Dear Parents and Carers,

**Partnership with home:**
It was good to see so many of our Year 9 parents earlier this week for the Parent Evening. I was very pleased to hear so many positive reports about the engagement and effort in lessons from our students and also to start those important conversations around GCSE subject choices. Evenings like these are so vital for sharing information and data and ensuring that the partnership between home and school is a strong one. I now look forward to the Options Evening on the 30th January, when we launch and explain the process of making these choices.

**Visitors to the school:**
I welcomed Cllrs David Gardner and Ivis Williams to the school on Tuesday morning. Following a tour of the two sites, we were able to talk about the school, the progress made since Ofsted and our continued drive to raise standards through the improvement of teaching and learning. Earlier in the week, I also hosted Steve Belk at the school. Steve is the new Chair of our IEB and he spent all day on Monday in the school to find out as much as he could about what we are doing to respond to our Ofsted report and how we are raising standards at the school.

Our Year 10 Media students started on an exciting initiative this week – their lessons for this half term are to be supported by colleagues from Penguin Random House, who will be working on a project with them whilst being able to talk about careers in media and publishing. We are very fortunate to have this link and for the course to be enriched in this way and we will be sharing some of their work on social media over the next few weeks for all to see.

We are also now hosting our visitors from Peru. We have eight students and a teacher with us for the next 18 days. Shadowing Year 10 students, our Peruvian friends are experiencing lessons at the school and strengthening their already impressive English language skills.

Great news also to know is that 13 students from the London School of Economics (LSE) are now linked up with and mentoring some of our Year 10 students. This exciting partnership is designed to raise aspirations and provide support and guidance to the students as they study for their GCSE’s.

**Academisation:**
As I have explained before, the process of selecting a new sponsoring trust for the school is now underway. The Department for Education have asked for expressions of interest and will be shortlisting soon in order to take suggestions to a Headteacher’s Review Board at the end of this month. Following this meeting, the recommendations will be taken to the Regionals Schools Commissioner, Dominic Herrington, and it is expected that we will be told the name of our new sponsor by the February half term. Once the sponsor is chosen, I am anticipating that they will want to get involved with the school and its improvement programme quite rapidly. I am sure that they will also want to communicate with parents straight away. If there is any further news about this, I will let you all know, of course.
Rugby for girls:
Blackheath Rugby Club have asked me to promote a new training programme that they have set up for girls. All abilities are welcome and, whilst it is targeted at 10/11 year olds, they are keen to accept girls of all ages in order to get the squad up and running. Do get in touch with them if you have a daughter who might be interested.

Yours faithfully,

Cath Smith
Executive Headteacher
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News from the Guidance and Achievement Leaders

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

The theme of our assembly was staying safe this week. Due to the many reports we see in the news about terrible incidents happening on our doorstep, I wanted to start the discussion in school on how to keep safe. We talked about knife crime and the consequences of having knives in school, we also talked about the new trend in the playground where play fighting has been a concern this last week and we talked about what to do in these scenarios. The students were very attentive and have been invited to speak to myself or other members of staff if they feel worried at all about anything we discussed.

We have also had the school nurse come in to talk to students this week about self-harm. We have noticed that there has been an increase in students self-harming due to videos trending on YouTube, and we wanted to tackle this concern as a year group.

Plans are being finalised for our 3rd PRIDE day taking place on Monday, 28th January. All Year 7 students will be attending trips off site, chosen by their Form Tutor. Some of the trips include The Natural History Museum, RAF Hendon, Bank of England Museum and the National Portrait Gallery. Details will be sent home regarding your son/daughters trip early next week.

Hoping you have a restful weekend.

Mrs Causer, Year 7 GAL

Year 9  Ms Smith  asmith@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk

Firstly, can I thank all those parents who came to the Year 9 Parents’ Evening on Wednesday. It was great to see many of you whom I already know, as I have had the privilege of teaching your child in Year 7 and Year 8 and it was fantastic having the opportunity of meeting some of you for the first time. I hope you found the evening to be very positive and productive. I also hope that the evening led to fruitful discussions about the all important choices that your child will be making over the next few weeks for subjects to study at GCSE (see attached a letter from Ms Okokon, Associate Headteacher).

I know a number of you wanted to come to Parents’ Evening but were unable to due to work commitments or family circumstances. If you wish to have an update on your child’s progress from their subject teachers, please email me and I will arrange for the relevant staff members to contact you.

This week, the students have been having a series of assemblies on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, which have been presented by our Heads of Department. They have provided students with detailed overviews of GCSE courses, and what each subject entails to ensure that your child’s decisions are informed ones. These assemblies will continue over the next two weeks.

I hope you and your family have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Angie Smith, Year 9 GAL
Several of you may have received a Raising Attainment Plan (RAP) letter from me over the course of this week. Please do not panic when receiving this letter. Those students selected for RAP in English or Maths have been identified based on their Autumn term report, as currently predicted to not achieve their target grade by at least one grade. The opportunity to attend the intervention session for Maths and/or English is not compulsory but can be of benefit in enabling your child to bridge the gap that may currently be present and that has resulted in their English and/or Maths teacher predicting that they may not achieve their target grade. Intervention sessions started this week.

