Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start the newsletter this week by congratulating our wonderful Catering Team on winning the Sugar Smart Heroes Award at the Urban Food Awards on Wednesday night. Over 200 London businesses and organisations were nominated and we were delighted to be finalists - and therefore really thrilled that Angelina and her Team came out as the winners. Congratulations to all of our Catering Team for this well-deserved recognition.

Thank you to everyone who attended the JRSA Parent Meeting on Wednesday evening. It was, as always, good to see lots of parents there. We had some very good discussions about a number of things, including school improvement, sharing good news and fund raising. It was also good to welcome Steve Belk, the Chair of the IEB, who joined the first part of the meeting. The date of the next meeting is Wednesday, 15 May from 6.45pm and we hope to see as many of you as can make it for another good evening of discussion about the school.

Yesterday, we hosted our first New Year 7 Intake Event – a Friendship Afternoon. Maze Hill was a hive of exciting activities for our new students, who all seemed to thoroughly enjoy their experience with us. Many commented on how excited they now are about starting at the school in September. A good number of staff volunteered to help with meeting and greeting, as well as running a wide range of sessions on the afternoon and we were all enormously proud of our student volunteers who helped out with the sessions, escorted the visiting students to different venues and generally provided reassurance about life in secondary school.

Thank you for your support with our 'late Wednesday' this week. It was really good to have the opportunity for the whole staff to meet and this will certainly improve our internal communications and team spirit. Most of the students seem to enjoy the more relaxed morning, although unfortunately the later start did throw a few students, who arrived even later than they should have! Lesson 1 starts at 8.50am and so it is essential that students are in school in time for this. I suggest they aim for 8.45am at the latest.

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London Marathon – Sunday, 28th April 2019
We will be attending the start of the London Marathon as usual this year hosting the Lucozade stall on Blackheath with staff and students. Please do come along and say hello, it is always a wonderful event day.

Also this year The John Roan has three representatives running the London Marathon. Luke Thomas (Head of Year 10), Sophie Tutt (History Teacher) and Kelly Arnold (daughter of a staff member), who are all currently hard at training and hoping to raise money for the students of The John Roan.
At The John Roan, we have a high number of students from disadvantaged backgrounds and as a school we aim to close the attainment gap between these students and non-disadvantaged students. With the money raised this year, we are going to organise a fantastic inclusive end of year trip to reward our students for their hard work. This trip will hopefully motivate these students and contribute in some way to closing this attainment gap.

The amount of money we raise will largely determine the amount of students we can invite on this reward trip, and the location, so any contribution will be very much appreciated! All of the funds donated will go towards the cost of the trip to ensure that everyone can take part. We hope the initiative will inspire these young people to face and overcome challenges.

A huge thank you from the staff and students at The John Roan. The Just Giving link is (copy and paste into your web browser):
or go to the Just Giving website and search The John Roan.

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Yours faithfully,

Cath Smith
Executive Headteacher
# Dates for the Diary

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News from the Heads of Year

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

This week, Mr Soane took some of our Year 7 students to compete at the Copper Box at the Olympic Park Site for an indoor rowing competition. On Wednesday evening footage was aired on the BBC showing some of our students and the girls, Grace, Lois, Ellen and Amelia, all got to hold Olympic medals. One day we could be watching our own Olympic rowers!

The theme of our assembly this week was about being our best selves. We looked at how we could all reflect on the way we live our lives and the changes we could make in order to make it our Best Life. How we think about how our choices of words and actions impact on others around us. It was an emotional assembly as we looked at Stephen Lawrence and the students were listening very attentively.

Finally, it is the Year 7 Parents Evening on Tuesday, 2nd April. Next week students will be getting an appointment sheet and will be expected to see their teachers to book appointments for you. Appointments start at 4pm and the evening will finish at 7pm. Please start to have conversations over the weekend with your child, as to which times will suit you best, and to ensure they are booking in your appointments next week. Each appointment will last for approximately 5 minutes, and we do need to try and keep to this where possible so that all students are seen. I thank you in advance for trying to keep to your appointment slots to your best ability.

