10 May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend. The end of term is fast approaching and we have lots to fit in before then!

**Ofsted Monitoring Visit**

I have written separately to all parents/carers today enclosing the letter I have received from Ofsted following our monitoring visit on the 27th March, this will also be available on the school’s website later today and on the Ofsted website by the end of next week.

**Year 11 Assembly**

Ms Sumner, Head of Year 11, held an assembly today for all her Year 11 students. Each received a card with good luck messages from staff and were given a final briefing on the exams prior to the start of the written exam season on Monday morning. The next two weeks are very busy – students will be in exams most days, and filling the time in between exams with final revision lessons with their teachers. My very best wishes to all of the students, and also to their parents and families who need to provide so much support and encouragement at this busy and demanding time.

**Industrial Action – NEU Strike – Tuesday, 14 May**

I have written to everyone this week with the final plans for Tuesday, 14th May, the letter can also be found on the school’s website. I have done my utmost to keep as much of the school open as I can. This is a day when there are external exams running in both buildings with students in both Year 13 and Year 11 involved. Those taking exams have been prioritised in our planning and I am sorry that this has meant that some year groups are, once again, being asked to stay at home.

I am very willing to accommodate any student or groups of students for whom parents cannot find any other provision. If I know in advance, I will allocate staff who are in school to oversee their day at the school. It is not possible to plan any formal teaching in advance for them, but the provision of a space, or spaces, for independent study is certainly a possibility.

I have also offered to provide lunch for all students, although I do need to know this in advance so that the Catering Team can ensure that there is sufficient food for all who would like to take advantage of this offer.
Sporting News

U14 Girls Football – Blackheath Cup Final v Plumstead Manor – Tuesday, 7 May
On Tuesday evening, our U14 girls (mostly Year 8 students) were unfortunately runners up in their cup final. However, they did exceptionally well against a predominantly Year 9 team. We are proud of their performance and look forward to next year when they should be in an even stronger position.

Year 10 Boys Football - Blackheath Cup Final – Thursday, 9 May
On Thursday, our Year 10 boys football team were also involved in a final. Again, this was a fiercely contested match with our players displaying great skill and determination. The final result did not go our way, but we are very proud of all who were involved.

Year 9 Inter-tutorial Football Final - 9J and 9R – Thursday, 9 May
We were pleased to have a professional footballer to referee the final of the Year 9 Inter-tutor Group Football Tournament this week. The match was well supported by staff and students and I understand that Julian Speroni was impressed with the skills of our players.

JRSA Social Evening
I would like to thank the JRSA for their wonderful effort, as always, in putting together a lovely social event for our parents this week. It is a great strength of the school that we have such an active parent group and I always enjoy attending their meetings to discuss ways in which we can all work together to continue to improve the school.

Some parents have also been supporting Year 11 with the study and revision sessions after school – this is a fabulous resource for the students and is being coordinated by the JRSA.

Work Experience
Year 10 will shortly be going out on their week of work experience. Many have already been placed but we continue to look for about 50 more placements. If you, or anyone you know, is able to support this, we would be really pleased to hear from you. It is incredibly challenging to find enough placements for all of the students, but the value derived by those students who do get great placements is enormous. Students can shadow a range of activities in a large business, be given tasks to do and will always rise to the challenges they are presented. Many work places really enjoy having young people on work experience and we are always grateful to them for helping us in this way. If you think that you could help – or that you know someone who could – please contact Mr Dagunduro at the school, or let me know and I will pass on your message. Many thanks.

Yours faithfully,

Cath Smith
Executive Headteacher
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News from the Heads of Year

Year 7 Ms Causer jcauser@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk

There has been an air of excitement this week since announcing the Braithwaite visit. Thank you to everyone who returned letters showing their interest in attending. I had a huge response of over 60 students who want to attend. I am now left with the unenviable task of deciding who the final 26 students will be. I will be informing parents and students ASAP, and further information will follow. If your child does not have a place this year, please reassure them they will be on the top of the list for next year!

