Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you received my letter on Wednesday outlining the many events that are taking place over the final few weeks of term. My letters are always available via the school website. Planning is well underway for Sports Day on Tuesday, 9th July, as well as for Founder’s Day on the 12th. Both are always highlights of the term and great celebrations of the talent at the school. Details that you will need for each of these days were in my letter.

On Wednesday, we ran our Year 12 Taster Day – an important opportunity for Year 11 students to join us for a day of Sixth Form taster lessons and to find out more about being in the Sixth Form at The John Roan. It was lovely to see the students again – looking rather more relaxed than they did during their exams of course. Sixth Form recruitment continues next week with our Green and Gold Day promoting the Basketball Academy that is proudly moving into its third year of association with the school.

Next Tuesday the 2nd, we welcome our new intake parents to an information evening from 6.30-7.30pm. We are all very excited about welcoming new families to the school and getting ready to start secondary school life with them.

The following day, on the 3rd July, we welcome all our new intake students for an induction day in our Maze Hill building. This is a fantastic opportunity for the students to experience a day in the life of The John Roan. They will join us for taster lessons, have lunch and familiarise themselves with our facilities and staff. These days prove to be vital in offering our new students and their families a seamless transition into secondary school and there is much evidence to support good transition work as one indicator of future success.

Also on the 3rd July, Year 8 will have a Transition Day to welcome them to the Westcombe Park building and to provide them with an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the building and the different classrooms. Mr Duncan will ensure that everyone knows what to do and where to go on this day.

Our final JRSA parent meeting of the school year took place on Tuesday evening. It was lovely to see so many of you there, and to spend time in good discussions about the school. I would personally like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the JRSA for their continued hard work, but special thanks go to our two committee members who are sadly stepping down as members, Julie Keating, Co-Chair and Ruth Cracknell, Membership Secretary.
JRSA Summer BBQ – Friday, 5th July

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.

Exciting Student News

One of our Year 9 students, Raphael, will appear on The Voice Kids this Saturday evening. We wish him all the luck in the world!

NEU Industrial Action – Thursday, 4th July

Regrettably, I am going to need to close the school to students on Thursday, 4th July when members of the NEU take industrial action. I appreciate that this decision is not an easy one for many parents to manage and am sorry that it is not going to be possible to provide a provision for education on that day.

As ever, if any parent is unable to make suitable provision for their child for all or part of this day, they should contact me and I will see if there is something that we can do to help.

Yours faithfully,

Cath Smith
Executive Headteacher
## Date for the Diary

### THE WEEK AHEAD

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We had a fantastic time last week in Braithwaite, and thoroughly enjoyed all of our OAA activities. We rock climbed, abseiled, completed a high ropes course, canoed & kayaked at Derwent waters where they filmed Swallows & Amazons, and finally Ghyll scrambled down a peak. The students were amazing, pushing themselves through their fears and limits, all having a go at every activity. Comments such as "this was the best week of my life" made all the hard work and planning worth it! I cannot wait to offer students next year the opportunity to join us once again. A massive thank you to all the staff who joined me and made the week possible; Mr Soane, Mr Alade and Ms Degallerie.

Back at school there was lots of excellent work going on in our absence. Year 7 students helped support next year’s Year 7’s in a Friendship Evening, where the feedback has been excellent in their conduct and enthusiasm. Students have been in today from Year 7 to continue to work at Mycenae House with their daytime cabaret. It is brilliant to see our students doing this despite the school being closed on that day.

I will be working hard over the next 3 weeks to ensure the Year 7’s are fully prepared for starting Year 8, and maintaining the high standards we have set to date, with both punctuality, attendance and behaviour.

I hope you have a wonderful and sunny weekend, Mrs Causer, Head of Year 7

I am thrilled to announce that our year group is now ranked Number 1 in the school in terms of progress, good behaviour and attendance. This is a huge deal and something I am very, very proud of. Unfortunately, at the end of Year 7, we was not where needed to be, however, one year on, the improvements have been enormous; including individual pupils as well as the overall cohort. It is perfect timing, as next week will mark our Transition Day.

Our students will be following a completely separate timetable. I will send a ParentPay email out separately to issue you with the Transition Day timetable, as well as write home to explain the details of the day further. It is vital your child remembers their group number for the day.

Our students will spend the whole day at Westcombe Park. We expect the students to be in school, at Westcombe Park for 8.30am. I will already be at Westcombe Park waiting to meet and greet our students. Our students will be dismissed from Westcombe Park Building at 2.50pm. I will be explaining the entrance/exit points to our year group in Assembly on Friday, as well as on Monday during our additional Assembly.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Mr Duncan, Head of Year 8
I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Head of Year 9.