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

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

I have been very impressed by the conduct of the entire Year Group this week; it feels that all our hard work over the Winter is starting to show the fruits of our labour now that we're into Spring. I am very impressed and very proud of our Year Group.

A huge well done and thank you message to the Year 8 Ambassadors who helped with our Year 6 Friendship Afternoon. I was very impressed by Maddie from 8H, Raph from 8A, Joey from 8A, Alaina from 8O, Angel from 8H, Asim from 8T, Carlos from 8A and Michael from 8O. Massive 'big up' to all of these students.

A ginormous well done and congratulations to our girl’s football team too! We held our nerve in the Semi Final and beat Crown Woods on penalties! Big thank you to Ms Horn for providing this opportunity and a huge well done to Ikraam from 8E, Coco from 8O, Erjola from 8O, Macayla from 8E, Cerys from 8E, Katherine from 8O, Ogheneviyenze from 8R, Isra from 8H and Sanna from 8H. Well done girls! I'll be there to cheer you on for the final!!

I would also like to take the opportunity to clarify the next two Wednesday mornings leading up to Easter. The school gates will still be open from 8.00am in the morning, and I would still encourage your child to come in from 8.00am. The only change is that there isn't a morning registration period on Wednesday and your child should go straight to their Period 1 lesson at 8.50am. The reason for this change is so that all members of staff can come together for a morning briefing.

I would also like to raise the point about jumpers/hoodies/sports jumpers. Your child is more than welcome to come to school wearing alternative jumpers/jackets, however as soon they enter the school building these jackets will need to remain in their bags. If they are seen
wearing their jackets/jumpers around school or during break/lunch, this item of clothing will be confiscated.

If you would like me to clarify any of this information, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

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

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

I cannot believe that we have only got two weeks left of the Spring Term and Year 9 are busy either preparing or doing their end of unit assessments. So, there is much to be done in a very short space of time.

The nurses from the Oxleas NHS Foundation came in to do our assembly this week and they were able to inform and reassure the students about the injections but, at the same time, emphasise the importance of ensuring that they have the maximum protection against these dangerous diseases. The nurses collected the vast amount of consent forms which have already been completed – thank you so much for that. If you have not yet completed the consent form and wish your child to have the injections, can you please send the form into me as soon as possible and I will post them to the Oxleas Team.

Next week we are launching The John Roan Garden Club. It is open to staff and students from all year groups to join. However, I am very proud that so many Year 9 students have signed up for this exciting new project: a clear indication that they value their school buildings and grounds and they want to make a positive contribution to their school community.

The grand final of the Year 9 Inter-tutorial Football Tournament in aid of The Palace Foundation will be held during the last week of term between 9J and 9R. All the specific details will be in next week’s newsletter.

The other main event which we are busy getting ready for is the end of term Celebration of Success Assembly which will take place in the Main Hall at Maze Hill on Thursday, 4th April 2019.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes, Mrs Angie Smith, Head of Year 9

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

Another great week for the Year 10 students as we motor on towards the end of a very productive and important term.

Huge congratulations to the Year 10 boys football team on their victory over Hatcham School football team. They won 4-1 (Enoch scored 2 goals and Jamar and Jason scored one each) and are now through to the semi-final against Halley Academy on Monday (Blackheath Cup). I’m sure that it will be another victory for them.

I sent home 2 letters this week regarding 2 trips. Ms McKenna and I have secured 2 further taster days for the London School of Economics. These taster days seem very popular, so please could you ensure that letters are returned to us asap and ideally no later than Monday. The first date for the taster day is Friday, 5th April and the second date is Thursday, 25th April.

You should have also received a letter, via ParentPay and/or your child, regarding our theatre trip to see “Everybody is talking about Jamie” in June, which is an absolutely fantastic show. I require the reply slip for the theatre trip to be returned no later than Friday, 29th March as
students will then be chosen from a hat as I only have 30 spaces available and it has again proved a popular trip.

I will be sending home our Parent Evening details next week, so please look out for this.

Thank you again for your continued support concerning Year 10s.

P.S. Thank you so much for your very kind donations. Ms Tutt, Ms Arnold and I have been very touched by your extremely generous and kind donations and your messages of support have also been very heart warming and encouraging as we take on the London Marathon on the 28th April. I just hope we can do you proud with such great support!

