Dear Parents and Carers,

Requests for information

I am aware that we are asking you all for quite a lot of information at the moment and I apologise for this. It is all important information for us to have on file and, although I understand that it is one more thing in your busy lives to ask of you, please could you make every effort to fill in and return all the different forms as soon as you can. We are sending home hard copies with your child and hope that you can return them in the envelope that they come to you in early next week if at all possible. Thank you very much.

Celebrating students who go the extra mile

The Jack Petchey Awards Ceremony was held at Blackheath Halls earlier this week and it was with pride that we were able to celebrate the award winners from last year. Congratulations to Joshua, Luke, Leo, Helen, Yetti, Alaina, Ryan, Ellen and Sean. Congratulations also to Ms France who was the staff award winner for last year. Many thanks to Ms Mann who oversees the Jack Petchey Awards at the school.

An Old Roan visits

We have a large number of very successful ex students and were pleased and proud to welcome Raff Gallo back to the school on Monday. Raff is the manager of the local branch of Handelsbanken and was a student at The John Roan some years ago. In addition to coming in to school to talk to and inspire our Sixth Form on Monday, he has also provided very generous awards to some of our students – those in Years 10 – 13 last year who made the best progress all year and those who were the highest achievers. We are also very grateful to Raff as he will be providing two work experience placements at the bank.

Open Events

It has been a pleasure to welcome families of Year 6 children into the school over the past two weeks and to be able to show them around the school with pride. We have an Open Evening on Wednesday next week (6 – 8pm), so if you know of families with Year 6 children, please do encourage them to come and visit. We are also open this Thursday morning (9.00-10.30) for visits, as well as on Thursday, 10th October.

Yours faithfully,

Cath Smith
Executive Headteacher
News from Maze Hill

We have welcomed approximately 100 visitors to Maze Hill as part of our Open Season and all have been impressed with our Year 8 and Post 16 student ambassador guides.

We have an Open Evening on Wednesday, 2nd October from 6-8pm for Year 6 and 5 parents and students, please do spread the word, all are welcome for find out more about The John Roan School.

It was very pleasing to see over 30 Year 7 complete their football trials at Westcombe Park. We have over 100 student taking up their instrumental lessons and I have received lots of student enquires from eager Year 7 and 8 wanting to know where specific clubs and extra curricular activities are taking place and what time they are starting. It is good to see so many students taking our PRIDE values and being involved.

Wishing you all a well earned rest at the weekend.

Josephine Okokon
Associate Headteacher
Maze Hill Lead
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Another great week for year 7! A credit to the school. Excellent behaviour and attitude to work.

Apologies that we still seem to be having some difficulties with Show My Homework and staff are aware that this is the case. Please continue to support your child in completing their homework by checking their planners where homework will continue to be recorded. Students will not have detentions if homework was set on SMHW by staff which students could not access.

School Council
Congratulations to our newly elected student councillors:
7J - James and Tilly
7O - Jago and Zayan
7H - Shane and Amirah
7N - Chloe and Lotta
7R - Marley and Joy
7A - Ruby and Zia

We look forward to listening to our students and acting on their ideas.

Parent Information Evening
Please come and visit us on the 16th October. This is a chance to meet your child’s Tutor and myself. We will talk through our values, expectations and routines and most importantly you will have a chance to see how well they have settled in.

Bug Hotels
Watching the excitement on the children’s faces and their enthusiasm when building their bug hotels was great. This activity provided an excellent opportunity for lots of our Year 7 students to engage in an activity that promoted sustainable living. Thanks for coming Mace!

Extra Curricular Activities
The programme is now up and running. Please encourage your child to attend at least one a week. There is something on offer for everyone.

Assembly
Next week we are looking forward to our assembly which will celebrate Black History Month and is being planned and delivered by students in 7J with their Tutor, Ms. Ackaa.

In assembly this week, we had a chance to celebrate the fantastic behaviour for learning for Year 7. More than 30 students were applauded for having more than 50 PRIDE points and Alfie in 7R had a fantastic 77!

Well done to all.
The first round of HPV and MMR top up vaccinations started this week with the girls. The boys will have theirs on Monday, 7th October. If there were any absences for the first round, we also hope to be able to do these on this date. Thank you to all parents who have already returned consent forms, we do still have a number of outstanding forms left and we would appreciate these being returned as soon as possible, even if you do NOT wish your child to have the vaccinations.

