Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an eventful week with a Music concert, a Year 10 Drama showcase and a Year 11 Options Evening, in addition to the Year 11 mock examinations. Plans for PRIDE Day next Wednesday are all in place and the Sixth Form are now preparing for their examinations.

The Year 11 Options Evening took place on Wednesday evening and gave us the opportunity to launch our Sixth Form offer to our Year 11 students, as well as students from other schools, who wanted to come along to find out all about being a Sixth Former at The John Roan School. Feedback from our visitors included many comments about how approachable and well informed our staff are, as well as positive feedback on the ethos of our Sixth Form. We now look forward to receiving the applications and meeting all of those interested in joining us next year.

Next Tuesday 3rd December, we will be holding our termly JRSA (PTA) parent meeting at 6.45pm in the Westcombe Park site. Please do join us. It is always lovely to see so many of you there, and to hear and share your views.

For those of you with children in Years 9 – 11, you will now be familiar with the additional item of school uniform that they all have: the identity badge and coloured lanyard. It is expected that all students wear their badge at all times whilst at school – as is also expected of our Sixth Form students and staff. Lost badges will need to be replaced and the cost is £3 for the new badge, its holder and the lanyard. Very few students have lost them so far – but a few have forgotten to bring them in to school and have been given a detention.

Yours faithfully,

Cath Smith

Executive Headteacher
Primary School Partnerships

We were delighted to welcome Invicta Primary School to perform their Diversity Concert in the Maze Hill Hall this week. We had Reception, through to Year 6 pupils, taking their turn on the big stage to perform songs and drama pieces that reflected all that they had learnt this term about Diversity.

Uniform

Uniform standards in Years 7 and 8 are generally very good. Thank you to all parents for your support with helping us to maintain our standards. In recent days, we have seen an increase in students wearing trainers. These are usually for legitimate reasons – shoes need a repair for an example. I would like your support in ensuring we maintain our uniform standards. It would help us enormously, perhaps as we move into the Christmas gift list season, that new and additional shoes are purchased. This will ensure the ‘back up plan’ for shoes needing a repair will mean spare shoes are worn and not trainers.

Many thanks,

Josephine Okokon
Associate Headteacher
Maze Hill Lead
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News from the JRSA

JRSA (PTA) Parent Meeting
Tuesday, 3rd December at 6.45pm
Westcombe Park Building

JRSA Lottery
Please note that the bank account details for The John Roan School Association that were published in last week’s newsletter were incorrect. If you are interested in supporting the school through The John Roan School lottery, you have a very good chance of winning, we only have just over 100 tickets sold and six times a year we pick out 2 cash prizes.

For as little as a £1 per month, you can really support your school see here. All you need to do is set up a standing order electronically (£1 per month gives you one entry, £5 per month gives you five entries) and you will be entered into the school lottery, its as simple as that. Each half term we will let you know the lucky winners.

Support your school by setting up a month payment to The John Roan School Association, account number 70474169 and sort code 20-98-57.

Easyfundraising
If you would like to support your school by doing very little, now is the time to do it when Christmas is fast approaching. The John Roan School has an Easy Fundraising account, what this means is anyone buying online can get free money for the school.

You firstly need to sign into Easy Fundraising and choose The John Roan School Association as your good cause (details attached). If your computer has the latest operating system, you will be able to add the icon link to your tool bar. Every time you shop online a pop up will remind you to click on it before you buy. It’s simple, please give it a go. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/

Happy shopping.

Kind regards,

Eve Daniels—Co-Chair
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Next week we have our second PRIDE Day.

**Year 7** are focusing on 'Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds'. They have a total of four sessions. In the morning, they have a Tutor led session on puberty, a session led by the Catering Team on being sugar smart, and a session based on healthy relationships which will be facilitated by 'The Little Fish' theatre company.

In the afternoon, students will have a fitness and games session. **Students should wear their school PE on Wednesday for PRIDE Day.** The PE uniform expectation for the day is **as listed in the school planner**.

**Jump to the Front**

This week Emer, Julie, Tyler, Ting Ting and Zia were the winners of our 100% attendance 'Jump to the Front' passes. Well done all.

**Pride Points**

In assembly this week, we celebrated PRIDE values. The top 6 highest scoring students from each Tutor Group were celebrated in assembly for their achievement.

