Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable break.

We have started the New Year and the new decade with a big push on finding ways to increase our activity levels because we know that there is a positive correlation between exercise and brain function. Inspired by the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics, The John Roan School has joined with schools across the United Learning Group and we have launched the ‘Challenge 2020’ initiative. This is something that we are keen for our staff, students AND parents to join in with. What we would like you to do is to think creatively about what pledge you could make around exercise that fits in with the idea of 2020. In what way can you, over the next 20 weeks, increase your physical activity? I look forward to hearing some of your parent pledges!

The new term, new year and new decade has started very positively at The John Roan School. Everyone has settled quickly back in to routine and the school has a purposeful buzz about it. We have a group of students with us for January from Peru. They are joining in with lessons and learning about schools and education in England whilst having plenty of opportunity to improve their already impressive English speaking skills. This is year two of this exciting cultural exchange and we are delighted to welcome this group to our school.

Year 11 received their mock exam results this week and have been meeting with staff to consider what they now need to do to continue the improvements that they have made since the end of Year 10. We are delighted with their successes which reflect the hard work and diligent preparation that they put in to their revision schedules. The results, and the staff predictions for their outcomes in the Summer, are very pleasing. Well done Year 11. All staff are now looking forward to the Year 11 Parent Evening next week where they will be able to discuss strategies to support ongoing progress with the parents and carers.

Year 9 parents have a busy half term ahead of them this term. We have the Year 9 Options Evening coming up soon – an opportunity to find out more about how to select subjects for GCSE – as well as the Year 9 Parent Evening next month. Year 9 students will have a number of assemblies over the next few weeks to give them a chance to hear from different subject teachers about what their GCSE offer is.

We have also decided, in response to a number of queries from students and parents, to run a second evening for Year 11 parents to find out more about the Sixth Form at The John Roan School. More details will be available on Wednesday at the Year 11 Parent Evening, but please note the date of February, 4th.
Please could all parents make sure that their child’s ParentPay account is always in credit. It is very difficult for the students when they are hungry if they do not have enough money on their accounts – they have to go to the office to get a ‘lend slip’ and this delays their opportunity to eat at the same time as their friends sometimes. We NEVER refuse to feed a student, of course, but it is a lot easier if we do not need to arrange loans. It is also important, please, to make sure that if the ParentPay account does therefore run in to debt that this is rectified as soon as possible. If any family is experiencing financial difficulties, I am always happy to discuss this further with them.

The JRSA have managed to raise over £5000 for the school over the past year and their fund raising activities continue this term. The next event is a Quiz Night on Friday, 31st January that will be held at the school and, as well as being a fund raiser, it also provides an opportunity for parents to network and meet other parents. I do hope that many of you will be able to join in what promises to be an enjoyable evening.

If you can't manage this, but would like to be part of the fundraising, there are other ways to help: the JRSA lottery is one such route, and there is also an ‘Easy Fundraising’ link that you can use when shopping on line.

Every little counts, and our departments will benefit from the extra funding that the JRSA can then provide.

Thank you all for your support of our drive to improve school attendance and punctuality. Both showed a significant improvement last term – punctuality to school was so very much better than last year. Attendance by year group for the week 16th-19th December was as follows:

YEAR GROUPS
7  91%
8  93%
9  91%
10 93%
11 92%
12 100%
13 99%

Yours faithfully,

Cath Smith
Executive Headteacher
It has been very pleasing to see our students return refreshed and positive.

We start the term with Key Stage 3 Mid-Year Assessments. All Year 7, 8 and 9 will complete assessments in each of their subjects. All students will be assessed on what they have learnt in the Autumn term, many will additionally be assessed on what they have learnt from their previous academic year.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support with revision over the holidays. Reports of your child’s assessment results will be available in February.

Many thanks,

Josephine Okokon
Associate Headteacher
Maze Hill Lead
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The JRSA are holding its first Quiz Night on Friday, 31st January in Westcombe Park at 7.00pm - 9.30pm. You can either come alone or make up a team of 6 and have a bit of fun. We will have a bar on the night, however you can bring your own snacks and nibbles. Tickets are £5 per person, please email jrsa@thejohnroanschool.org.uk. We hope you can put a team together and join us.

If you haven’t yet entered the lottery it is so easy to do. For a £1 per month you can enter the draw, which is done once a term. We have a first prize of £52 and a second prize of £26 every term.

Please also remember to use Easy Fundraising when you are shopping online, it is so easy to give to The John Roan School by buying through Easy Fundraising.

All the best,

Eve Daniels
Co Chair of the JRSA
The John Roan School Association

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 31st January

7.00 to 9.30pm

Westcombe Park Site

Bring your own team or join others on the night. Maximum six players per team.

Bar available but please bring your own snacks to enjoy. Raffle, donations gratefully received.

Tickets: £5.00 per person
email: jrsa@thejohnroanschool.org.uk to book or reserve your table and pay on night.

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# Dates for the Diary — Spring Term

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**YEAR 7 | MS WARD | LOIS.WARD@THEJOHNROANSCHOOL.ORG.UK**

Happy New Year. I hope you all had a lovely break with your families.

