Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday, we hosted our second Friendship Afternoon for our new Year 7s and lots of fun was had by all. The afternoon was a hive of activity from sporting activities and language games, to African drumming. It was great to meet the new students and their families again and to welcome them to the school.

Some of the Year 7 students have been in Braithwaite this week and have been exploring the Lake District from the Hope Memorial Centre that we use. This brings to the end three weeks of students at Braithwaite and I would like to thank all of the staff who have volunteered to run the trips and who have made sure that the students have all had a fantastic time. We have more trips planned for next year.

Since Monday, our Year 10 and 12 students have been sitting their end of year exams and I know that students in other years have been sitting assessments. The work ethic shown by our students has been really good and it is good to see them all so very determined to do their very best in all of these tests.

It has also been a busy week for trips and visits – we continue to impress members of the community at Mycenae House with our regular visits to support the daytime cabaret. Similarly, we have students reading with youngsters at a local primary school and supporting people with dementia. A few students spent the day with others from Blackheath High School at a Leadership Conference and most of Year 11 celebrated the end of their exams on a Boat Trip last night with many of their teachers.

Planning is underway now for Sports Day on Tuesday 9th July, as well as for Founder’s Day on the 12th. I will write to you with more details about both of these events nearer the time.

On Wednesday, 26th June, we are running our Year 12 Taster Day – an opportunity for Year 11 students to join us for a day of Sixth Form lessons, to find out more about being in the Sixth Form at The John Roan and to meet some of the staff who will be teaching them next year. We look forward to this day and to seeing the Year 11 students now that their exams are finished.

I hope that you all received my letter yesterday outlining the arrangements I have been able to put in place for next Tuesday, 25th June NEU strike day. My letters are also available on the school website. It is with much regret that I am not able to keep more of the school open on Tuesday.

The NEU intends to strike for a further five days before the end of this term. The proposed days are:

- Thursday 27 June 2019
- Thursday 04 July 2019
- Thursday 11 July 2019
- Tuesday 16 July 2019
- Wednesday 17 July 2019
As ever, we are doing what we can to plan each day to allow some of the school to continue with their education on these days and will honour as many of the arrangements for pre-planned trips and visits as we can. I will provide detailed information nearer to each date.

Our next JRSA parent meeting takes place on Tuesday, 25th and all parents and carers are most welcome. Please do join us the in Westcombe Park building from 6.45pm.

**JRSA Summer BBQ**

All friends and families of John Roan pupils are welcome to join us for our yearly summer barbeque at the upper school site, Westcombe Park, on Friday 5th July. We will be drawing our big summer raffle and encouraging sport for children and families, as well as enjoying a fabulous BBQ with salads and puddings, licenced bar and music. This is a great community event and a chance to meet other parents in the informal setting of the school grounds.

If you know of any Year 6 pupils joining the school, please bring them along, we would love to welcome you all.

Buy your tickets at [Eventbrite - John Roan Summer BBQ](#).

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

I have been away at Braithwaite this week and will fully update you all in my newsletter article next week.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Causer, Head of Year 7

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

We are very close to the end of Year 8 however; I am still expecting good things for our guys. We are currently sitting in second place for Attendance for this past week, as well as being 3rd for our Achievement points for this week.

We also had a number of success stories this week. Hannah was selected to represent English schools for her Shot Putt performances during the recent Athletics competition. We also had David, Asim, Alaina and Raphael who debated extremely well during their recent Debate Mate Final. Seven other schools participated, and I'm very proud to say we came second! Ms Ismail was jumping for joy on Thursday once Ms and her debaters returned back to school. Well done to you guys!

On the 3rd July, we will be spending our day over in Westcombe Park to get acclimatised to the new building. The of 3rd July lands on a Wednesday, therefore, we will meet our Y8s in the Playground at Maze Hill, rather than going to their first lesson. We will walk over Tutor Group by Tutor Group, before having an assembly on the steps at Westcombe Park.

To prepare our guys for Year 9, during our assembly today, I discussed the importance of being prepared and organised coming into school. For the remainder of the academic year and going into Year 9, your child's Form Tutor will be checking to ensure your child has brought a bag/rucksack to school, as well as a reading book. This isn't anything new, but I am just being very explicit so we all know the expectations. If your child does not have a reading book or their school bag, this will result in a Daily Detention at the end of the day, where you will be informed via a ParentPay email.

We are also very close to Sports Day and our Founder's Day Celebrations. I love this time of the year as we get the chance to celebrate our students' creative and practical abilities, which are only displayed in Music and PE lessons. I look forward to our year group taking centre stage and leading by example.

If you have any questions or concerns about any upcoming plans, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Duncan, Head of Year 8
By the time you read this, you will have received my letter via email explaining why I have been asked to be the Head of Year for our new intake in September, and from Monday, 24th June 2019, Ms Sumner will be your child’s Head of Year.

Ms Clark, the school’s Deputy Headteacher, visited all the Year 9 students this morning during registration to explain the reasons for this decision. This afternoon during Period 6, the year group are being escorted to our Main Hall at Maze Hill for a special assembly with Ms Sumner and myself. I am still hoping to organise the Master Chef Competition, if my work with the transition process allows me the time to do so. Ms Sumner will keep you updated, as she will be writing your weekly newsletter from now on.

It just remains for me to thank my Tutor Team, yourselves and, of course, your children for a fantastic year. It has been a real privilege.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes, Mrs Angie Smith, Head of Year 9

They Year 10 end of year exams have been proceeding very well to date. As I write my entry for this week, I have a class full of students who are undertaking some very focussed revision for their Chemistry exam this afternoon. The vast majority of students who were due to have PE during period 3 and 4 today have also opted to revise for their Chemistry exams and several Science teachers have given up their non-contact time to facilitate this.

