spot in a church yard. In the afternoon the temperature rose and there was less shade, which

was a challenge, however everyone persevered.

The groups were all rewarded with an icecream at Trent Park cafe before returning home to school. Thank you to all the students for developing their resilience in the heat and especially to Miss Lea and Mr O'Keefe for their excellent supervision.

Ms Montague
DofE Manager

Year 9 Bronze Expedition success!



On 20th and 21st June seven students from Year 9 who have been completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award within the curriculum took part in their qualifying expedition.

Following a shopping expedition to buy provisions for the menu that they had planned, the students headed out for Epping Forest and a three hour long trek to their campsite in High Beech. The two groups had an aim for their expeditions; Alif, JJ, Lily and Nalini's aim was to make badges for other members of the group, and Daniel, Rafael and Charlie were aiming to discover more about the myths and legends surrounding Epping Forest.



The weather was hot and humid and so everyone was relieved to arrive at the shady campsite in the forest and cool off. They then set about putting up tents and also going into the forest to collect wood for a campfire. Dinners were then prepared which included pasta, chicken curry, and cake and chocolate custard.



After dinner all the students had a go at trying to light a campfire without using matches, they very nearly achieved this. However, due to the earlier rain, the wood was far too damp, and the flames shouldered and went out. We were going to roast marsh mallows and make chocolate bananas on the fire; however Miss Hall saved the day with the idea of a chocolate fondue, which everyone found delicious.



After a good night's sleep and breakfast, the group continued on their way towards their finish point at Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge. At one point, whilst trying to visit Loughton Camp, which legend tells was the hideout of the notorious highwayman Dick Turpin, they encountered horses and people in medieval dress filming a comic historical drama – very exciting.



At Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge, they learned about the 500 year history of the building. The frame having been completed by Henry VIII and the walls later infilled by his daughter Elizabeth I. Elizabeth is even said to have ridden her pony up the stairs!

It was a real privilege to accompany such enthusiastic students and see them achieve the completion of their expedition. Many thanks also go to the accompanying staff who helped out enormously and gave huge encouragement to the students: Miss Lea, Mr Hill and

Miss Hall.

Ms Montague
DofE Manger

SMSC Media

Media



On Thursday 27th April, Ms Harland visited an ex-JRCS student at their university. Ellie left JRCS two years ago to study Television Production at Ravensbourne University.

Ellie and her peers had an assessment for their course and had created a live production called "Wingmum". The concept is that "mum knows best" and chooses a date for their child. Ms Harland was asked to be "mum" for the production.

Each Ravensbourne student had a different role, from camera operator (which is the field Ellie would like to enter), to director, floor manager, producer, even presenter.

Ellie's role for this production was lighting designer, so she set up the rig and sourced the hot pink and blue lights on set. JRCS has a long history of supporting alumni students.



If you would like to watch the recording of the live the show, click on this link (skip the title screen) https://www.youtube.com/live/tbPHfYOL_Fd4?feature=share

Miss Harland
Head of Media Studies

SMSC Drama

Live touring performance opportunity- 'I love you mum- I promise I won't die' by Mark Wheeler

Before half term the Drama Department organised a live theatre opportunity for GCSE and A level Drama students in relation to their Drama course.

They were also able to open this opportunity up to selected students from Pastoral teams and the PDE department. Students who were invited watched a performance and participated in a prevent workshop which explored the real story of Daniel Spargo Mabbs and his fate. Students shared some great feedback with us, and we are happy to have provided them with this educational experience.

The Drama department would like to thank the students who attended for their respectful behaviour and their parents/carers who supported this event.

Miss Willis
Teacher of Drama



Drama Department - Year 12 Live Theatre Trip



On Thursday 15th June we took our Year 12 Drama students to watch Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Globe Theatre. It was a spectacular performance by a truly epic cast.

The students experienced the true style of Elizabethan theatre as we stood in the pit and, despite standing for over two and half hours in the glorious sun, they really valued the experience and took it all in their stride. They really were exceptional ambassadors for the school. The students will now use this live theatre experience to support them with their own

contextualised performance of this play that they will be performing at the end of this academic year.

We wish them luck as they come to the end of their first year of 6th Form and are very proud of their efforts during the start of their course.



Mrs Bryan
Co-Head of Drama

SMSC PE

Netball Festival



Adaeze in Year 10 took up the invitation to attend a Netball festival in Redbridge during the Easter holidays to practise her netball skills and participated in a tournament led by Essex Metropolitan County netball players.

The event was promoted to target students in East London who would not normally get the chance to take part in sports events and was organised by London Youth, the Jack Petchey Foundation and [Essex Open Netball Club](#).

"There were 2 different warm-ups / basic skills and drills in the morning session; different passes, different ways to get into space and a fun tournament in the afternoon session that was led by Essex Metropolitan County netball players and qualified netball umpires.

There were 5 teams we won 4 of our games, and my team came 2nd. It was really fun, I played as WD, and I enjoyed it".

Adaeze Year 10

Girls Fitness Club



Well done to all KS3 girls who signed up for early morning fitness club this week. All KS3 and KS4 girls are welcome to an early morning workout every Wednesday morning between 7.45-8.15am.

Miss Pridie
Teacher of PE

Under 13s Girls Football



On Wednesday 24th May the Under 13s girls football team represented the school at this year's London school festival at Frenford FC.

The whole squad worked incredibly hard to be at the event and were amazing throughout the day. They showed great resilience to battle against some older opponents as well.

Overall JRCS came runners up after narrowly missing out on 1st place.

Golden boot winner goes to Charlotte Year 7, Girl of the tournament goes to Kornejila Year 7 for fantastic sportsmanship and individual performance throughout the tournament.

Well done to all of the girls involved!

Miss Pridie
Teacher of PE



PE Rewards trip



In June these students were chosen for a PE rewards trip for their commitment to extra curricular clubs. They all had fun bouncing around Lakesides trampoline park. Well done all!!!

Miss Jones
Acting Head of Dance

JRCS Borough Athletics success

On Wednesday 21st June and Thursday 22nd June the Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 athletics team represented JRCS at this year's borough competition.

All students trained extremely hard at lunchtimes and after school and went into the competition with lots of confidence. A special mention to the Year 7 squad as this was their first time competing in a big event.

The JRCS students should be very proud of their achievements on the day. There will be further athletics competitions this term so please keep training hard.

Special mention for the following students for coming in the top 3 for their event:

Intisar Year 9- 100M borough champion
Fatmata Year 10 - High jump
Anacleto Year 9 - 1500m
Rebeca Year 10- Javelin
Tyrell Year 10 - Triple Jump and 300m
Lyndon Year 7- Javelin
Eva Year 8 - High jump
Lilany Year 9- 200m
Kornelija -Year 7- Javelin
Sienna Year 9 - High Jump
Imran Year 9 - Long Jump



Overall our combined scored meant that JRCS finished overall 5th out of twelve schools in the borough.



A special mention to the Year 10 girls who managed to place 2nd out of twelve schools for all their events. Well done to all the students selected to represent the JRCS athletics team and congratulations to Inizar (Year 8) who will go on to represent Barking and Dagenham schools at the Essex Schools Championships next month.

Miss Pridie
Second in PE