In assembly this week, we have celebrated a student who has been awarded a Jack Petchey Award. Awards mean different things to different people. These Achievement Awards are not solely for academic achievement – they may be used to recognise a personal triumph for someone who has faced a challenge, a young person who has pushed themselves outside of their comfort zone or it may be an opportunity to recognise the outstanding efforts of a team player.

A young person is nominated by their peers in their school or youth organisation. An important part of the scheme is the involvement of young people in selecting the award winners for their hard work and efforts. We want young people to recognise and celebrate the success of their peers. Each award winner will receive a certificate, pin badge and a book from Sir Jack himself. They will also choose how to spend a £250 grant to benefit their school or organisation.

Sean F has been nominated for this award for his amazing work as a Community Librarian. Since completing his Community Librarian training, he has been an amazing ambassador for the school by reading with primary school children at Halstow School, but it has been his work at Mycenae House that he has really shone with. He has fully engaged with our visits to Mycenae House, chatting to visitors about books and running quizzes for attendees. Sean has really entered into the spirit of the Daytime Cabarets that Mycenae House are hosting. He has fully taken part in dance rehearsals, as well as practicing his own numbers to perform. Many congratulations go to Sean.

Have a great week. Mrs Causer, Head of Year 7

Year 8 Mr Duncan eduncan@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk

It has been another brilliant week for our Year 8s, who are maturing and developing into fine young adults.

In assembly this week, we spent our time focussing on ‘grit’ and determination. Our year group listened perfectly and hopefully a number of students felt inspired. Next week during assembly, we will be discussing the impacts of bullying, as well as develop our understanding of mental health.

I am extremely proud of our girls who represented the school on Tuesday for their cup final. Unfortunately, it wasn't the result we were hoping for, but it was a terrific effort and made me proud to be a teacher and the Head of Year for this group of girls. A huge congratulations go to Cerys 8E, Erjola 8O, Macayla 8E, Sanna 8H, Katherine 8O, Ikraam 8E, Coco 8O, Aleyna 8H, Vanessa 8H, Ogeheheneviyenze 8R and Esme 8E. Thank you also to Ms Horn and Mr Garvey for their work with this group of footballers.
On Wednesday the 15th, we will have a number of our Year 8s participating in the Greenwich Athletics Trials. I enjoyed taking our boys group along during the indoor session, so let's hope for some good results now we are heading into the outdoor season for Athletics.

On Tuesday the 14th, the school will be closed to Year 8 students due to the Industrial Action.

As ever, if there is particular news you would like me to share within this newsletters or any issues you would like me to raise in assembly, please contact me via eduncan@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk or 0208 516 7590.

Have a great weekend. Mr Duncan, Head of Year 8

I hope you have had a great week!

For Year 9, this four-day week has been largely occupied with the build up to the year group’s Inter-Tutorial Football Tournament Final between 9R and 9J. The whole event was a massive team effort by staff and students. Crystal Palace’s favourite goalkeeper and our guest of honour, Julian Speroni arrived during period 6 on Thursday, 9th May. Both staff and students alike were overwhelmed by his genuine and friendly nature. A more gracious, kind-hearted and interested human being you could not possibly meet. The students gave him a fantastic and very well deserved John Roan welcome, as they did to the surprise guest of honour, my predecessor, Mike Sayers whom I also invited.

We had to move the venue indoors due to the inclement weather. Before the kick off, our four cheerleaders: Tiffany, Lillie, Skaidra and Joli, who had stayed in school until 18.00 hours on the Wednesday evening rehearsing their routine, did their “Welcome to Julian” performance with their red and blue pompoms and face paint. They repeated their performance before the presentation ceremony which took place in Westcombe Park Reception.

The match itself was an absolute thriller and fiercely, but fairly, fought by 9J and 9R. 9R took the lead in the first half. However, 9J equalised shortly afterwards and then went into the lead with a second goal. Then, with a minute to go until halftime, 9R equalised! After a five-minute break, the intense battle resumed for a further twenty minutes. In the last five minutes, 9R scored a cracker of a goal. 9J really increased the pressure and had a number of shots at goal but to no avail. So, the 2018/2019 Five-a-side Champions are 9R, much to their delight and that of their ecstatic tutor, Mr Ahmad. 9J were very gallant runners-up and, as Ms Mann, their Tutor, informed me this morning, it was only fair that 9J should have a break from always winning and give others a chance!