We are very impressed with the preparation that students have been doing for their exams and just this further emphasises the faith that I have in this year group for their official GCSE exams next year. These exams will be of real benefit to all students in Year 10 on so many different levels and will facilitate their achievement/attainment next year.

The one concern I have that has been a worry for me so far this week is the tenaciousness of a small but significant number of students in the year group. This is something that I will continue to work on next year through assemblies and registrations. We’ve not been able to have any assemblies for a few weeks now, which is unfortunate, but this was due to the loss of the gym for the exams for Year 11/13 for their external exams.

I’d like to bring to your attention a book that I believe will help all students, but especially those that may sometimes have self-doubt and that number seems to be more and more these days. The book “Mindset” by Carol S. Dweck has been an enormous help to me since I read it and I would encourage you to purchase it for your child to read or for you to read to further support your child. I promise that it will be a revelation to you both and will come in very handy as we move into Year 11.

Thank you for your support this week in ensuring that not only has your child got to school on time, but also that they have been here all the time and immaculately turned out in their uniform. Thank you also for ensuring that your child is preparing for their exams outside of school.
An Inspector Calls (Year 11 GCSE Literature text) is showing at Churchill Theatre, Bromley from FRI 6 - SAT 14 SEPTEMBER 2019. It is only for a few dates. Parents may wish to take their children.

Have a restful weekend and, as ever, thank you for your continued support.

Luke Thomas, Head of Year 10

| Year 11/12 | Ms Sumner    | tsumner@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk |
|           | Mr Williams  | bwilliams@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk |

Further Details for the Year 11/12 Transition Day
Students should register at the Sixth Form Centre in Maze Hill for 8:30am where we will welcome the students and have a short introduction to the day. Sixth Form Ambassadors will then take them to taster sessions of their choice. We are running one for each subject and have tried to spread these throughout the day to give students the chance to get to subjects they are interested in. If students do have a clash, they will be able to arrange with the Sixth Form Team to do half of each one by letting us know on arrival.

The timetable for the sessions is attached.

My Team and I really look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday.

Many thanks, Mr Williams, Director of Sixth Form
National Writing Day – Visit from Philip Womack
On Wednesday, 26th June, to celebrate National Writing Day, Maze Hill will be hosting a visit by our Patron of Reading, Philip Womack. Philip has written popular books such as The King’s Revenge and The Double Axe. Philip will be running creative writing workshops throughout the day with students from Years 7, 8 and 9, as well as being available at break and lunchtime to offer his writing tips to students.

Scholastic Book Fair
Maze Hill will be holding it’s Scholastic Book Fair in the Library until Wednesday, 26th June. Most of the books in this sale will be available at half price to students. Any books sold help us to earn commission to buy books for the Libraries.

Students are be able to buy books before school, at break and at lunchtime. There are range of books available for all ages, as well as a stationery shop. Book prices range from £2.99 to £9.99, and students will need to bring in money to purchase a book. Correct money where possible will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact the Libraries if you have any further questions.
News from the JRSA

JRSA Summer BBQ 2019
Friday, 5th July from 5.00pm – 9.30pm
ALL WELCOME

(Please see attached flyer for more details)

You can purchase your tickets via Eventbrite – John Roan Summer BBQ
We are selling tickets this year in advance through Eventbrite, search for John Roan BBQ on Eventbrite and get your tickets for 5th July BBQ, which opens from 5.00pm and finishes at 9.30pm, come along when you can, we will be cooking all afternoon. It will be a fun packed afternoon with sporting events, delicious food and great company; we look forward seeing you there.

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JRSA SUMMER PRIZE DRAW 2019 – UPDATE
Please support our school and join in the fun - you could win one of these fantastic prizes!

4 Weekend tickets (2 x adult + 2 x child) for ON BLACKHEATH 2019! Kindly donated by ON BLACKHEATH.

Training course with on Abode Photoshop Introduction, Adobe After Effects Introduction or Adobe Premiere Pro Introduction (public scheduled course) at Transmedia Training offices in Greenwich or Central London generously donated by Transmedia*
21 Days of Unlimited Outdoor Training with Burn It Fitness generously donated by Burn It Fitness
2 Free Classes of your choice at Greenwich Dance - amazing range of classes from Hip Hop to Contemporary Ballet and age ranges from babies to teens to over 55’s - generously donated by Greenwich Dance
Wine Hamper
Beauty Hamper
Chocolates Hamper
Home Made Cake
Wine & Chocolates
Bottle of Wine

More prizes to be announced – watch this space.
Please support our school by buying a raffle ticket and by spreading the word to family & friends who may wish to support the school.

Raffle tickets are £1 each and you can buy them going to the JustGiving website and reaching JRSA or The John Roan. You just register your details with JustGiving or login to your account, you can then type in the donation amount according to the number of tickets that you want to buy, so if you want 1 ticket you put £1, 5 tickets £5 etc. You will then receive a thank you message from us with your ticket numbers. There may be a small delay in you receiving this information as this is not an automatic message and we’ll send the message when we review the account from time to time. If you do not want to register with JustGiving that’s fine, but please insert your name in the message box so we know who you are and please then email JRSA so we can thank you and tell you your ticket numbers.

PLEASE do not forget to include your name and register your contact details at JustGiving, otherwise we will not be able to email your numbers to you and won’t know who you are if you win!

A big thank you to everyone who has already bought tickets raising a fantastic £176 for our School!