Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all of the lovely messages of support and encouragement that have come in to the school this week.

As you know, we had our first Ofsted Monitoring Visit on Wednesday. Two inspectors came in to school to assess the progress that we are making. Last year we were given a ‘Serious Weaknesses’ designation and it is expected that schools can move out of this category within 30 months of the publication of the report. The inspectors met with groups of students and staff, they went into many lessons and they chatted informally to students and staff as they were going around the school. I provided them with the outcomes of the recent surveys of parents, staff and students. They also looked at student books, teacher planning and, of course, the school improvement plan and evidence that we were able to provide to show the impact of the work that we are already doing.

Your children were a credit to you – they rose to the occasion really well, ensuring that their conduct around the building was good, they were polite and welcoming, and in lessons all were keen to share their work and their thoughts about the progress that the school is making. They were all anxious to talk about how proud they are to be part of The John Roan.

I am not in a position to share their findings yet, as the Lead Inspector now needs to write a report / letter to me outlining what they have seen and to comment on the progress that we are making. I can, however, confirm – because this does cause some confusion – that this is NOT about re-grading the school, as it was not a full inspection. The letter will report on whether or not the team think that over the last 9 months we have put the right systems and structures in place and whether or not there is a positive impact of these actions. They will judge whether or not they feel that over the next 21 months, the school is going to be able to do enough to remove the Serious Weaknesses designation. I can’t pre-judge their verdict, but can tell you that they recognised that there is still a great deal to do.

The Easter holiday will delay the release of their letter, but I am assured that the wait for this letter will be a considerably shorter wait than the one we had last year for our report. I therefore hope to be able to send it to you shortly after the holiday, as soon as I receive it.

Last Saturday, we held a Recruitment Open Morning for teachers and other staff who are considering applying to work at The John Roan. It was a successful morning with over 30 people coming in to the school. They met with a number of staff who had volunteered to come in and talk about the school and their Departments. We now hope that many will apply for posts at the school and we will certainly be busy recruiting early next term – for posts to start in September. A huge thank you to both the staff and the Year 10 students who gave up their time so generously on the morning, they were all amazing.
Our last event before the end of this term is the Year 7 Parent Evening which takes place on Tuesday, 2nd April from 4.00-7.00pm in Maze Hill. Please ensure you have made your teacher appointments and I hope to see you all there.

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

We have been celebrating Year 7’s achievements this week in our achievement assembly. As always, it was a pleasure to give out certificates for all the excellent work that has been taking place over the past term. A huge thank you was extended from the Headteacher in particular to all the students who helped at the New Year 7’s Friendship Afternoon that took place last week. The students helping went above and beyond to make the new students feel welcomed and joined in with the activities being led. They were all a real credit to the school and I was very proud of them.

A final reminder that it is the Year 7 Parent Evening on Tuesday, 2nd April. Students should have been busily booking appointments for you with their teachers this week. Appointments start at 4pm and the evening will finish at 7pm. Each appointment will last for approximately 5 minutes. If you are concerned that your son/daughter has not been making these appointments please do get in contact with their Form Tutors or myself, and we will help where we can. I look forward to seeing as many of you as I can!

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

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

I am very happy to say that our Year 8s continue to improve day by day. I have recently been shown data that shows fantastic attainment progress demonstrated by the vast majority of our year group, as well as a large proportion being recorded as having positive behaviour for learning. I am so impressed and so proud, but also realistic. As much as I am happy with the progress we have shown, I am keenly aware that there is still much more room for improvement.

I would just like to remind all parents and carers that our students bring their planners to school every day. After the Easter holidays, we will be adding another aspect to our Daily Pastoral Detentions, which will involve Equipment. A small number of our students come to school without a bag, pencil case and planner. This instantly starts their day in a negative way, as well as being unprepared or organised for the day ahead. After Easter, if your child does not have the correct equipment (school bag, pencil case etc) they will also receive our 20min Daily Pastoral Detention.

I would also like to remind parents and carers to remember to inform myself or the Reception Staff if you have changed your telephone number and updated your address. In the event of an emergency, it would be extremely worrying if the school could not get in contact with you.

One more week before the Easter Holidays! Have a great weekend all.

Mr Duncan, Head of Year 8
This beautiful Spring weather coincided with the launch of The John Roan Gardening Club. I was absolutely thrilled with the response from both Year 9 and Year 10 students. We will be working on the area at the front of the school: thanks to funding from The John Roan Foundation. I have already used some of the funding to buy gardening tools. I am in the process of ordering eleven large plant troughs to go against the eleven partitions at the front of Westcombe Park. We are also going to create a garden of remembrance on the area of land at the side of Westcombe Park: staff and students both past and present will be able to have plants or bushes planted in memory of a loved one. The fact that so many students have signed up for this project is a great indication of the pride and value the students place on their school community.

The final of the Year 9 Inter-tutorial Football Tournament is taking place on Thursday, 4th April at 15.30 between 9J and 9R. The match will be twenty minutes either side. The rivalry between these to Tutor Groups is rising to fever pitch!