So, my congratulations go to the champions 9R: Lewis, Bradley, Calvin, who scored all three goals for 9R, Muhanad, Adil, Ibrahim, Sohail and Alfie. My congratulations also go to the valiant runners-up 9J: Joshua, Oakley, Aldo, who scored both of 9J’s goals, CeeJay, Daniel and John. Julian commented on the quality and high standard of both teams’ performances – a tribute to our wonderful PE Department, as well as the students themselves.

My thanks go to the two linespersons Jude and Bella who assisted Julian in a very professional manner and to the four cheerleaders Tiffany, Skaidra, Jolie and Lillie. In fact, Tiffany and Jolie approached me today asking if they could start a cheerleaders’ club and, of course, I agreed to this. One of our brilliant teaching assistants, Tia Magala-Bryan, has agreed to run the club. Tia also gave up a lot of her time to help the girls prepare for yesterday’s performance. My thanks also go to Jasmine and Olivia who presented our guest of honour, Julian Speroni, with a card and a gift as a token of our immense appreciation for him being so willing to come and support this event after he had presented the trophy, medals and gifts to all those who had participated.

Year 9 Ms Smith asmith@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk
My thanks also go to all the staff and students who created the fantastic atmosphere by being there, spectating and supporting both teams.

Above all, my thanks go to Julian Speroni, who is one of my all-time sporting heroes. Unlike too many premier league football players, in my opinion, who seem to think that they are a “cut above the rest”, Julian is truly a role model for all aspiring young people aiming for sporting greatness. He is inspirational, not only because of his incredible sporting ability, but also because of the way he conducts himself and the wonderful example he sets both on and off the pitch. I went home yesterday feeling greatly inspired but also incredibly humbled.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend. Mrs Angie Smith, Head of Year 9

Year 10          Mr Thomas      lthomas@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk

What a phenomenal week it has been for English football (be patient!). The Liverpool result on Tuesday was not foreseen by many, and Tottenham’s comeback on Wednesday was equally enthralling. At the end of the Liverpool game on Tuesday, I so wished that I had an assembly the following day with Year 10s so that I could “strike while the iron was hot”.

You may not have seen the game, nor even be a fan of football, but there are so many lessons that we can take from these results. Tuesday and Wednesday night were the iceberg effect as far as I’m concerned. We witnessed the success of both teams, the culmination of many hours of hard work, dedication and effort. It’s important that your children and our students realise that success doesn’t just fall into your lap, but requires you to make sacrifices, suffer failure (which we should learn from), be dedicated and give absolutely everything we have to be successful at what we wish for. Never giving up but continuing to believe, much like Liverpool FC and Tottenham Hotspurs did.

I know that many students will have watched the games and many may have not. Many of our students will have doubts about whether they are able to be a success in the upcoming exams and even beyond. They will have disappointments along the way, be criticised in one way or another, struggle with the changes that they need to make and the risks that they will have to take. But these are lifelong lessons that we all must learn from and only by being disciplined, persistent, striving through adversity, by having the courage to see it through to the end, through sheer hard work - will we be successful.

These are the attributes that students will need to continually display in the build up to the upcoming exams and beyond, and they WILL need our help along the way. With the above in mind, Mr Rogers and I will be holding a Parent Workshop next Thursday about how best you can help your child to revise for the end of year exams.

Talking about revision, there are several after school classes taking place to support your child with this, particularly for the core subjects. There are Maths revision classes each and every Tuesday in room 113 and 114 with Dr Poole and Mr Nwakude. Science revision classes run 3 times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (your child can sign up for these by simply adding their names to the list outside rooms 201, 202 or 203), as well as some lunchtimes. English continues to run on Thursdays for Year 11s but I’m reliably informed that Year 10s can also attend these sessions, as they will be sitting the same exams (more details to follow next week on English revision classes). There are also revision classes for non-core subjects, but your child will need to find out when these are from their subject teacher.