Our top two scoring students from each Tutor Group are:

- **7J** - Lily and Funmi
- **7O** - Emer and Sophia
- **7H** - Nazjma and Amirah
- **7N** - Nali and Lotta
- **7R** - Alfie and Luke
- **7A** - Fathma and Sasha

Have a lovely weekend.

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

The Year 8’s have been given the final plans this week for their PRIDE Day trips on Wednesday, 4th December. Please note all students will require to be in full school uniform, but will be allowed to wear trainers for the day, as most of the visits will involve a bit of walking. Please also ensure a healthy packed lunch is brought into school for the day, all students who receive a Free School Meal will be able to collect this before they leave for their trips. Please do send back reply slips or permission in their planners, if you haven’t already. Letters were sent out via Parent Pay.

The Year 8 Football Team continued their winning streak with a 6–2 win against St Thomas Moore, to progress into the quarters of the Blackheath Cup. The KS3 Girls Football Team unfortunately lost their match against Plumstead Manor, but put in an astounding effort. Well done to both teams.

We have completed our final Show My Homework start up session and now feel confident that all Year 8’s can use it to get their homework. This should be used and checked every evening to ensure all homework is up to date and completed on time. All students should be using the option "login with office 365" when they sign in, and using their passwords that they use to login to the school network.

November has flown by and I cannot believe that next week takes us to December and the final 3 weeks of term. Year 8’s continue to work hard and are a pleasure to be around!
Wednesday December 4th marks our PRIDE Day 2. Our students have 3 specific workshops which they will be participating in. The workshops are as follows:

- **Blesma** - we will be learning what this great charity has to offer. Blesma is a charity which specialises in helping army veterans who have limbs missing from war conflicts

- **Growing Against Violence** - we will be learning about the dangers of social media usage

- **Tower Hamlets Education Business Partnership** - this workshop will be discussing the current GCSE options we have on offer at The John Roan School.

**Please be aware that Year 9 students need to be in school for 8.30am on Wednesday, 4th** as we will have our Tutor Time this Wednesday.

Next week, if our students are not wearing their ID Badges, this will result in a detention after school for not having the correct uniform. The ID Badges are now part of the school uniform and need to be on/visible throughout the school day. There is a charge if the lanyard or the ID Card is lost/broken.

There is a Bluewater Ice Skating Trip on Monday, 9th December. The list of students who have a space on the trip is displayed outside the Head of Year Office. There is a ParentPay email being sent to remind the parents of when to pay for the trip by.

Tuesday 10th December is an INSET Day; therefore the school is closed to students.

Finally, please let me know if there is anything you would like me to bring up in next week's Newsletter.

**Ice-skating**

A reminder that the final deadline for returning slips and payment is Monday, 9th December. Students will not be allowed to attend if slips are returned after this date.

**Work Experience.**

A reminder - 'Own Find Forms’ must be returned to school by the 17th December. Forms will not be accepted after this date. Students who do not attend work experience will be in school following timetabled lessons.
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!

Please could you ensure that I receive back a signed permission slip from you and your child so that I am able to use photos we have from trips, SIMs etc and also that you give permission for your child to take tutor/year group photos for the yearbook. Quite a few of these have been returned but there are still a significant number of Year 11 students who have not returned this. Please let me know if you have misplaced this so that I can provide you with another copy. I really would like to start moving forward with the yearbook next week. The deadline for forms to be returned is today!

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.

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.

Mock exams: The conduct of students in the exams continues to be exemplary. The students have been really positive about how they feel they have done in the exams. Staff are busy marking the exam papers for students. The end of term reports will not have the grades of the mock exams, as the exam papers will need to be moderated to ensure that the marks that we are awarding are accurate. As a result of this, the students will receive their mock exam grades on Wednesday, 8th January in a special celebration. Please add this date to your diary and ask your child for their grades when they/you get home.

Year 11 Parents Evening is fast approaching and is on Wednesday, 15th January. I’ve sent home a letter today with an appointment sheet for your child to start making appointments. Please could you also return the slip at the bottom to let me know whether or not you will be attending the evening, though I would encourage you to ensure that you do so, which is why I am providing such advance notice, as it will be an opportunity to discuss the mock exam results with your child’s teacher.

Attendance continues to be very strong during the exams. I would encourage you not to keep you child off school to revise at home for any of the mock exams, as they are still expected to be at school during the mocks. This will also be the case for the mocks in early March. If your child has missed any of their exams due to illness, I have tried to ensure that they complete the exam(s) that they missed. If I have inadvertently missed your child off my list for the catch-up exams, please could you check with them whether they have completed all their exams and if any have not been completed, just ask them to come and see me and I will try to get them to complete them on Tuesday, which is the last day for mock exams.

