Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of this academic year. It has been a very eventful year indeed and I would like to thank all parents for their continued support of the school. It was especially pleasing to have a good turnout for the last parent information evening of the year on Monday – an interesting and useful session about Special Educational Needs at the school and a chance to talk with some of our Inclusion Team.

Our Year 12 students have been out on work experience this week and it has been great to hear the stories of their experiences from the staff who have been out to visit them, as well as to chat with our returning Year 10 students who were on their work experience last week.

Founder’s Day last Friday was a fabulous occasion to showcase the very best of The John Roan School. I wish to extend my thanks again to those members of staff, especially Mr Wright and the Music Department, for another wonderful celebration. In addition, my thanks go to the students, and their parents, who have practiced so very hard in preparing for the day. We had over 30 visitors – Old Roans, Foundation Trustees, Local Authority Officers and others – and they were all as impressed as I was by the talent of our performers and readers, as well as by the conduct of the 600 students in the church on such a hot day. Joe, an ex-student, now a local primary school teacher, was our speaker and he entertained us all with stories of his school days. Of course, the main thanks must go to John Roan himself who, all those years ago, had the foresight to leave money for the school to be established.

Sadly, at the end of term, we often need to say goodbye to staff and today is no exception. We wish all those who are leaving us the very best in their next ventures – we have some who are going for more senior positions in other schools, some who are leaving the country to work abroad and some who are either retiring or choosing to spend more time with their families. To everyone who leaves us today, I would like to thank them for their contributions to the school and for being a part of the long, rich history of The John Roan.

I will write to parents over the holiday with some reminders for the new term and with information about new staff joining us in September. I apologise in advance for the number of communications you will be receiving over the next few days – reports, letters, requests for information will all be arriving, and need your attention.

All that remains is for me to wish everyone a fabulous Summer break. Rest, have fun and I look forward to welcoming you back in September. Please note that the school re-opens for students in Years 7 & 12 only on Wednesday, 4 September and for all other students on Thursday, 5th September.

Yours faithfully,

Cath Smith
Executive Headteacher
### Dates for the Diary

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

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News from the Heads of Year

And so, we have finally reached the last week of Year 7. I cannot believe an entire school year has been completed and in just a couple of months, we return in Year 8. So much has happened this year and today, I look forward to celebrating all the successes of the year and reflecting back on what we have achieved. Final PRIDE points have been counted and best attendance calculated, with many students achieving 100% attendance this year.

Students have worked hard and individual certificates will be presented for all students who have accumulated Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards this year. Students receive certificates when they reach: 100 PRIDE points = Bronze, 200 PRIDE points = Silver, 300 PRIDE points = Gold, 400 PRIDE points = Platinum. Well done to all students for the effort they have put into their lessons this year. Please see below the final totals for the accumulative PRIDE points for each Form Group for the year.

Huge congratulations to 7R, who continued their top spot position to be the highest rewarded Form this year!

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The end of term finale for me was Founders Day. I was totally blown away by the musical talent of all our students, but especially by the Year 7’s, and I have to admit, brought a tear to my eye with their performances. They played and sang beautifully, but also listened and contributed by being an attentive and appreciative audience. I must admit that my heart did swell with Pride for my students, and it was an honour and pleasure to be part of our first Founders Day celebration. The music Department has worked tirelessly with our students to put on an amazing celebration of music. If your son/daughter has not yet made the most of the funding for a free music lesson, please do not hesitate to get in touch so we can organise this for next year. Over 80 Year 7 students have taken advantage of this and I am sure the performances will continue to get better and better.

A final reminder to anyone who has not yet returned the vaccination consent forms for the HPV and MMR vaccinations that will be taking place next term. If they can be returned over the holidays or brought in on the first week back, I would be grateful.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe six weeks holiday, and I look forward to seeing everyone back on the first day of term on Thursday, 5th September at 8.25 in full and correct school uniform! I cannot wait to continue to work with both the students and their families again next year as we continue our journey!

Happy holidays everyone! Mrs Causer, Head of Year 7
At the start of the year, I set out the mission for our year group to be ranked as the best year group in the school in terms of behaviour and attendance. Every single one of us should be proud of the way we have conducted ourselves, as we are now ranked as the best in the school. However, more needs to be done, and more will be addressed as we enter Year 9. Now we have achieved our goal, we can begin setting our next one for Year 9.

I would also like to use this opportunity to confirm a few things going forward. We will continue to wear our purple tie. Please ensure that your child is wearing our beautiful purple tie in September. Please also use the Summer holidays to ensure your child has new shoes, if needed, as well as a new set of school equipment.

