Dear Parents and Carers,

Student Achievements

As always, throughout this last week of term, we have been celebrating student achievement in our Achievement Assemblies. Well done to everyone who received a certificate for their hard work and outstanding efforts for the school community. The Year 11 Achievement Assembly will take place on Monday, 29th April.

Parent Evening

It was a pleasure to welcome so many families, both new and old, to the school for the Year 7 Parent Evening on Tuesday. Thank you to those of you who have written in to thank the staff for the informative meetings and for the additional experiences and support that is provided to your children. Year 7 have certainly had a very good year and a great start to their secondary education. Thank you for your support of us and of them throughout the year.

Wednesday Late Start

For the past 3 weeks we have been trialling a later start on a Wednesday for the students, allowing the whole staff to have a weekly briefing session together. This pilot has been well received and we would like to continue it into next term, but with a small change. In order to manage the arrival and registration of students within Period 1 on Wednesdays, we will be expecting students to be at school and ready to learn at 8.45am prompt going forwards. They will be registered in Period 1 as before, and that lesson will be 55 minutes long to accommodate the additional settling that is needed right at the beginning of a day.

Easter Study Sessions

Today is the last day of school before the Easter holidays. We are open however over the holidays, on specific days, in order to run focused revision classes for Year 11 and 13 in some subjects. All Year 11 and 13 students have been informed of the sessions we are running and the timings, and many have signed up for two sessions each day. You will have been sent information about the Year 11 classes your child has elected to attend, so please encourage them to attend! The exam season begins in earnest very soon and the holiday revision classes provide a focused and sociable way to get through these last few weeks of studying.

Farewells

It is with great sadness that we must say our goodbyes to a few members of staff today. Ms Watt, from the SEN Team is leaving her teaching role with us, but plans to return during the exam season to help out with invigilation. Mr Griffin, our Senior Science Technician has secured a job in a school as a Science Teacher and we wish him well in this new role. Mr N’Guessan is moving to a promoted position in a school in Coventry and Mr Kennedy is also moving to a promoted position in another school. We wish them all the very best in their new roles and thank them for their contributions to The John Roan in the time that they have been with us.
Recruitment

We are currently advertising for vacant positions at the school and have been pleased to receive a good number of applications for some subject areas.

Next Term

The Summer Term in any secondary school is always a busy one – exams for Years 11 and 13 dominate much of what is done, but there is plenty planned for the other year groups as well. Year 10 have exams as well, but are also looking forward to their work experience later in the term. We have two more PRIDE Days planned for the students, both of which will be an excellent opportunity for our students to enjoy learning in a different way. Pride Day 5, is on May 14th, Pride Day 6 is on the 17th June and is our Sports Day – a wonderful event where we celebrate our abilities across a wide range of sports and can come together as a school community on our playing fields. Founder’s Day, on the 12th July, is also always a special occasion for the school and one where our musicians get the chance to showcase their talents in the wonderful setting of St Alfege’s Church in Greenwich. In addition, we have 4 weeks of Braithwaite visits to organise and a whole host of other exciting opportunities.

I am also looking forward to the Year 10 Parent Evening on May 2nd, as well as several events planned throughout the term to welcome our new Year 7 and 12 students to the school.

Uniform and Equipment

As ever, the school holiday is a good opportunity for families to ensure that their children have got all the items of school uniform and equipment that they need. Can I please ask you to ensure that you check this? Some of our students have been wearing skirts that are too short, or trousers that are too tight! This might be a good moment to review and refresh these, and also any shoes that no longer fit. Thank you.

Industrial Action

It is with the deepest regret that I need to alert you all to the possibility of industrial action next term. NEU members have balloted for strike action and, although I have not been notified of the dates of any action yet, I do need to warn you that this might happen early next term. As you know, I will always give you as much notice as I possibly can of such action and I will also do my utmost to keep as much of the school open as I can. Our priority is always to provide the best possible education to as many of our students as we can, as we know that any disruption to their learning will be extremely unsettling.