If your child still does not have an exam timetable or an exam booklet following last week’s parents evening, please could you ask them to come and see me and I will provide them with one, as these are very important documents.
There are now only 21 school days until the end of year exams.

Please continue encouraging your child, continue sending them to school and continue to inform me if there is anything that I can do to further support them and you.

Yesterday, I watched the Year 10 boys football team bring tears to my eyes. It wasn’t because they lost so valiantly to Sedgehill School, but because the boys worked so hard for each other and so deserved to have won the Blackheath Cup. They absolutely ran their socks off and had several really good chances to score. Unfortunately, the game ended 2-0 to the opposition but I would like to take this opportunity to praise the boys for their never-say-die attitude as they kept on trying to win the game, right to the final whistle and never allowed their heads to drop. The members of the Year 10 boys football team are Nathan T, Shemar, Benjamin D-F, George D, Aaron-Mario, Abdul, Sunny, Jamar, Jai C, Enoch, Jason, Vaclenio, Patrick, Leslie, Jamie J. I’d like to also take the opportunity to recognise the hard work that Mr Merridan has put into the Year 10 boys football team. The boys were an absolute credit to the school and the support from their peers, teachers and parents was deafening at times. Look out for the boys next year!

As always, thank you for your continued support and have a restful weekend.

Luke Thomas, Head of Year 10

Year 11  Ms Sumner  tsumner@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to parents and carers for their constant support and encouragement over the last five years. I would like to wish you all well in the future, especially over the next few weeks.

A separate letter has been sent to parents and carers confirming the final arrangements of study leave, examinations, assembly times etc.

Many thanks, Ms Sumner, Head of Year 11

Sixth Form  Mr Williams  bwilliams@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk

Year 11 Students with Sixth Form Offers
Our Sixth Form Taster Day will be on Wednesday, 26th June from 8:30am - 2:55pm. Students with Sixth Form offers will receive a letter next week confirming all the details and what time specific subjects will be available. Any students who didn't apply to Sixth Form, but may have changed their minds in the last few weeks, please can they meet with either Mr Williams or Ms Cook to discuss Sixth Form opportunities as soon as possible.

Pride Day on the 14th May
All Year 12s will be in school at 8:30am. Please can they meet in the Sixth Form Centre before we depart for our cinema visit mid-morning. Students will be dismissed from the cinema in Greenwich at the end of the visit. Many Year 13 lessons will be taking place as normal. These students have been contacted directly by me. No Year 13 students need to attend registration or private study on the 14th but the Sixth Form Study Centre will be open all day for independent study.

Mr Williams, Director of Sixth Form
Dealing with Exam Stress Week
To coincide with Mental Health Awareness Week and the exam season, the Libraries will be holding Dealing with Exam Stress Week from Monday, 13th May. Every lunchtime, students will be able to come to the Library for helpful tips on dealing with exam stress, as well as listening to relaxing music and Zen colouring.

Book Drive
In aid of the London Children’s Book Project, this term we are holding a Book Drive. The London Children’s Book Project works with settings across the Capital to redistribute thousands of new and gently used books to children and their families.

If you are making space on your bookshelf, please think about donating your old books to the London Children’s Book Project.

Please give all donations to the Library. Thank you in advance.

The John Roan Word of the Week
Word: Cacophony

Definition: An unpleasant mixture of sounds; harsh noise; discord.

Example sentence: “The sounds of barking dogs and sirens added to the cacophony on the streets”.

Synonyms: noise, racket, din

The Weekly Challenge: Use the noun, cacophony, 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.
Royal Greenwich
Young Musician of the Year 2019

PLEASE SEE THE FLYER ATTACHED

Mr Wright, Head of Music
News from the JRSA

On the 15th May it is our next meeting at 6.45pm in the Westcombe Park building, come along and input into the Summer BBQ, welcome events for new students and any other fundraising ideas you have.