We have now completed 2 weeks of exams and I know that the students are feeling tired and drained, as I am – as well as many of my colleagues. On Monday, they will be taking the final Maths paper in the morning and the their Physics paper in the afternoon. The ICT Breakout Area has been a hive of activity this week, at break and lunch in particular, but also before school and after school. This is now the final push, so please could I ask that you continue to encourage your child to revise for these exams, as well as Drama on Tuesday, and any other exam that they may have missed.
**NEWS FROM THE HEADS OF YEAR**

**SIXTH FORM | MS COOK | HELEN.COOK@THEJOHNROANSCHOOL.ORG.UK**

Wednesday, 4th of December is PRIDE Day 2, which will see several Tutor Groups visiting great places, such as Parliament, the Olympic Park, the Tate Museum etc. Please could you ensure that your child is present to school on the day, as it is a normal school day and they must be in full school uniform. The day promises to be a good one and is a nice event for students to partake in with their Tutor Group after their mock exams. I know that your child will enjoy the day, as the Year 11 Tutors have put a lot of planning into organising the day with a lots of fun and interesting activities.

It was also very pleasing to see so many of you on Wednesday at the Sixth Form Open Evening. The Year 11 students and parents that I spoke with were really engaged and interested in our Sixth Form provision and all that I ask is that you give us a chance, as our Sixth Form performs above average in comparison to the national data and in particular for some key subjects. Please do ensure that you read the documents provided on the evening.

I’d like to take this opportunity to wish you a restful weekend and one that is filled with revision for your child, as Monday is the final Maths paper and the final Science paper in the form of Physics, which is the last exam for several students.

The Sixth Form had a thoroughly enjoyable time welcoming Year 11 students to see what we do and who we are on Wednesday evening.

Thank you for allowing your student to help out on the night. All of our ambassadors were a credit, with visitors commenting how lovely it was to hear them being so enthusiastic about their subjects. Our application form is available on the school website if you have friends or family who would like to apply.

For Year 12 and 13 PRIDE Day next week, we will be visiting the Horniman Museum. This is a great museum, with something for all students to carry out super curricular work. We will travel by bus, students will need their zip card, although there will be no charge. Please provide your student with a packed lunch. Students will return to school. If you would like your student to be dismissed from the museum or elsewhere on the route home, please let me know.

Mock exams start on the 9 December. Students have been issued with timetables. If you would like a copy, please just ask me or our Admin Officer, Miss McWilliams. Please remind your student of the importance of these exams, they will enable us to predict grades but also identify any weaknesses that can be addressed through interventions. Thank you for encouraging your student to arrive on time for each exam. Please note they will have study leave when they do not have an exam.

We are always on the lookout for exciting and interesting speakers for our tutorial sessions, if you or anyone you know would like to come to speak on careers or next steps issues, I would love to hear from you.

As ever, please don't hesitate to contact me.
**Instrumental Concert**

On Tuesday, we hosted our first instrumental concert of the year, with large numbers of Year 7 & 8 students performing. All the students performed really well and overcame their nerves of performing in front of an audience (many for the first time). Particular praise must go to Lily in Year 7, who sang solo with no microphone and showed a lot of potential. Probably the most memorable performance came from Morgan, Year 12, who sang ‘Fly me to the moon’ along with hand gestures, audience ‘banter’ and a most unexpected tap dance routine! Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the concert and support the students.

**Christmas Concert – Tuesday, 17th December**

Our next concert is the Christmas Concert on Tuesday, 17th December. As well as the usual music ensemble performances, there will be some drama performances and a raffle. Tickets will be on sale shortly for this festive event. I hope to see many of you there!

Many thanks,

Mr Wright
Head of Music
Library Advent Calendar

Every day, our Library Advent Calendar will reveal a quotation from a famous book. Students will need to guess the title correctly in order to receive a small chocolate reward. There will be a prize at the end of the term for the person who had the most correct answers overall.

Let It Snow Competition- Snowflake Making Competition

This year in the Libraries, we are holding a snowflake making competition to help us create some amazing displays. Using the paper provided, students must create the most original paper snowflake they can.

Judging will take place on the 13th December and there are prizes to be won!
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