Thank You

I would like to thank all of our parents for the support that they have given us this term. It is lovely to receive your emails and phone messages of thanks and support and these make an enormous difference to the day. I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Easter break and hope that you are able to enjoy valuable family time with your children. I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday, 23rd April.

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

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to attend Parents Evening this week. The attendance was fantastic, and being able to speak to so many of you was a real pleasure. The Year Group is continuing to make great progress and I am very happy with how well they are continuing to do in their lessons.

The Year 7 Student Council have been working hard this week and will be leading our first assembly back after Easter on what their role is in school, and what they have planned for next term to help do some fund raising. I am so proud of their enthusiasm and leadership of the Year 7 student voice and I am excited to be supporting them with this.

It has been an extremely busy term with so many positive trips, lessons, PRIDE Days and activities happening. I hope everyone has a restful and relaxing Easter holiday and I look forward in seeing everyone again on Tuesday, 23rd April for the Summer term!

Mrs Causer, Head of Year 7

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

All that is left to say is well done to all our Year 8s, we have finished the term with our Achievement Assembly today. Some certificates will be handed out by their Tutor once we return back after Easter. Please be aware that we return to school on Tuesday, 23rd April as Monday is Easter Monday/Bank Holiday.

Myself, along with all the other PE staff, are ready and waiting for our students to return after Easter. We will be delivering higher intensity lessons in the first week back to burn off all that extra Chocolate!

Have a great time with your friends and family.

Mr Duncan, Head of Year 8

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

I hope you have had a great week.

Many congratulations go to the Year 9 members of Debate Mate who competed in the Debate Mate Cup regional round at Goldsmiths, University of London, on Monday, 1st April 2019. They were competing against students who were older than them and who had been in Debate Mate since primary school. So the fact that they reached the semi-finals is an outstanding achievement. My thanks go to Ms Ismail from the English Department who accompanied them for the day. The Year 9 members of the Debate Mate Club who took part in the competition were Abya, Alihan, Aedan, Jeremy and Hamish.

The Spring term has ended on a very positive note. Our Headteacher, Ms Smith, was our guest of honour at the Year 9 Celebration of Success Assembly which took place on Thursday, 4th April 2019 in the Main Hall at Maze Hill. It was a lovely occasion during which the many achievements, talents and successes of our students were celebrated. My thanks go to Lewis (9R) who played the piano beautifully while the students entered the hall.
We have had to postpone the final of the Inter-tutorial Football Tournament but for a very good reason! One of Crystal Palace’s greatest goalkeepers, Julian Seproni, has very kindly agreed to referee the final between 9J and 9R on Thursday, 9th May 2019 at 15.30. He will also be presenting the trophy to the winning team. Please feel free to come along and support the students who have done so well with their fund-raising for The Palace Foundation.

It just remains for me now to wish you all a very Happy Easter and a great, fun-filled holiday!

With best wishes, Mrs Angie Smith, Head of Year 9

I’d like to start off my final entry for this term by saying thank you very much for your continued support as parents/carers. Without it, my task would be almost impossible.

Overall the term has been an absolutely brilliant one with a significant number of students in Year 10 making excellent progress. The attendance, fortitude and dedication of the year group towards their schooling/studies continues to be one that I am very impressed with and I only hope that this continues next term and also for the next academic year.

You should have received all of my Parent Evening details for the 2nd May at the time of reading this. Please encourage your child to be making appointments with ALL their teachers and check regularly that they are doing so. If your child has lost or misplaced their appointment sheet, then they can get another copy from their Tutor or me.

Please can I ask that you do all that you can to attend the evening, as it will be a very important one leading up to their end of year exams commencing on the 17th June. There are Science master classes taking place 3 days a week in preparation for Year 11 GCSE and end of year exams for Year 10. Physics master classes are on Mondays, Chemistry are on Thursdays and Biology on Fridays. Please could you encourage your child to attend these sessions leading up to their exams. Mr Kinch has also placed a lot of useful Science revision material on Show My Homework for your child to help with the preparation for these exams.