I would also like to confirm that I will continue as Head of Year for our year group, until we leave in Year 11. A few students have been asking if I will continue, so I just wanted to confirm with you all as well.

During Year 9, around December/January, we will be choosing our options for our GCSEs. We will begin our GCSEs in Year 10. This is a huge event and a huge moment in our students’ lives, as it essentially puts them on the road for their future careers. Therefore, I will be sending as much information about the GCSE Options Evening as quickly as possible.

However, before we start thinking and planning for Year 9, I wanted this opportunity to thank you as parents/carers for your support over the last academic year. I would like us to continue to build on the foundations we have made during the past two years so we are in the perfect shape as we head into our crucial years.

Have a good summer! Mr Duncan, Head of Year 8

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students and parents/carers a very lovely and safe Summer holiday. Please ensure that your son/daughter is well rested over the Summer, as the hard work begins next year!

Ms Sumner, Head of Year 9

Today your son/daughter will bring home their report/end of year exam results giving details of their current performance (based on the end of year exams) and a prediction based on these exams as well as on how they have performed over the academic year. They should also have been issued with a Question Level Analysis (QLA) document for all subjects that they undertook an end of year exam in. This document is extremely important as it provides details concerning areas of strength/weaknesses that I would implore you to encourage your son/daughter to address over the Summer break. Each subject should have set homework via ShowMyHomework to assist with this for your son/daughter.

The end of year exams were really challenging, as they were real exams and we wanted to challenge the students. Though the overall results weren’t necessarily where I would have wanted to be, I’m not that disappointed with where the students are at present. The results in Science were very
encouraging, as they were in Maths, as both these departments results are ahead of where the Year 11s who just left us were based on their December mock results according to the data. We still have a long way to go but I am very optimistic that with hard work and dedication these fantastic students will get there, along with your support of course.

You should also have received your child’s PRIDE score for this term, which is another important document to come home. It’s quite self-explanatory but if you have any questions concerning this, please don’t hesitate to contact me. This term we have been fortunate enough to be given some high value book vouchers by Raff Gallo, Branch Manager of Handelsbanken Blackheath Branch and so these are being given to those whose PRIDE score is either the highest or has increased the most.

The student with the highest PRIDE points in the school was Christopher from 10T and he received a £50 voucher. There were 2 students who had the most improved PRIDE points this term and they were Artur from 10R and Leah from 10T, and Leah received the £25 voucher because her attendance was slightly higher than that of Artur. The Tutor Group that had the highest PRIDE points for the term were 10R and they received a free pizza lunch yesterday, with lots of chocolates and muffins as well. This went down a treat and I am so proud of these students and 10R. PRIDE was only in effect for Year 10s this Spring and Summer, but has been so successful that it is being rolled out across other year groups from September.

I am delighted with the hard work Year 10 have shown this year in both their academic and extra-curricular activities and it will be wonderful to celebrate so many achievements at the Year 10 Celebration of Achievement Assembly today. Please do encourage your son/daughter to take a proper break over the Summer to relax, recharge their batteries and enjoy time with family and friends (and hopefully some lovely sunny weather!).

The last 4 years have absolutely flown by and, come September, we will be entering our most important year to date and the one that I am most excited about, despite the increase in stress levels for us all. It has been an absolute pleasure for myself and Ms Kayser (Pastoral Co-ordinator for Year 11)/Ms McKenna to work with your son/daughter during their first “official” year of GCSE studies and I am very much looking forward to welcoming them into Year 11 in September.

In addition to their academic work, there will be opportunities to help organise the Year 11 Prom (already booked a date for our lovely cruise up and down the River Thames), Yearbook and Silver Duke of Edinburgh’s Award. There will also be many opportunities to partake in charity events, as well as fundraising events for the Prom. A date has already been booked for early September to attend the Greenwich Sixth Form/College event for your son/daughter to really have at the forefront of their mind ideas about their Post 16 options.

I know that the last few years have been very challenging for you as a parent as the school has undergone many changes and difficulties. I regret that some of these challenges may have had a negative impact on your son/daughter’s learning. I hope that this will not be the case next year and that we are able to really make fantastic progress. With this in mind, please may I ask that next year you all try to send your child into school every day (the vast majority of you do this anyway but I’m really concerned about some students and their attendance) and on time, and just as importantly with a positive attitude towards their learning and I’m sure that if these things happen then the rest will take care of itself. I believe in the Roan and more importantly, I believe in your children. I trust them and I know that with the correct guidance and support from both school and home, they will make the required progress that we both want them to.