We have had an excellent start to the year with our students in full school uniform, well equipped, bright, fresh and ready to learn.

Our next PRIDE Day is on the 20th January and Year 7 will be focusing on being active citizens, and for part of the day they will be attending a workshop in Ikea where they will be upcycling one of their famous blue bags.

Next week Year 7 will be starting their in-class assessments, these assessments will give us a clear picture of where students are at in their learning and where they may need some extra support.

Our assembly next week will be delivered by the Headteacher—Ms Smith. We will be handing out our ‘jump to the front passes’ as usual.

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**YEAR 8 | MS CAUSER | JUDITH.CAUSER@THEJOHNROANSCHOOL.ORG.UK**

Welcome back to a busy January term to all my Year 8’s and their families. I hope everyone managed a restful and enjoyable Christmas holiday! We have hit the ground running and Year 8’s have been completing their mid-year assessments this week and next week. This will help us to further understand the progress that has been made so far this year, and what needs to be done over the coming months to ensure all are making their expected progress in their subject areas. I can see students want to perform to their best ability in these assessments and have been working hard over the holidays to give themselves the best chances of being successful.

This week, we have had WE organisation join us to work with 3 groups of students with starting a community project I attach a link of the company, but I hope to update you with the project they chose in the next coming weeks.

"WE Schools is an innovative series of experiential social action programmes that engage teachers and young people globally to empower them with the skills, knowledge and motivation to bring positive change in themselves and the world." [https://www.we.org/en-GB/our-work/we-schools/](https://www.we.org/en-GB/our-work/we-schools/).

Next week - Monday 13th January – there will be an inter-form athletics competition where we will have students competing in a number of indoor athletic events. This will also help us to select a team for the indoor athletics competitions coming up this term. Good luck to all form groups, may the best form win!

Talking of winning forms, last term our prestigious PRIDE point competition was won by 8O, who managed to accumulate an amazing 5235 PRIDE points between them. This was an amazing achievement, so well done to Mr Wiles and 8O. Who is going to be this terms winner? Let the hard work commence.

A few dates for you to be aware of coming up in the next couple of months: PRIDE Day 3 - we will be looking at careers on Monday 20th January. Year 8 Parent Evening will be held on Wednesday, 1st April.

Have a great rest weekend!
Happy New Year! I hope you and your families had an enjoyable break.

We have a very busy schedule for this half term with lots of events going on.

Firstly and most importantly, Wednesday 22nd January we will have our GCSE Option Evening. I will be sending an official letter about this evening including timing and venue. As it is your child's passport to their future, I would strongly advise that both yourself and your child attend this evening.

We also have our PRIDE Day 3 on Monday, 20th January. Our students will be attending various museums around London. We will be in school for our usual registration time before heading off to our various places of interest. Please ensure your child has a packed lunch for the day, as well as wearing full school uniform.

Lastly, we have our formal Parent Evening on Wednesday, 12th February. Again, this is a very important chance to meet and speak with your child's subject teachers. This will be a hugely beneficial evening as our subject teachers can explain how/where your child can improve before we begin our GCSE programmes in Year 10. Again, I'll be sending an official letter detailing the plans for the evening.

As ever, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Happy New Year. I hope that the Christmas holiday period was restful and enjoyable.

**Work Experience** - the deadline for returning 'Own Find Forms' has now passed. Students who have not managed to find a placement will therefore be in school during the week beginning the 18th May.

**A date for your diary** - Year 10 Parents Evening – 22nd April 2020. I know this is a long time away, but it is vital that all parents/carers attend please.

**PRIDE Day – 20th January**: Year 10 students will be focusing PRIDE Day 3 on prejudice. Part of this will involve the year group walking down to the Greenwich Picture House in the morning to watch 'The Book Thief'. When they return to school they will complete a workshop based on what they have seen. Students will be walked through Greenwich Park by their Tutors and other support staff.
Happy New Year!

**Reminder:** The John Roan School Class of 2020 Yearbook is on ParentPay, ready to purchase at the fantastic price of £16. Please could you get your orders in early. Thank you again for the photos of your children as babies, but I'd still like some more for our double spread of “guess the baby”. It is not too late to provide baby pictures for the yearbook (a digital copy is preferred to a hard copy). **Please keep these coming!**

The deadline for all returned form has now passed and we are in the process of putting the yearbook together. Ms Kayser has kindly agreed to have some forms available to be signed at the Year 11 Parents Evening next week as we now have a timetable for taking photos, which will be shared with you in the next few days.

**Reminder:** School Leavers “hoodies” shop has been set up. The website is [https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/leavers-hoodies-login](https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/leavers-hoodies-login) Please use the **USERNAME: SL47471** and the **PASSWORD: 47471joan.**

**Reminder:** Year 11 Prom on Thursday, 18th June – though a while away, please could you ensure that the consent form for the Prom is returned to me as soon as possible. Payment can now be made via ParentPay for the Prom.