Thirty Year 10 students will be going out on Friday to the London School of Economics for another university taster day. Please find attached a letter for our final university taster day on the 25th April. If your child has not been on one of our previous 3 taster days and would like to go on the 25th April, please fill in and return to me as soon as you can and I will try to accommodate them.

Please also find attached to this newsletter, entry details of another open/taster day at LSE (free of charge) that you may wish to attend with your child.

Those students going to the theatre production of Everybody’s Talking about Jamie have also been informed via ParentPay. Please, please, please do let me know if your child no longer wishes to go as soon as possible for any trips, as they are always oversubscribed and the sooner I know then the sooner I can get all the necessary paperwork sorted out for another student to go in their place, rather than having any student miss out on such fantastic opportunities.

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that Ms McKenna has stepped back from her role as the Pastoral Coordinator for Year 9 and 10 and returned to her role as the School Attendance Officer. Her decision was a very personal one and I know that many of the students, as well as I, will miss working closely with her immensely.
Dear Year 10 Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As Mr Thomas has stated above, I am sadly no longer the Year 10 Pastoral Coordinator, and I am now the school Attendance Officer (the role I was doing before I worked with Year 10).

I would like to take this opportunity to express how much I have loved every minute of working with this wonderful year group. We have enjoyed some great school trips together and I have watched them all mature into lovely young adults over the past year or so. I have built so many great relationships with the students and it’s been a pleasure working with them all, along with Mr Thomas. I will still be working closely with you all to support your child’s attendance, and I am sure the year group will maintain its levels of high attendance.

Year 10 are a year group to be very proud of and I wish them every success for the rest of their time here at The John Roan. Thank you all for your support also over the last year and I look forward to speaking with you regarding any attendance queries you may have. You can still contact me on my email address - jmckenna@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk.

I wish you all a lovely Easter break. Take care, Ms McKenna

Year 10 Spring 2 Report
You will be receiving your child’s end of term report, which will look different from reports produced previously. The report includes the following information:

1. Target Grade – the minimum grade we feel your child should be aiming to achieve in their exams at the end of Year 11 in each subject
2. Attitude to Learning – how positively each teacher feels your child is engaging with their subject
3. PRIDE Score – how well your child is developing the behaviours that will likely lead to success

The report does not contain a current attainment grade or a predicted grade. Pupils will receive an attainment grade for each subject on their Summer Report, after they have completed their End of Year Exams in June.

Some greats news to end on, for what has been such a positive term -

Jack Petchey Speak Out Competition

There were about 530 students in Greenwich who entered the above competition. The final last night was at The Greenwich Free School with about 16 students reaching the final. There were some very varied speeches, ranging from knife crime to the disadvantages of being tall! Amy P-J was representing The John Roan in the final with Florjan T acting as her stand-in, should the need arise. Amy spoke on the need to make private schools public. It's on YouTube if you look up Jack Petchey Speak Out Greenwich Final 2019.

I'm very pleased to announce that Amy was the winner of the Jack Petchey Regional Final. Amy put in an amazing performance with a speech about the unfairness of private education. While Amy looked shocked to win, Ms Allen (organiser of the Jack Petchey Competition at The John Roan) was not surprised in the slightest, thanks to Amy’s amazing performance.

The judges will now look at the 34 videos of the finalists from all the regions to decide who to put forward for the grand final at the Cambridge Theatre.
Many thanks to all staff at John Roan who made this possible. The Greenwich Free School also were very hospitable and ran a very professional event.

I wish you all a very relaxing Easter break and looking forward to continuing our hard work in the Summer term!

Luke Thomas, Head of Year 10

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Easter Revision and Exam Preparation
Over the Easter break, many subjects are offering additional support for Year 11 pupils ahead of the public exams that begin on Monday, 13th May. In most cases pupils have signed up for specific sessions and have been issued with a personalised timetable. Reminders to parents will also be sent using the ParentPay system. Please find the below summary of the sessions that are running.