Just a reminder that the Year 9 boys’ immunisations take place on Friday, 5th April. Please can you return your consent form to me as soon as possible if you haven’t done so already.

I hope you have a lovely weekend in the sunshine.

Best wishes. Mrs Angie Smith, Head of Year 9

Year 10 End of Year Exams
There are now 40 school days until the commencement of the end of year exams for Year 10. The exams are fast approaching and subject teachers will be providing revision work to aid your children, as I’ve also been doing. The memory sticks continue to come in for the Science revision material that I’ve put together, so if your child hasn’t brought one to me as yet then please encourage them to do so.

Maths revision classes have started again on Tuesdays after school with Mr Nwakude and several volunteer parents. This means that any student who would like to get help with their Maths is able to attend these after school sessions. I don’t currently know the location as yet though. English revision after school classes will continue on Thursdays, though I don’t know if these will be drop in sessions or opened to any student wanting to do English revision. I’m sure something will be coming home from the English Department concerning this.

Science are now running master classes for Year 10s, alongside Year 11s. These are on Mondays for Physics with Mr Williams leading with support from other Science teachers within the Department, Thursdays with Mr Kennedy for Chemistry leading with support from other Science teachers within the Department and Fridays with Ms Williams for Biology leading with support from other Science teachers within the Department. Your child will need to sign up for these master classes and they can do so simply by signing the register on the window of Ms Williams’ office on the second floor.

I hope to be able to pass on more details next week in regards to more revision after school classes for other subjects next week.

The end of year exams are vitally important, not only in showing the progress of students or where any gaps may be in their learning, but the results from these exams will also be what I will be using when completing Sixth Form/College applications for your child as they will be
the most up-to-date and robust data that we have. Therefore, I cannot stress enough how important these exams are and how important it is that your child prepares as thoroughly as possible for them.

The “great” Jürgen Klopp once said “Success needs time. Nobody wants to hear it, but that’s the truth: if you want to have success in the future, you have to be ready to work now”. I believe this quote is very apt and as I say often to the students in assemblies and my conversations with them, the only place you will find success before (hard) work is in the dictionary.

By the time you are reading this you should have received details by post concerning the upcoming Year 10 Parents Evening on Thursday, 2nd May. Please ensure that your child is making appointments with their subject teachers in preparation for the evening.

Please find attached an opportunity that I think would be of benefit for several of our students. Sadly, it only applies to female students and not all Year 10 students but it’s a great opportunity nonetheless.

You should also have received Braithwaite letters this week if your child was lucky enough to be selected for the trip. I really wish I could take more students but I’m limited as to the number of students that I can take. If your child was not successful, please don’t despair as there is a reserve list that all students who handed in a reply slip are on.

Finally, huge congratulations to the Year 10 boys football team. They played a very tight match against Halley Academy in the Blackheath Cup and won one nil. The goal was scored by Jamar and was a very decent goal by all accounts. The whole team deserve praise as they’ve defeated some very tough opponents and I hope that they maintain their form in the final. I will provide you with details as to when and where the final is in the hope that you may be able to go along and support. I really hope that I will be able to.

Luke Thomas, Head of Year 10

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On Monday, 28th March, I delivered an assembly entitled ‘How far we have come’. This was a slideshow presentation which featured many photographs from the first ever residential and camping trip that the students attended in Year 7. Since Year 7, we have been on more than thirty residential and/or reward trips. The purpose of this assembly was to highlight to students the journey that we have all been on together. Also in this final ‘push’, the importance of supporting each other. I would like to take this opportunity to also thank parents and carers for their continued support.

Many thanks, Ms Sumner, Head of Year 11

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Post 16

Mr Williams bwilliams@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk

Year 13 Easter Revision

There are a number of Easter revision sessions running for Post 16 students over the Easter holiday. Subject teachers will be letting students know directly when these are taking place between Monday, 15th and Thursday, 18th April.

Mr Williams – Director of Sixth Form
Bookish Egg Competition
In the last week of term, we will be challenging the students to design an Easter Egg with a book theme. It can be anything from Harry Potter to Wimpy Kid. Entry sheets are available in the Library and the closing date is the last day of term.

The Great Rabbit Search
On Thursday, 4th April the Libraries will be holding the Great Rabbit Search at lunchtime, where we will be challenging the students to find and name the famous fictional rabbits to unlock their prize.

The John Roan Word of the Week
Word: Orator

Definition:
A public speaker, especially one who is eloquent or skilled.

Example sentence: Because Heather is a gifted orator, she is often called upon to host events.

Synonyms: lecturer, speaker

The Weekly Challenge: Use the noun, orator many times as possible throughout the week to receive PRIDE points! This can be verbally OR in your written work.
Some instrumental/singing lessons have finished for the term as the full ten lessons have taken place.

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Thank you.

Mr Wright, Head of Music
News from the JRSA

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