On Wednesday lunch time, we had an amazing bake sale in aid of The Mountain Rescue Team in Keswick. I was overwhelmed by all the students who baked, helped sell, and contributed by buying the amazing cakes that were made. A great amount of time and effort was put into preparing beautiful homemade cakes, producing and setting up posters around the school and giving up their lunchtime to help sell the cakes. A huge thank you to Daisy, Ellen, Lois, Amy, Scarlett, Ella, Grace and Amelia for all their efforts, and to all the students who also baked and brought in cakes to sell, we were really grateful. We managed to raise £130, which completely smashed our £50 target we hoped to achieve. We look forward to sending this to Keswick Mountain Rescue Service ASAP.

Finally, thank you to all parents who have let me know about issues students are still encountering logging into Show My Homework. We are in the process of resetting passwords for anyone who is still unable to login, having followed the instructions given last week. We will continue to rectify these problems ASAP and get everyone into and using the system.

Another busy but productive week! I hope you have a good weekend.

A number of our Y9s were selected to attend the Urban Synergy Trip on Wednesday, hosted in the famed Thomas Reuters in Canary Wharf. We had first hand experience from world-class professionals in their chosen career path. Our Y9s found this very inspiring and rewarding. I was very impressed by their engagement in the session, as well as their maturity.

Unfortunately, a large number of our Y9s are being placed in Detentions for incomplete homework, as well as incorrect equipment. I am aware there are issues with the SMHW Website, which I hope are alleviated after the Parent Pay email I sent with the instructions of how to log in to SMHW. Please check in with your child about their homework to ensure they are not getting unnecessary detentions for homework. If you have any concerns with homework, please let me know.

Please be aware of the rules regarding equipment which they need to bring every day; a reading book, 2 x black pens, 2 x green pens, ruler, pencils, eraser, protractor and a compass, inside a pencil case. Please ensure your child is fully equipped to make sure that they do not pick up unnecessary detentions.

Our students will be allocated their Lockers from the next week.

On Monday, I'm looking forward to 9A delivering the first of our Tutor Group Assemblies on Black History Month.

If there is anything you would like me to raise in next week's Newsletter, please let me know.
Work Experience from 18—22 May 2020

Please see the attached Work Experience letter and 'Own Find form'. It is vital that students/parents start trying to find placements as soon as possible.

If a student is finding it difficult to obtain a placement, please ask them to come to me and I will help were possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Parents Information Evening on Tuesday, 15th October from 5.00—7.00pm

This is an opportunity for parents and carers to gain a greater understanding of the courses that their child is following.

During the evening, there will be a presentation giving details about GCSE qualifications, information regarding how parents/carers can support their child during exams and an opportunity to meet with members of staff to ask more specific questions. A letter giving further details will follow in the next few days.

Reminder: Mock exams commence on Monday, 18th November

Reminder: The John Roan School Class of 2020 Yearbook are on ParentPay, ready to purchase. Please could you get your orders in early. I’ve been showing students a copy of a previous year’s yearbook and they have been very impressed with it. Ms Kayser and I would really appreciate you sending us in any photos of your child as a baby for one of the sections we will be placing in the yearbook (I promise to look after and return all photos that are sent to me). Thank you for those photos already sent in.

Reminder: School Leavers “hoodies” shop has been set up. The website is https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/leavers-hoodies-login

Please use the USERNAME: SL47471 and the PASSWORD: 47471joan. I know that several students have already placed their orders as they excitedly told me today.

Reminder: Year 11 Parent Information Evening – please do try your best to attend this evening as it will be an opportunity for you to speak with your child’s Teachers/Head of Department about his/her progress early in the term, what revision books may be needed, how best to support your child etc. This is an invaluable opportunity to find out what the upcoming mock exams will be all about and how we will be working together for the remainder of the academic year.

Attendance continues to be very strong in the year group. Year 11s have been leading the attendance in the school for the first two weeks, which is absolutely fantastic but this has started to slip with a number of absences this week. We know that students sometimes are unwell but as I’ve requested before, if they are well enough, please send them in. We will keep a very close eye on them and contact you if they decline. Please could you ensure that if your child is not well enough to attend school, that you contact us via the absence line/e-mail to inform us of the absence and where possible send in any relevant medical evidence.

The Science mock exams in November will consist of the same content that the exams they sat in June. The biology 1 paper will consist of content from B1, B2, B3 and B4. The Chemistry 1 paper will consist of content from C1, C2, C3, C4 and C5. The Physics 1 paper will consist of content from P1, P2, P3, and P4. Just like last year, I’d be happy to provide your child with resources to support their revision for these exams via a memory stick.

