5 October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the various Parent Evenings next week, although, as they are spread over the two buildings and four year groups, I will not be able to see everyone! These are important opportunities for parents to meet some of the staff working with their children and to find out key information from the school. As you know, we are keen to improve our communication with parents in order to support all of our young people in getting the very best out of their time at the school, and evenings such as these when parents and staff can get together are a great way to demonstrate the power of us all working together.

Earlier this week we welcomed many parents from our local primary schools. Our Open Evening allowed us to showcase the school and to take the time to talk to parents and their children, as well as to share with them some of the work and learning experiences young people have at this school. We received much positive feedback from the evening, with many parents commenting on the enthusiasm and engagement of both staff and of the many students who had volunteered to meet our visitors. We have two more Open Mornings for primary school parents – on Tuesday 9th and 16th October and I look forward to offering them tours of the school during the normal working day.

A couple of weeks ago, we included some adverts for posts in the school within the newsletter. Thank you for sharing these with your friends and family – we have had a number of people contacting us about the positions, saying that they heard about the roles via this newsletter.

We have two more vacancies to share:

Receptionist – Grade 3
Admin Student Support KS4 – Grade 4

Closing date 16th October 2018.

Full job descriptions and salary details can be obtained from our HR Dept based in Westcombe Park or via the Royal Borough of Greenwich website. External applicants must complete an application form.

Next week is the first of our PRIDE Days this academic year. These are days where the normal timetable is suspended in order to allow us to deliver the hugely important Personal, Social and Health Education programme to our students. We have a wide range of activities planned for the day with different year groups engaged in different activities from ‘Staying Safe’ to Careers and Destinations, a ‘Wonderstruck’ STEM workshop to learning about Black Heroes, as part of Black History Month, and many more activities.
Safeguarding - Emergency Contact Details/Allergies
As you will appreciate, for the safeguarding of our students, it is of utmost importance that we hold on record the most up to date information for them. Please find attached to this newsletter a request for information to ensure that we have your son/daughters correct details. Please complete the attached form if you feel you need to update us or notify us of any changes.

School Photos
You should have/or will shortly be receiving your son/daughters school photo from their Tutor, which we hope you enjoy. If you wish to place an order, please do so online through www.tempest-orders.co.uk. Please do not send money into school.

Celebrating Black History Month
As we celebrate Black History Month throughout October, why not read one of these books to celebrate. Books are available from the school library or your local library. There is also a full reading list available in our libraries.

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson
The Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela
Dreams from My Father by Barack Obama
The Colour Purple by Alice Walker
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred. D. Taylor
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
Buffalo Soldier by Tanya Landman

Yours faithfully,
Cath Smith
Headteacher
# Dates for the Diary

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News from the Guidance and Achievement Leaders

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

All students have been collecting PRIDE points that are awarded when students are working hard in their lessons. This week we have launched the Year 7 PRIDE competition. There will be prizes for the students in the form who collectively are awarded the most PRIDE points each half term. At the end of the year, the form with the most accumulated points will win a reward. This week we looked at the front-runners and the forms who needed to push even further to receive more points before the end of term, and the results look like this:

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I look forward to announcing the winners in a couple of weeks' time.

Finally, I also look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the meet the Form Tutor evening next **Wednesday, 10th October**. There are a number of students who have brought to my attention that they do not have a letter and replacements have been sent out this week. If this has not arrived by Monday, please do drop me an email and I will get back to you.

Have a great week,

Mrs Causer, Year 7 GAL
Our Year 8s are continuing on a better path than last year and I have been very impressed with a number of our guys. I aim to write a positive letter home to the five top students from each tutor group at the end of each half term.

On Thursday, we saw our boys competing in our tutor group sports competitions. Another terrific turn out with over 60 boys turning up to play football. Massive praise must go to Patrick Barou 8J, Lui Pluskowski 8O, Ryan Wakefield 8H, Pierce Ellis 8N, Adil Yusuf 8R, Oliver Pearton 8A and Isaac Gill-Romain 8E for organising their teams for the quarter finals. I was very impressed by the warm ups led by each Sports Captain. Congratulations to 8N, 8O, 8J and 8E for progressing onto the Quarter Final matches which will take place next Thursday 11th. Well done for everyone's participation.

The first of our IKEA workshops was completed on Wednesday, with Cerys Daniels, Alaina Jennings, Angel Madu, Candace Charles, Summer Iver, Oisin Spelman, Arthur-Jack Chandler, Oscar Sanfilippo all taking part. Our recycled/upcycled plant pots, which we made in the workshop yesterday, currently sitting on the window sill waiting for the first shoots to come through.