As you are already aware, Ms Smith has become the Head of Year for our new intake students. I have already started to get to know the year group and meet with some of the parents. I look forward to working closely with parents and carers to ensure that all students have the best possible opportunities to succeed. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me - tsumner@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk.

Ms Sumner, Head of Year 9

IT’s OVER! Barring the Art and Photography exams next week, I can finally say the end of year exams are over. I know that they have been very taxing and somewhat exhausting for me, as well as other members of staff, so I can only imagine how challenging it must have also been for your child, but the vast majority of the year group have handled the exams really well and risen to the challenge. I do not know, as yet, what the grades will be but I’m certain they now all know that these exams are very difficult and that preparation for the Autumn Term mocks will have to be much earlier than they were this time around.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the Year 10s on the very high standards that they have set during their exams. It was so pleasing to see so many of them coming in to revise in the mornings, at lunch time and staying behind after school to carry on some very purposeful revision. I hope that they build on this for the short time we have remaining this academic year, but particularly as we move into their most important year to date next year. Those students that really put the hours into their revision will see even more benefit next year, as they are not just revisiting something that was taught more than a year ago, but something that is already somewhat fresh in their memory. We will continue to build on different revision techniques with them next year and hopefully provide them with even more resources, such as flash cards for their revision etc.

There will be an exam results/celebration of achievement assembly at the end of term, where your child will be given their exam results in an envelope (much like they will get next year), as well as the issuing of any certificates from different subjects for their attainment/progress. Regardless of what the exam results are, and I mean that in the most respectful manner, these exams were really about finding out their areas of strengths but more importantly, their areas of weaknesses and these will need addressing.

These exams were very rigorous and really put the Year 10s through their paces. They will be getting a Question Level Analysis (QLA) report from their teachers once all the exam papers have been marked. This is a very important document and one that I would encourage you to discuss with your child as it gives them personalised feedback on where their areas of strength/weakness were/are.

There will be another set of exams early in the next academic year in November, which will be exactly like the end of year exams (in the hall, specific seat number etc) so it is important that you and your child are aware of this. I will endeavour to keep you updated with daily postings again, as the exams are going on and would request that you bring any issues to my attention so that I may be able to resolve them.

There are a significant number of students in the year group who have not secured their Work Experience (WEx) placement as of yet. I know that the Royal Borough of Greenwich are very much
behind schedule in visiting and approving many of the employers hosting students. This is a Local Authority issue and not one that the school can do much about. We are working with RBG to resolve this. However, I would encourage your child to contact their employer if you have received a letter from the school. A number of employers are asking to meet your child before going ahead with the WEx placement and if this is not done then your child will have to attend school for the WEx week (8th-12th July).

Ms Liz Proctor has done an absolutely fantastic job in securing a number of placements for students who did not have one, so it would be a real shame for all this good work to not be taken advantage of. If you have any queries concerning WEx, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Proctor on eproctor@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk or me (you all already have my contact details, which are also on the school website).

I'm sorry for the disruption that has also occurred to your child's education this week, particularly as some of it was during the end of year exams! However, I was proud of the way that the students responded and demonstrated great resilience.

As ever, thank you for your continued support and I hope that you truly enjoy the glorious sunshine we have in store for this weekend. Definitely BBQ weather!

Luke Thomas, Head of Year 10

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

Year 12 enjoyed an interesting trip to the University of Greenwich where they attended workshops on a variety of topics from Criminology to Midwifery. All workshops were looking at next steps, either university life and studies or different careers.

We are now looking at UCAS applications for those students interested in applying to university. For those who have decided on a different path we will also be looking at finding and applying for apprenticeships and employment. Students will need to start thinking about information they want to include in their Personal Statement. The summer holiday will be a great time for looking at extending their knowledge of the subjects they intend to apply for and exploring their current subjects in more detail. All of which is great to include in the personal statement.

There will be another trip to the University of Greenwich next week led by Ms Forsberg for a session entitled ‘Great Skills’. Students will be looking at the skills needed to take the EPQ (Extended Project Qualification), as the workshops cover many of the main skills students develop and are expected to demonstrate in their projects. If your child hasn't yet returned their form, please do so as soon as possible.

Helen Cook, Head of Sixth Form

Many thanks, Mr Williams, Director of Sixth Form
**Founder’s Day rehearsals, parent concert and school concert**

On Wednesday 10th July, we have an all day rehearsal and evening concert to parents in preparation for Founder’s Day on Friday, 12th July.