Please be on the lookout for our annual ice-skating trip letter next week. The trip is usually in very high demand, so please abide by the deadline to return the necessary paperwork.

I should also have some further news next week concerning the prom, as I’ve been informed my bid to the Foundation was accepted, so I should be able to distribute the prom letters next week as well.
I know that there have been some issues with Show My Homework, which I believe should now have been resolved following the letter sent earlier this week by Mr Wilson. Nonetheless, I’m very concerned, and somewhat disappointed, with the significant numbers of Year 11 students who are not completing their homework. Please can I ask that you are again checking that issued homework is not only being completed, but being completed to the appropriate standard, as it is such an important part of your child demonstrating independent learning.

There’s so much I would like to say but I’m very conscious of the fact that my entries, of late, have been rather lengthy and I would rather keep this entry as brief as possible in the hope that more parents will read it.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support with your child.

SIXTH FORM | MS COOK | HELEN.COOK@THEJOHNNROANSCHOOL.ORG.UK

Year 12 and Year 13 were this week treated to a talk by a John Roan ‘Old Boy’, Raff Gallo. He is branch manager of Handelsbanken, Blackheath Branch. Mr Gallo spoke to students about his career, but more about how important first impressions are, especially in job interviews.

He told us about the different type of interviews, along with the reasons why interviewers ask particular questions or set particular tasks. Mr Gallo has also kindly given us tokens for rewards and two students, Tommy and Erin, were rewarded for their progress and achievement last year. Mr Gallo has also offered two work experience placements for Year 12. More on this after our first PRIDE day on the 17th October.

Thank you for supporting your student in adhering to the dress code. There have been two minor alterations as requested by students, black trainers are permitted but these must be completely black and with no coloured or white logos or soles visible, black jeans are also permitted but these must also be completed black, not faded in and way and have no rips or other ‘damage’.

Congratulations to two Year 12s, Savana and Morgan, who have been elected Chair and Deputy Chair of the Sixth Form Council.

As ever please don’t hesitate to contact me.
Instrumental lessons started this week as well as extra-curricular clubs. A couple of reminders:

* The timetables at Maze Hill are on the noticeboard by the playground, opposite what used to be seclusion.

* The lessons are on a rotated timetable, so students need to check their times each week as it will not be at the same time as the previous week.

* Instrumental teachers are collecting students from lessons this/next week – whilst this is a temporary measure to help students get used to the lessons, this is not feasible in the long term so students need to be proactive about checking their times and going independently to lessons.

* All timetables are sent out to form tutors, so if students need reminding of times they can ask their tutors.

There were no singing lessons this week – they will start this Wednesday. Orchestra was also not on this week – this will start on Tuesday.

If you have any questions regarding instrumental lessons, extra-curricular or concerts, please do email me.

Many thanks,

Mr Wright
Head of Music
Scholastic Book Fair
Until Wednesday 2nd October, Maze Hill Library will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair. Students will be able to buy books before school, at break and at lunchtime. There will be a range of books available for all ages, as well as a stationery shop. Book prices will range from £2.99 to £9.99, and students will need to bring in money to purchase a book.

Matt Dickinson Visit
On Wednesday 2nd October, Maze Hill will be hosting a talk by author and filmmaker Matt Dickinson for all students in Year 7. As well as writing popular books such as The Everest Files and Mortal Chaos, Matt has successfully climbed to the summit of Mount Everest and made his way across Antarctica to be part of the first group to ever achieve the same on Mt. William. In addition to talking to Year 7, Matt will be running a workshop with the Creative Writing Club and officially opening our newly refurbished Library.

National Poetry Day - Thursday, 3rd October
To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of National Poetry Day on Thursday 3rd October, the Libraries will be holding Poetry Parties. Students will be challenged to write poems on balloons and to write poems about cakes, in order to win a cake!

The John Roan Word of the Week
Word: Generosity
Definition: The quality of being kind and generous.
Example sentence: "I thanked him for all his generosity".
Synonyms: goodness, hospitality, kindness
Word group: noun

The Weekly Challenge: Use the noun, generosity, 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.
Please find attached two posters from the PE Department highlighting the clubs we offer.

The football sessions do NOT all take place on Fridays, please liaise with the respective Manager as listed.

Thank you,

Mr D Garvey
Head of PE