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Welcome to the first edition of our
summer term **newsletter**
bringing you all the **news** from our school
and **dates** for your diary

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The John Roan School Association (JRSA) was delighted to see how well managed the return to school in March was for all our year groups. As parents we have really appreciated the lengths the leadership team, teachers and all staff have gone to, to ensure our young people have resumed face-to-face lessons, with an emphasis on both their safety and emotional well-being. The school's thorough adherence to DoFE's Covid-safe guidelines with measures like twice-weekly rapid flow testing, compulsory mask wearing and the ongoing use of year group bubbles have given us all great confidence as we have been following the roadmap out of lockdown. We have also been really pleased to see how well supported students have been as they adjust to being back in school full time, and are delighted that so many of them are describing school as a positive place to be.

We have so much to be proud of at The John Roan, and many parents have been expressing their appreciation of the continual rapid improvement that has been made across school life, despite the very significant challenges faced in the last 13 months due to the global pandemic. It is clear that the school is on a very positive trajectory and we can feel the impact of strong and stable leadership, and the support received having joined United Learning.

To show our appreciation to all staff, we used a generous donation from a parent to the JRSA to buy Easter Eggs as a gift in the week leading up to the holidays. We bought 180 eggs so that every member of staff received a token of thanks from us for the terrific hard work and amazing endurance they have shown. We are very grateful for all they have done and are doing to prioritise the education of our students, in a very challenging time.

We are keen to showcase many of the achievements of our students in this, our first termly JRSA Newsletter and also, to use it as a platform to tell you about JRSA events, news and dates for your diary.

We hope you enjoy the read!

From The JRSA Committee and Trustees. **JRSA**

Our Community Librarians

Ms Allen and her team of community librarians have continued to support our elderly residents through partnership with Mycenae House and the 'Knitting Nanas.' When the Mycenae cafe reopens on May 17th there's bound to be smiles all round since members of the group will be reconnected with The John Roan students they have so missed, they will also be receiving free books to mark World Book Night and some chocolate treats as a belated Easter gift.

It's also amazing that our young librarians have reached the Goldsmith Company Community Engagement national finals to be held in November. The student-led awards recognise the positive impact that schools have through charitable and voluntary initiatives in their local community. We are very proud of the students and staff who have pursued these opportunities and are making such a difference in the lives of elderly community members, including many who have dementia. **#proudtobejohnroan**



Online Events

Very successful online events were led by John Roan Alumni who attended Oxford or Cambridge. This was a well attended online event organised and led by Ms Porter to help students who wish to follow this pathway.

International Women's day was also celebrated online with Cath Smith facilitating an evening celebrating the success of young women, their careers and aspirations.

Student led Publications

Proud Magazine.

We are super proud of how our 6th form student, Ben, has taken on the role as Editor of PROUD, now working on Issue 3, the magazine covers many topical subjects, with students from year groups writing and submitting their articles for publication.

Science Newsletter.

A monthly newsletter written and produced by our students in the science department. Brush up on your science knowledge with this insightful monthly newsletter.

All the Sporting News

The John Roan Basketball Academy now boasts 3 teams, and will soon be launching a Girl's Basketball Academy too. The teams are coached by former professional player turned teacher and mentor, Courtney Van-Beest.

On top of this we are excited about our partnership with Charlton Athletic and the John Roan Football Academy. Did you know that three former John Roan pupils are now professional football players!

Educating our Children, Come what may !

As we enter the final term of the school year, having gone through yet another lockdown and a period of remote learning, we can all agree that our young people have faced considerable uncertainty and challenges to their well being and education. As parents and carers of students at The John Roan we really appreciate the dedication and commitment of our teachers, support staff and leadership team, who have worked so hard to reduce the impact caused by the pandemic. We are grateful to everyone, for continuing to put our students' education first. Thank You!

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Dates for your Diary

Virtual Quiz Night - Friday 11th June. Following on from the success of our Virtual Quiz in 2020 to raise funds for chromebooks, we will be hosting another online quiz evening, to fundraise for high end calculators for the Maths department. It's going to be a fun evening with staff, students and parents coming together to put our brains to the test and enjoy some great laughs online. Look out for tickets on sale shortly.

Summer BBQ - Friday 2nd July. Our annual summer BBQ is on! An evening of chat, delicious food and drinks, sporting fun and some musical performances too. After a long time of seeing one another on screens only it will be great to be together enjoying a summer's evening outdoors! We are inviting all our new year 7 intake of students and families to join us and we look forward to seeing many families there.

Next JRSA Online Meeting - Wednesday 5th May at 6.45pm. The JRSA is going from strength to strength, and our termly online meetings have seen a rise in attendance throughout the year, please join us if you can for our next gathering. If you would like to get more involved in fundraising and supporting the school, the JRSA always appreciates new members, your support is greatly appreciated. Information about the next meeting will be provided on parentpay and in the weekly newsletter nearer the time.

JRSA Highlights

At the end of last term the JRSA were able to allocate funding to various departments across the school in response to bids for the financial support. We were so proud to have raised enough money to be able to fund the following:

School Visit. £275 for the author Ruth Eastham to spend a day with year 9's leading talks and creative writing workshops.

Raffle Prizes. £375 to purchase weekly prizes for the PRIDE rewards scheme for years 7 to 11 to encourage an excellent attitude to learning and good behaviour in school.

Calculators. £830 for the Maths department to buy ten advanced graphic calculators for post 16 Maths and Further Maths students.

Boat Party. £1000 towards the cost of the year 11 end of term boat party, to ensure that no student has to miss the party due to financial constraints.

Gambian Aid. £1000 to the Don McMath Foundation, whose mission is to provide free schooling to the poorest families.

Art Workshops. £500 to the Bow Art Project to help with Year 7 creative initiatives.

Of course, we must mention again the successful fundraising initiative through our 120 Challenge, together with our amazing teachers, we raised over £15,000 during lockdown to buy enough laptops to ensure all our students had access to the online teaching. [#proudtobejohnroan](https://twitter.com/proudtobejohnroan)

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