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**Welcome** to The John Roan School Association Summer update. We have seen exciting things this year and there is still more to come in our final term. We are pleased to share with you, in this issue, a round up of the support and involvement given to the school. First of all, welcome to everyone who has recently joined The John Roan School, from new students to newly recruited teachers. In particular, may we extend a very warm welcome to the students and parent/carers who have arrived from Ukraine. We hope you have settled in well, in such difficult times.

The JRSA Committee and Trustees. **JRSA**

### **School admission evenings**

We were pleased to support Cath Smith and teachers at the admissions evenings on 11th and 19th May. Parents/carers and our soon to be new Yr7 cohort came in to school, met with teachers, sampled the lunch and snack menus and emersed themselves in an evening of life at The John Roan School. The transition to a new and bigger school from Primary can be a little daunting and a part of these evenings is to put at ease any worries. Ongoing, there is an action packed programme that will see our new Yr7s getting to know their teachers and make new friends well before the September start date. The JRSA provided complimentary refreshments on both nights. It was a fantastic opportunity to chat to new parents/carers, provide first hand information and answer questions. Encouragingly, we were able to add the contact details of 56 new families to our ever growing list of 'Friends of the JRSA' and we will look forward to welcoming everyone to meetings and events in the near future. It is easy to be added to this list by emailing [jrsa@thejohnroanschool.org.uk](mailto:jrsa@thejohnroanschool.org.uk).

### **Oscar winning potential!**

Over two nights in April, it was a delight to finally see our students on stage performing **High School Musical**, after the disappointment of postponing the show last year due to Covid. However, they remained stoic, knowing that 'the show **would** go on'! It was indeed, a stellar performance. Congratulations to Miss Hibbert for directing and to each and everyone of our students on stage and back stage.

Like any performance it is always a treat to have pre-theatre refreshments and the JRSA organised and managed the bar on the evening as well as the ever popular raffle. Not only did the bar quench the thirst of many, it helped raise money to invest in the school. **£200** was raised from sales on the bar and raffle. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped out at the event, it would not be possible without you.

### **Quiz hats on!**

The JRSA holds community events throughout the year to bring parents together and to raise money for the 'bidding pot'\*. In May we were able to return to hosting quiz nights on site. Parents, students and teachers came together for an evening of quizzing and entertainment. Mr Garvey and Ms Porter took on the roles of Quiz Masters whilst parents, students and teachers enjoyed a brilliant quiz together with a bar, a raffle fantastically organised by Vicki and food skillfully prepared by another parent volunteer, Hilja and her team. Over **£1,000** profit was made - a fantastic effort. Thanks to everyone who made this event happen. Roll on the next one!



## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Students can outgrow their school uniform so quickly. Over the last three school terms, the JRSA have held a pre-worn uniform sale in the reception area of Westcombe Park. Many thanks go to Nola, a parent who has managed and co-ordinated this popular event and who also sorts out all the donated uniform. Prices are very reasonable with blazers at £10.00. Please keep donating clean, good condition uniform. Just drop in to the office at Westcombe Park. If you have a Yr11 student and are happy to donate their uniform, we do need some bigger sizes, thank you. Nola can also be contacted via email [nolabarker@gmail.com](mailto:nolabarker@gmail.com) if your child is in need of anything in between the sale days. Due to Founder's Day on 8th July the next sale will be Thursday 7th July from 3.15pm

### It could be you!

Did you know, the JRSA has its very own **school lottery**? It's really easy to sign up and costs just £1.00 per month. Every pound goes directly into our fundraising pot and there are two prizes every half term of £52 and £26. Congratulations to Sandra who was our latest first prize winner. If you would like to sign up, visit the school [website here](#) and complete the form.

### Your PTA needs you!

There are many reasons for being part of a Parent Teacher Association like the JRSA. We are a registered charity and made up of 8 elected trustees including two co-chairs, a secretary and treasurer and a further four parent & teacher trustees.

However, everyone is a welcome volunteer and can be involved as much as they like. Being a charity means we can take part in sponsored events and can apply for funding grants. We always welcome new skills, ideas and help no matter how small, it is greatly received.

It is also a way of meeting other parents and getting to know teachers. Each event helps to raise those much needed funds that make a difference to the students and school community

### Positions vacant

Two of our Trustees will be leaving their roles after many years of commitment and dedication to the JRSA. We have opportunities for a Treasurer, Secretary/Admin and Fundraiser roles. If you are interested please email for more details to [jrsa@thejohnroanschool.org.uk](mailto:jrsa@thejohnroanschool.org.uk)

### Communicating with you

Check out our page on the school website [here](#). We are also on Facebook and Twitter. Meetings are held via teams 6 times a year and everyone is welcome to tune in to hear an updates from the Principal and the Trustee Board. We also have our own page in the weekly school newsletter each Friday.

What's App has become a useful communication platform and over this school year we have formed volunteer groups covering Gardening, Events and PR.

Please send an email to [jrsa@thejohnroanschool.org.uk](mailto:jrsa@thejohnroanschool.org.uk) to be added to a What's App group and keep up to date on what is happening.



The John Roan School **Lotto**



## What happens to the money you raise?

Fundraising is an important part of the JRSA. But where does the money that you raise, get invested?

Earlier in this newsletter we mentioned the JRSA BIDDING POT\*. Funds raised are accumulated in this 'pot' and at the beginning of the calendar year, the amount available is presented to subject departments. Teachers can then put their bid in to request the funding of a project or student trip. This year, bids were received from various subject departments and were approved by the Committee:

**£720** for GOLDEN TICKET PRIDE PRIZES

**£690** contribution towards the Yr11 Prom

**£1130** towards the cost of extra stationery, ensuring all students are equipped and ready to learn.

**£400** for a Yr7 incentive trip.

**£500** contribution towards a Yr10 kayaking course to help GCSE PE students in their practical examinations.

It is rewarding to see how this money is put to use and how appreciative the teachers and students are to have this bidding pot available.

## Dates for your diary

Get your tickets [here](#) for the **JRSA BBQ** on Friday 15th July 5pm to 9.30pm.

And don't forget to buy a ticket for the [Big PTA Raffle](#) to be in with a chance to win £5,000!

The **Vitality Half Marathon** is on Sunday 4th September. There are three places still available to run and raise money for the school. If you are interested in taking part, please email [trishbullen@btinternet.com](mailto:trishbullen@btinternet.com).

## Breaking news!

Following on from the success of winning the "New PTA of the Year" Award last year, we are excited to let you know that Eve, our Co-Chair, has been invited to give a talk in **Parliament Westminster!** about the achievements of the JRSA and the positive impact that having a PTA can have in a school. Eve will also present to policymakers on how important parent volunteers are to a school community.

**Good luck Eve!**

## ... and finally

After months of preparation and time spent revising, our Year 11 & 13 students have finally reached the end of their exams and school year. The JRSA Committee and Trustees wish you every success in the future and we look forward to hearing about all of your achievements and next steps. Thank you also to every member of staff who provide help and support to the JRSA.

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