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Many thanks, Ms Sumner, Head of Year 11

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Year 13 revision classes – will be taking place in the second week of the Easter holidays. Students who are required to attend have been contacted directly.

Mr Williams – Director of Sixth Form
The Carnegie Book Groups

The Carnegie Shadowing Groups are now up and running and there are some brilliant books on this year's shortlist including:

- *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo
- *Rebound* by Kwame Alexander
- *The House with Chicken Legs* by Sophie Anderson
- *Bone Talk* by Candy Gourlay
- *A Skinful of Shadows* by Frances Hardinge
- *Things A Bright Girl Can Do* by Sally Nicholls
- *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds
- *The Land of Neverendings* by Kate Saunders

We're looking forward to reading these books over the forthcoming weeks and choosing our winner!

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April 2019 Books of the Month......

All these amazing reads are now available to borrow from the libraries.

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The John Roan Word of the Week

Word: *digress*

**Definition:**
To move away from the main subject.

**Example sentence:** ‘We are digressing from the subject of the debate’.

**Synonyms:** wander, evade

**The Weekly Challenge:** Use the verb, digress, 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.

**Word group:** verb
We’ve had another busy term in music with many outstanding performances and achievements from students. These continued this week as I received the results from the recent Rockschool singing exams, and all the students passed with flying colours. Well done and congratulations to all those students, as their hard work most definitely paid off.

Congratulations must also go to Sam from Year 9 as he was accepted by The BRIT School to study musical theatre from September.

Lastly, we had some excellent performances from students in the Achievement Assemblies for Years 8, 9 and 10 this week. Well done to Kieran from Year 8, Lewis from Year 9 and Anna from Year 10 for being brave enough to perform in front of their entire year group!

Looking forward to next term - please do note the below dates in your diaries:

- Tuesday, 21st May - 3:15pm, Maze Hill Hall – Informal Instrumental Concert (last one of the year)
- Thursday, 13th June - 6:00pm, Maze Hill Hall – Music A Level Concert
- Wednesday, 10th July 6:00pm, St Alfege Church – Founder’s Day Parent Concert
- Friday, 12th July – Founder’s Day

There are no instrumental/singing lessons or musical extra-curricular clubs the first week back after Easter. These will all start the week beginning Monday, 29th April. I will be doing the timetables in the first week back, so if you would like your son/daughter to start lessons then please could you email me to let me know by Tuesday, 16th April.

I wish you all a very happy Easter break.

Mr Wright, Head of Music
Cricket for Girls - Greenwich Junior Cricket Academy - are starting their Cricket training for girls on the 24th April after school from 5.30 till 7.00pm at Blackheath Prep School. There are many opportunities within the girl’s cricket team, they play matches throughout the Summer, it is a great community. For more information please email Elvira at elvira.bagge@gmail.com or go to the website www.greenwichcricket.net.

Athletics - on Sunday the 14th April, Cambridge Harriers have a half day of free trails in Sutcliffe Park Athletics Stadium. The trails are open to all students and we would love to see some from The John Roan taking part. This is a fantastic way to learn more about Athletics and the students get a chance to try out all the different disciplines. The trails start at 11.00am and finish at 1.00pm, but if you want to enter an event you need to register 30 minutes before each event, for the times etc please see the flyer attached. For more information email Mick on mickbond2020@ntlworld.com or visit www.cambridgeharriers.org.

Why not support the John Roan Sports Club and join their next quiz on Friday, 3rd May 2019. The Paul Partridge Quiz will be a Music Quiz, featuring questions about hits between 1960 – 2000, plus a TV Round. He expects it to be busy on the night, so make sure you are there in good time for the 8pm start. Please contact Jimmy and Lindsay on 07818 043643 if you need any further details, or if you would like to hold your own event at the club - and remember to book early as dates fill up quickly.

News from the JRSA

REMINDERS:

- FREE MONEY Please register using this unique link https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/FVN3TL/ or just search for ‘The John Roan School Association - Greenwich’ and click ‘support us’. Let’s see how many more supporters we can get to register and raise more for our school.
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