I would like to also bring to your attention that your child will be sitting end of year exams for all their subjects in June of this year. Preparation for these exams should be ongoing and not just a few weeks before the exams. Your child will be sitting a real GCSE mock exam paper for the vast majority of their subjects and not one that has been put together by the school, to ensure that they get a very clear picture as to where they are, leading up to Year 11.

You should also have received a letter from Mr Rogers, Assistant Headteacher in charge of Key Stage 4 this week inviting you to the Year 10 Information Evening on Tuesday 29th January. Please could I encourage you to make every effort to attend the evening, as I am sure you will find it very informative.

Please be aware that items of clothing bought from the uniform section of a clothing store, is not necessarily John Roan School uniform. If in doubt, please could you check the school website or your child’s planner (page 8) for the correct John Roan uniform. Students who persistently refuse to follow the school uniform policy run the risk of being placed in Seclusion or sent home.

I’d also like to add that although winter seems to have finally arrived and the weather has started to get cold, hoodies are still not a part of the John Roan School uniform and are not permitted to be worn on school premises. Your child can wear a hoodie to school, however this must be removed and placed in their school bag at the school gate. Hoodies are not permitted anywhere on the school premises, including the school playground and if your child is found to be wearing a hoodie on school premises, then it will be confiscated.

I would really appreciate your support in the above, as I am sure that I will get it, and as always thank you!

Luke Thomas, Guidance and Achievement Leader for Year 10

The ice skating trip reward letters have been given to students. The deadline for payment on ‘ParentPay’ is the 25th January.

An external provider, ‘Humanutopia’, will deliver PRIDE day - ‘The Final Push’. This workshop focuses on preparation for exams, exam mind-set and how to fulfil potential.

If parents would like to see further details, please see the link below:

https://www.humanutopia.com/school-workshops/#year11
Ms Sumner, Year 11 GAL

Post 16

Mr Williams  bwilliams@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk

Congratulations to all our successful Year 12 and Year 13 students in their November GCSE exams. Well done for all your hard work.

For those students who were not so successful, please expect contact soon from their subject teacher to explain what our provision is to support your child before the summer exams.

Good luck BTEC IT and BTEC Science students, who have the last exams of the January series next week.

On Monday, 28th January, we will be holding our Student Progress Review Day for all Post 16 students. They have already been allocated a session to meet their Tutor and they will receive their mock results, discuss their progress this year and plan actions to support their learning going forwards. Any parents who would like to attend this meeting are very welcome; please contact Joanne Dennis on 020 8516 7591, to find out the time of your child’s appointment.

Mr Williams, Director of Post 16
Writing to Authors Challenge
This week the libraries have launched the Writing to Authors Challenge. We are challenging students to write to their favourite author to see if they can get a reply. The Librarians will post any letters written, and there will be prizes for the best responses from authors.

Young City Poets Project
This week we launched the Young City Poets project with English class 7H3. They made a brilliant start looking at a variety of different poems, then choosing their favourite poems and giving reasons for their choice. We are looking forward to doing the next stage of the project with them.

To commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day, the Books of the Month for January 2019 are......

The John Roan Word of the Week
Word: meticulous

Definition: showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise.

Example sentence: The hospital records were meticulous and well-organized.

Synonyms: careful, accurate, diligent.

The Weekly Challenge: Use the adjective meticulous 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.
Year 11 Boys Football Team – Success

Congratulations go to our Year 11 boy’s football team for beating Forest Hill School 5-1 in the London Cup. This was an extremely impressive win.

Our students were very disciplined and clinical in what was a very tough fixture. The win sees the team progress to the quarterfinal stage of the London Cup.
News from the JRSA

GRAND RAFFLE DRAW ANNOUNCED!

The JRSA will be holding a Grand Raffle Draw this term to raise funds for the School. Watch this space for details on how to buy your tickets. So far we have the following fantastic prizes ready to be won:

- 💓 12 indoor karting vouchers generously donated by https://www.teamsport.co.uk/. (These are valid at any of the 24 racetracks except Tower Bridge and London Docklands and must be used by 12 April 2019. Each of the vouchers entitles 1 adult or 1 child to 1/2 hour of karting)

  **Go Karting at TeamSport | #1 For Indoor Karting Nationwide**

  Experience the full power of indoor go karting with multi-level tracks, banked corners, ramps and insanely fast straights, and track lengths up to an epic 1000m.

  www.teamsport.co.uk

- 🍽️ a £50 meal voucher generously donated by the Mogul Indian Restaurant http://mogulindian.co.uk

  **Mogul Indian Restaurant**

  Mogul Indian Restaurant was established over twenty years ago, in a four-storey Grade II-listed building that dates back to the 17th century. Located in the heart of Greenwich, Mogul Indian Restaurant is spread over three floors, and each floor has its own unique ambience.

  mogulindian.co.uk
• a beauty hamper
• a garden planter gift set

Please let us know if you, your business or somebody you know would be willing to support the school by donating a raffle prize at jrsa@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk.

REMINDERS:

• Our next meeting is on the 29th January at 6.45pm (Westcombe Park Rd site), where we will be looking at bids from Departments and Year Heads. Please come along and join in.


• FREE MONEY - Please register using this unique link – just search for 'The John Roan School Association - Greenwich' and click 'support us' - https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/FVN3TL/

The more funds we raise, the more we can give back to the school!