May I take this opportunity to thank you again for your support for me and all the other staff at The John Roan over the last academic year. If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact me via e-mail.
English Home Learning
On Show My Homework, there is a *Macbeth* revision task for all Year 10 students to complete over the Summer holidays. This involves re-reading the text (a link to the full text with modern translations is provided) and some key questions for each Act (also saved on SMH). This is in preparation for our first unit at the start of Year 11.

Luke Thomas, Head of Year 10

Year 12 have enjoyed a wide variety of work experience placements this week, from the Crown Court where our student had lunch with the judges, to a student lucky enough to observe a surgery taking place. Mr Martin, our Sixth Form Mentor, has thoroughly enjoyed visiting everyone and we hope students have gained a valuable insight into their future career choices.

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back as Year 13s in September. Those waiting for GCSE results can collect them from Westcombe Park on the 22 August.

Year 13s will start the year on the 5 September, with an assembly at 8.30am followed by lessons as usual.

We hope everyone enjoys the break, but do remember to do some studying to stop your brains going rusty.

Helen Cook, Head of Sixth
Instrumental & Singing Tuition – Autumn Term 2019

If you would like your son/daughter to start or continue with instrumental or singing lessons for next Autumn term at The John Roan in the following areas, please fill in the attached form and email me/hand in the completed form below to a member of the Music Department.

* Drums
* Guitar & Bass
* Piano/keyboard
* Singing
* Steel Pans
* Strings
* Woodwind
* Brass (we currently do not have a brass teacher but if there is enough interest, I will organise one)

Students will receive ten lessons per term and students can have lessons on more than one instrument. As a school, we will provide lessons on one instrument or singing free of charge. If you would like your son or daughter to have lessons on a second instrument or singing, the cost of these additional lessons is £70 per term (£7 per lesson). As the additional lessons are paid for, they will always be individual 20 minute lessons. Payment for these lessons will be available on ParentPay in late September.

We will provide qualified and experienced teachers who will plan and deliver engaging lessons, give students the opportunity to enter external grade exams and loan instruments at a minimal cost of £5/term.

In return, students will be expected to attend at least one school ensemble per week, attend all lessons at the correct time and practice for between 10 minutes and 2 hours per day, depending on age/level. The music ensembles we currently run are: School Orchestra, Jazz Band, String Group, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Steel Pans Groups and Rock Bands.

Registration forms should be handed directly to a member of the Music Department or emailed to me on the following email address: awright@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk. If you do have any further questions, please contact me on the email address above.

Wishing you all a great Summer holiday.

Mr Wright, Head of Music
JRSA BBQ and SUMMER PRIZE DRAW 2019 – UPDATE

A Huge "Thank You" to everybody who supported the JRSA BBQ and Summer Prize Draw, which raised a staggering amount of £1700 for the school and fed 150 people! We had a great team of 11 volunteers on the night with fabulous salad and pudding donations. It was a wonderful school event. A big thank you to Coach Courtney, Mr Wright, Ms Smith and Mr Harry for their support on the day. Thank you to the talented singers and musicians for entertaining us so well in John Roan's Got Talent.

We would also like to thank the Display Board Team of teachers and parents that are busy creating display boards after school at Maze Hill, we are pleased the JRSA are able to contribute, not only with artistic expertise, but also through buying a new display board for the Humanities Department.

Have a great Summer; dates for next year will be on the website shortly.

A big thank you to everyone who donated prizes or arranged prizes from local businesses and to everyone who bought tickets. Congratulations to our winners! All winners have been notified and have received their prize:

- 4 Weekend tickets (2 x adult + 2 x child) for ON BLACKHEATH 2019 – Sara Davis
- Adobe Training Course with Transmedia – Ruby CW
- 2 Main meals and a Bottle of House Wine at The Richard the First Pub – James M
- Pizza for 2 at the Prince of Greenwich Pub – Liz Simons
- 21 Days unlimited outdoor training with Burn It Fitness – Sara Davis
- 2 free Dance Classes at Greenwich Dance – Saiv
- Wine Hamper – Ruth Cracknell
- Beauty Hamper – Alihan
- Chocolates Hamper – Helen Barnes
- Wine & Chocolates – Caroline
- Wine & Chocolates – Cath Smith
- Home Made White Chocolate & Raspberry Cake – Ellen Assad
- Bottle of wine – Anya Delap
- Bath Set – Livy
- John Lewis glass dishes – Sue Gay
- Bouquet of flowers – Gaynor