Luke Thomas, Head of Year 10

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The Importance of Punctuality

Students must be in school by 8.25am, at the latest. It is vital that students are in registration because a number of important notices are given out during this time. Tutors are also helping students with CVs, English and Maths interventions and PSHE topics. Students who are late to registration will be placed in a 20 minute detention on the same evening. If a student fails to attend this detention, they will receive a 40 minute detention at lunch time on a Thursday (silent revision). Failure to attend this will result in a Seclusion (with an hour detention after school on the same day). Punctuality is important when students move onto 6th Form provisions and careers. It is therefore vital that they get into 'good habits' at school. Please support this and ensure that your child is on time every day.

Revision Timetables

Reminder - every Year 11 student should have a revision timetable in place which helps them organise their time effectively.

Each student should have an exams revision booklet ('Planning for Success') that details what topics they should be revising for each subject. This booklet was given to every student at the start of the academic year.

Example of a revision timetable:

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Each subject must be included in the timetable every week. Specific topics also need to be included. The timetable should be planned for a minimum of four weeks in advance. Each week, students need to increase the amount of time that they revise for each subject.
Easter Revision
Please find below the timetable of revision subjects that we are offering over the Easter holidays. Students have been requested to sign up for the sessions they would like to attend. All revision sessions will take place in the second week of the Easter holidays.

Please can parents review the below with their child to encourage them to sign up with the teachers who are running the sessions.

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CoachBright Programme
The CoachBright programme has been going really well. Each week, Year 11 students have been attending mentoring sessions on focussing on key areas for their exams. To celebrate the progress made by the students, there will be a Graduation Ceremony at Kings College University on the 23rd of April from 4pm-6pm. Here they will have the chance to experience first hand a Russell Group University and bond with their mentors one last time.

Kind regards, Ms. Iffath Nowrin - Assistant Guidance and Achievement Leader

Many thanks, Ms Sumner, Head of Year 11

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Mr Williams  bwilliams@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk

Year 12 - ALL students will be going to the Excel Centre on Tuesday, 26th March for the annual UCAS Exhibition. The trip will take place during the school day and transport is provided. Students will need to bring their own lunch. Students will get the opportunity to meet with 100s of universities and other higher and further education providers. Also there will be employers and apprenticeship opportunities at the exhibition, so this will be a really useful opportunity for all students when considering what they plan to do next summer. For more details please see here - https://www.ucas.com/events/london-higher-education-exhibition-339436.

Year 13 - all Year 13 Teachers will be providing the Sixth Form Team with the student’s latest predictions this week (25th -29th March). Please look out for a letter the following week from us providing you with this information before the Easter break. We will also enclose exam timetable for you to have at home. We hope this will help you support your child in the run up to their final exams.

Mr Williams – Director of Sixth Form
British Science Week Poster Competition
As part of British Science Week, we are challenging the students to design a poster connected to the theme of journeys.

The five best posters will be entered into the UK-wide competition with the chance for the students to win an array of prizes, including a special Guinness World Record prize.

The closing date is the 31st March.

Carnegie Shadowing Book Group
With the release of the Carnegie Shortlist, we are launching the Carnegie Shadowing Book Group at both Maze Hill and Westcombe Park Libraries. The book group will take place every Tuesday lunchtime and we will debate the shortlisted books, read and take part in lots of fun activities.

The John Roan Word of the Week
Word: Compassion

Definition:
a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for the suffering or bad luck of others and a wish to help them.

Example sentence: ‘He did this out of compassion for the suffering of all other creatures’.

Synonyms: tenderness, sympathy, commiseration

The Weekly Challenge: Use the noun, compassion, 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.
Unfortunately, due to GDPR reasons, we are unable to share the peri timetable.

The timetable is however available on the noticeboard in both sites.

Mr Johnson is away all week, so there are no piano or saxophone lessons with him.

Thank you.

Mr Wright, Head of Music
News from the JRSA

REMINDERS:

- You’ve got to be in it to win it …………… the JRSA lottery
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