All students involved in Founder’s Day will be off lessons on Wednesday, 10th and Friday, 12th July to prepare and take part in this prestigious event. If your son/daughter is taking part in Founder’s Day, either as a soloist or as part of any of the below ensembles, please read the separate Founder’s Day letter and complete the attached reply slip.

- **Monday lunchtime** – Junior Choir, M107
- **Tuesday 3:00 – 4:15pm** – School Orchestra, W001
- **Wednesday (all day)** – Steel Pans groups, Steel Pans room MH
- **Wednesday lunch** – Senior Choir, W001
- **Wednesday lunch** – String Group, M107
- **Wednesday 3:00 – 4:30pm** – Jazz Band, W001

Parents/carers, family and friends are all welcome to come to the concert on Wednesday, 10th July at 6:30pm. Tickets will be available to buy on the door at St Alfege’s Church at £2.00 for adults and £1.00 for students. We look forward to you joining us to celebrate the wealth of musical talent we have here at The John Roan.

**Instrumental loans**

If your son/daughter has loaned an instrument from the school this year (or in previous years), please could they return their instrument to me – or either Receptions – on Monday, 15th July. I will need to check each instrument to see if any repairs are needed. I will then return the instrument so that they can take it home for the summer holidays.

**Instrumental/singing lessons from September**

The form for signing up for instrumental/singing lessons for September will shortly be available on the school website and from both music rooms. If your son/daughter would like to start or continue with lessons at The John Roan, they must take a form home to be completed. With over 200 students taking lessons at the school, it is a big administrative task to collate these forms and timetable lessons – so the earlier I receive the forms the better!

**Additional instrumental lessons payment**

As you know, The John Roan has a long and proud tradition of making instrumental and singing lessons available to all students. Part of this commitment has been the provision of free instrumental/singing lessons. This is down to the generous funding from The John Roan Foundation and it costs them in excess of £50,000 per year. Whilst they continue to offer free lessons on one instrument per student, they are unable to provide free lessons on more than one instrument. If your son/daughter has lessons on more than one instrument at school then the cost of the additional lessons is £70/term, as explained on all instrumental letters/forms. Payment for lessons for the Autumn and Spring terms are available on ParentPay, so please could these payments be made by the end of term. Students will not get their full complement of 10 lessons this term, owing to strike action, so I will not be asking for payment this term. If you have any questions about this, then please do email me.

**Halstow Primary Summer Fair/JRSA BBQ**

Some of our students will be performing at both the JRSA BBQ next Friday, 5th July and at the Halstow Primary Summer Fair on Sunday, 7th July from 1:00 – 1:30pm. Please do come along to support Phoebe, Inaki and Zuriel if you can.
Mr Francis, Guitar Teacher
Mr Francis, the Guitar/Flute Teacher, will sadly be retiring at the end of this term after 24 years at the school. He has been a fantastic teacher to many students and I will be presenting him with a special gift next Friday, 5th July, which will be his last day. Please do contact me if you would like to send him a message of thanks. I will be going round the school next week with a gift card for students to sign.

Many thanks for your continued support of Music at The John Roan.

Mr Wright, Head of Music
Library News

Library Taskmaster
On Friday 5th July at lunchtime, the Libraries will be hosting Library Taskmaster. For anyone who hasn’t seen it there are weird challenges set for the contestants (we will be looking for five student volunteers at both Libraries) and they are then awarded points by the Taskmaster. The contestant with the highest score overall is the winner. We are looking forward to announcing the winner of the first ever Library Taskmaster.

Young People’s Book Prize
We have been selected to take part in the Young People's Book Prize 2019. The prize is run by The Royal Society and aims to inspire young people to read about science, and promotes the writing of excellent, accessible STEM books. We have been given the nominated books and students have been reading them and taking part in Science themed activities every Tuesday lunchtime in MH Library, and we would love for more students to take part and join in. The prize runs until October, when we will have to choose our winning book.

The John Roan Word of the Week
Word: Philanthropy

Definition: the desire to promote the welfare of others, expressed especially by the generous donation of money to good causes.

Example sentence: “He was a man of great charm and extraordinary generous philanthropy”.

Word group: Noun

Synonyms: charity, generosity, compassion

The Weekly Challenge: Use the noun, philanthropy, 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.
Inclusion Department

Inclusion: What's Going On in Greenwich and Beyond

Greenwich Mencap Fun Day Monday, 5th – Friday, 9th August
Free Fun Day for primary school aged children who have a brother/sister with a learning disability and / or autism.

Please see attached leaflet and form if this interests you.

Thank you,

Siobhan McCauley (SENCo)
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*

2 main meals and a bottle of house wine at The Richard the First Pub generously donated by this lovely pub on Royal Hill

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 also 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 by going to the JustGiving website and searching 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!