Well done to our Y8 girls who had their first HPV vaccination on Thursday. There will be one more HPV vaccination, which will happen in April/ May 2019.

Next Thursday also marks the first PRIDE day for this year! Lots of exciting things upcoming and to look forward to.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Duncan, Year 8 GAL

This week, with the extra-curricular activities well underway, lots of Year 9 students have been signing up for the plethora of clubs on offer.

The first of the IKEA workshops took place this week at Westcombe Park with Year 8 and Year 9 students learning about growing their own plants and food. I was proudly shown a number of homemade plant pots with seeds already under cultivation after the workshop on Wednesday. The second workshop is entitled “Taste Obstacle” which will take the students through the senses exploring how they help us work out whether we like the food or not and how we can challenge our own senses. They will partake in many different friendly competitions to help challenge their taste buds in a fun way. IKEA will send us a list of all the fruits and vegetables which I will pass on to the students that they will need to bring in. IKEA will provide the students with lunch boxes and water bottles for the students to take home.

The workshop will take place at Maze Hill this week.

The Year 9 National Novice Urban League Debating Champions 2018 have been busy planning their speeches for their Debate Mate Launch assembly in which they will be presented with their trophy. We look forward to another year of successful debating!

Best wishes, Mrs Angie Smith, Year 9 GAL
Dear Parents/Carers,

Following on from my entry last week concerning the need to arrive early (being early is being on time, being on time is late and being late is unacceptable) to school each day for registration, I attach the Year 10 registration programme for the year. All Year 10 students are following this programme for this academic year. The anthology booklet covers the poems that students need to learn and know for their English exam and encompasses 2 years. The Maths skills booklet is primarily skills based rather than content driven and again covers 2 years of study (there is an extension version of this for those students that complete this).

I think that you will agree, based on the above and attached, that it is vitally important to ensure that registration is both purposeful and productive, and we try to ensure that all students going off to period 1 do so ready to learn and in the right frame of mind. There maybe days when the registration programme is suspended, as there are events that may need discussion during registration or we may need an extra assembly to pass on information to students. The weekly registration programme is not set in stone, but it is vitally important that your child attend registration to make the most of these opportunities as they are geared towards exam preparation for their GCSE exams.

On another but related note, you may be aware that we are informing parents, via a weekly letter, of the number of times your child is late to their lesson. Very little frustrates me more than seeing a child dawdling on their way from one lesson to the next, or socialising in the corridors rather than purposefully making their way to their next lesson. If you have or do receive one of these letters, please may I ask for your support in discussing with your child the need to make their way from one lesson to the next as quickly as possible.

The time lost from the start of the lesson is significant and time lost from a lesson is learning time lost!

Please be aware that Thursday, 11th October is our first PRIDE Day of the academic year. Students should attend school in normal full uniform with all their necessary equipment, as they will be needed.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Luke Thomas, Guidance and Achievement Leader for Year 10

Reminder to all parents/carers - Information Evening - 10th October (4-7pm)

Please note that parents/carers do not need to make appointments. Subject staff and tutors will be available to discuss progress, areas for development, revision, curriculum content and details. There will also be two presentations at 4pm and 5.45pm, focusing on how parents can support their child in year 11. Parents should attend one of these presentations. It will be a very useful and informative evening. Please put the date in your diary.

Attendance in year 11 - please can I remind parents/carers how important 100% attendance is in year 11. Statistics show that students with good attendance out-perform those who have
the 'occasional' day off. The expectation is that year 11 students do not have time off and therefore will maximises their chance of succeeding.

Ms Sumner, Year 11 GAL

| Post 16 | Mr Williams     | bwilliams@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk |

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to our tutor/parent meeting on Wednesday evening. All appointments will be in the Post 16 Centre at the Maze Hill site. If you have any questions or need to change your appointment time, please contact Joanne Dennis on 0208 516 7591.

Many thanks, Ben Williams, Director of Post 16
Student name: ______________________________________________________

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YEAR 10
REGISTRATION
PROGRAMME

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SILENT READING

TUESDAY  ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY  LITERACY - ANTHOLOGY

THURSDAY  NUMERACY - MATHS SKILLS

FRIDAY  PSHE DAY

ALL PUPILS SHOULD TAKE PART IN
TUTOR ACTIVITIES