**Reminder:** Year 11 Parent Evening is on Wednesday, 15th January. You should have by now received my letter with a reply slip, as well as an appointment sheet for your child to make appointments for you. Please could you return the reply slip as soon as possible to let me know whether or not you will be attending the evening. **Please could you check that your child has been making appointments with their teachers. If your child has lost their appointment sheet, please ask them to see me to get another one.**

It is important that you attend the evening with your child, as it is the last Parent Evening for your child before the GCSE exams, which commence in May. It will provide an opportunity to discuss the recent mock exam grades, preparations for the final exams and important decisions about study at Post 16. Students need to know where they are and what they need to do to further improve, however it is just as important for parents/carers to know how best they can support their child to be able to do so.

Students received their mock exam grades this week. The year group have made great strides since their end of Year 10 exams. There are a number of students who have already attained grade 7,8 or 9 for practically all of their subjects and are currently being targeted to attain all grade 9s. Likewise there are several students who are currently on grades 5, who we believe could attain a 6, grade 4s who we believe could attain a grade 5 and grade 3s who we believe could attain a grade 4. As such, several of you will be receiving letters requesting that you child attend after school intervention classes. These are primarily for targeted students, but if your child does not receive a letter and still wants to attend these classes as they think that they can benefit from them, then they are able to do so. Both English and Maths (there are no students identified as needing both English and Maths intervention) will be running on Tuesday and Science will be running on Thursday. I would implore you to ensure that if your child has been identified as a target student, that you ensure that s/he attends these sessions.

As is the case with any exams, some students will have done better than others and some students will not have attained the grades that they hoped for. My assembly this week was about students being aware that if they have done well then they shouldn’t become complacent as a result of this but maintain their work ethic (and increase it as we get closer to their official GCSE exams) as it is clearly working, but just as importantly those that may not have done as well as they hoped then this should be a “wake up call” for them and that perhaps they didn’t prepare as much for the exams as they could have done and that there is still time for them to turn this around, particularly if they start putting in the effort now.
Happy New Year from all of the Sixth Form Team. We hope you all had a restful break after the stress of the mock exams.

The UCAS process is nearly at an end for now. The deadline for everything to be submitted is Wednesday, 15 January. Some students still have not submitted their application, they must do their part and pay before we can submit the reference to UCAS. Please check that your student has finished or is very near finishing and to submit it before Tuesday, 14 January so we have time to add references and complete the final submission. If you need any support with this please don't hesitate to contact me.

Year 12’s search for a Work Experience placement starts in earnest this term. Students must find their own placement, which must be connected to their plans for the future. They will need to approach the employer. Once the employer has agreed, students must collect a form from us for the employer to complete. The form can be collected from the Sixth Form Office. Please encourage your child to prioritise this, as I wouldn't want them to be disappointed and not find a place or worse find a place too late for all the health and safety checks to be carried out in time. Work Experience will take place during the last week of the school year.

As ever please don’t hesitate to contact the team if you have any questions.
Greenwich have lots of exciting offers for young people with SEN and their families.

The GPV (Greenwich Parent Voice) Hub hold get together sessions for parents once a month—click here.

Greenwich Greenlights and MenCap are holding a workshop for families of young people with ASD on the 30th January—click here.

Open Sound Ensemble are running music workshops during half term.—click here.

Greenwich Short Breaks are offered by 9 different organisations within the borough – hopefully there is something to suit everyone—click here.

For detailed information on any of the above, please see the links above to the fliers. The fliers can also be found on the school website.

Many thanks,

Siobhan McCauley
SENCo
Welcome back and happy New Year.

Instrumental/singing lessons and music extra-curricular classes start on Monday, 13th January.

If you would like a copy of the relevant timetable, please do email me.

Many thanks,

Mr Wright
Head of Music
The John Roan Community Planning Committee
The John Roan School is involved in many community projects, including the brand new Let’s Beat Loneliness Lunch Club and the very successful Community Christmas Celebration at Mycenae House, and we’d like to raise as much funding as possible to help more people in our local community. The committee will meet every Tuesday before school in the Library and anyone is welcome to join. Breakfast will be provided to give everyone energy for planning!

The JR Journalists
Do you have what it takes to become a journalist, and take part in the BBC Young Reporter competition? Then join us every Friday lunchtime in MH Library.

Dementia Friends Training
The next Dementia Friends training will take place on Monday, 20th January at Mycenae House. A Dementia Friend is somebody that learns about dementia so they can help their community. Dementia Friends help by raising awareness and understanding, so that people living with dementia can continue to live in the way they want. Following the training, trips will be arranged to local care homes so students will be able to use their training to help others. We currently have links with Leah Lodge and Rectory Court, where we organise and run monthly craft activities for the residents.

Any students who would like to take part just need to visit the Libraries to sign up.

The John Roan Word of the Week
Word: Resolution

Definition: A promise to yourself to do or to not do something.

Example sentence: “I've made a resolution to exercise three times a week”.

Synonyms: intention, resolve, decision

The Weekly Challenge: Use the noun, resolution, as many times as possible throughout the week and you could receive PRIDE points every time! This can be verbally OR in your written work.
To commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day, the Books of the Month for January 2020 are......