Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone. I am looking forward to the next few weeks of the very busy final term we have ahead of us. There are always many events taking place during the final weeks of term and that is no different this year. The Braithwaite trips have already begun, with some of Year 8 enjoying the great weather in the Lake District this week, and Year 10 off on Monday. My thanks, as ever, are extended to the staff who go ‘above and beyond’ to make these memorable visits so much a part of The John Roan Experience.

Thanks too to the staff running the Duke of Edinburgh weekends. Without them, we would not be able to offer this important qualification to so many students. One group has set off today and there are more weekends planned over the next few weeks.

I hope you have all received my letter this week inviting you to a meeting with United Learning on Monday, 10th June at 6.00pm in Maze Hill Hall. The event will give parents of those attending the school next year the opportunity to hear more about United Learning and to ask relevant questions. I look forward to seeing you there.

People are asking many questions – about United Learning and about how the move across to United Learning will happen. Following on from the positive feedback about how useful it was to have some frequently asked questions answered on the FAQ sheet that I sent out last week, I am working on getting you some more questions and answers early next week. I hope that these will give you some more information prior to the meeting on Monday and I will continue to do this as and when the need arises.

Colleagues from United Learning have been in school this week – finding out more about us and getting to know staff. Subject advisors are already in touch with us to meet and plan the ways in which they will now be able to support us on our school improvement journey.

This week we have seen the GCSE and A Level exams continue in earnest. Our students have conducted themselves brilliantly throughout the season, but are beginning to look quite tired and I am sure they will be pleased when they are over! Many – but not quite all – of Year 11 have their last exam on Friday morning next week and so we will be gathering them together to wish them a good summer holiday and to thank them for their hard work.

Over four Thursdays starting from May 16th, ten students from The John Roan have been taking part in water rowing sessions run by the London Youth Rowing Club. These sessions are taking place at Surrey Quays Water Sports Centre, last an hour and a half, and have given our students experience of rowing the water free. The students have thoroughly enjoyed their first two sessions with many of them progressing quickly enough to be rowing on their own on the water. They are all very much looking forward to the next sessions.
Next Wednesday, we welcome our new Year 7 students and their families to the school. These Admissions Meetings are the first formal occasion for them at the school and we are very much looking forward to welcoming them to the school.

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

I hope everyone had a restful half term break. The Year 7’s have come back very positive and focused for their last 7 weeks. There are lots of exciting events happening this half term including Sports Day at our playing fields and Founder’s Day. There will be more information regarding these events to follow.

We are now preparing Year 7’s for progression into Year 8, where they will be the oldest students at Maze Hill and will need to show the new Year 7’s our expectations around school, and be role models for these students. We look forward to spending a day with the new Year 7’s later in the term.

The coveted PRIDE points reward for last half term was awarded this week, with the top places becoming very tight. 7N were in 2nd place with 6031 PRIDE points awarded, but very closely in 1st position were 7R with 6054 PRIDE points. It was with pleasure that they were awarded a box of chocolates to share for their efforts! The final PRIDE point totals will be a close run affair and I look forward to seeing who is top at the end of the year!

Finally, we are preparing the final arrangements for the Year 7 Braithwaite Trip that leaves school on Monday, 21st June. A final letter has been sent this week regarding these, please do let me know if this hasn’t arrived and your child is attending the trip.

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

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

I hope you all enjoyed the Bank Holiday and your child/children have had a chance to relax & recharge their batteries in the final push of the academic year.

Fortunately, this week, 26 students from our year group, along with myself, Ms Simms, Mr Ahmed & Ms Cook, travelled up to the wonderful Lake District. Our famed residential camp is located in Keswick, in the beautiful little village of Braithwaite. This week we have experienced everything the Lake District can throw at us; sunshine, showers, windy weather, friendly Northern folk, adrenaline-filled outdoor activities, as well as celebrating Eid as a school family! What a week!

On Tuesday, we completed a mountain walk and experienced Ghyll Scrambling; which is a very unique activity which is found in about 2-3 locations in the UK. On Wednesday, we climbed through the High Ropes Course, which is similar to Go Ape courses. We also faced the challenge of outdoor rock climbing and abseiling. On Thursday, we had a look around the town market in Keswick and bought some souvenirs before coming together and playing some games in the park.

The students have been exemplary during the week and have been a true credit to our school, as well as our Year Group (best year group in the school). As ever, I am proud to say I am the Head of Year 8. It’s always heart wrenching when we have to leave this beautiful place but many happy & funny memories are created in the short time we spend here. Roll on next year!

I’m looking forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 10th.

Mr Duncan, Head of Year 8
I hope you had a great half-term holiday.

Year 9 students have got back into the swing of things very quickly this week. When walking around the corridors during one of my non-teaching periods this week, it was great to see all the students so focussed and clearly enjoying their learning.

Overall, punctuality continues to greatly improve. However, our new arrangements on a Wednesday morning are still causing some problems for some of our students. Therefore, I thought I would take this opportunity to clarify the timings. The students’ entrance is open at 08.00 as usual. Students need to be in their period one lesson by 08.45. Once again, 9J are in the lead with 97% attendance this week! Well done!

My heartfelt thanks goes to Mr Soane who is taking twenty-eight Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh students to the Downe Activity Centre in Orpington this weekend. Having just seen the forecast, it looks like they may be getting rather wet! However, I’m sure they’ll have a fantastic time.

I’m hoping that The JR Garden Club will be able to fill and plant our first seeds in one of our eleven plant troughs for the front of the Westcombe Park site, generously provided by The Foundation. Unlike the Duke of Edinburgh participants, we are not dressed for the rain – so this may have to be postponed until next Friday.

Over the past week, a number of Year 9 students have been wearing their trainers at school. Please could parents make sure that their children are in the correct full school uniform each day. The vast majority are, and thank you for your support in this, but we need to maintain these high standards across the whole year group. Thank you all for your support.

I hope you all have a great weekend. With best wishes, Mrs Angie Smith, Head of Year 9

Thirty Year 10 students along with Ms Slator, Ms McKenna and I went to see “Everybody is talking about Jamie” at the Apollo Theatre for a matinee afternoon. The show was fantastic and a great time was had by all. The students really enjoyed themselves and were ambassadors for the school. As several members of the public took the time to compliment them on their excellent behaviour and manner.

I’d also like to bring a great opportunity to your attention – free theatre tickets for kids are available for August on the 11th June at 10 am. You can get free entry for one child under 16, as long as one adult is paying full price, as well as half price for two other under 16s. There is an absolute plethora of shows available and I’m sure some will be very appealing to your children, as I’m sure they will be to mine. The link for this great offer is – please type into your internet browser –

http://links.mail.officiallondontheatre.co.uk/servlet/MailView?ms=Mzk4Njc2MDqS1&r=ODk1NjEwMzE4OTk550&j=MTU0MDI5OTq1MqS2&mt=1&rt=0

Next week, along with Mr Nwakude, Ms Tebbutt and Ms Degallerie, I will be taking 25 Year 10 students to our great outdoor centre in Braithwaite, The Hope Memorial Camp. This will be the final Braithwaite trip for the year group and we are all very excited for next week.

By now, you should have received the exam protocol letter from Mr Rogers regarding the end of year exam. Please can I ask for your full support with this, as it is important that these exams are treated
as the real ones in preparation for next year and this year the experience will be as immersive for your child as possible.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great week next week, as I know that I will in Braithwaite.

Luke Thomas, Head of Year 10

Year 11  Ms Sumner  tsumner@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk

Exams - I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge 'well done' to all Year 11 students for their continued positive attitude in the exams. To reiterate that students need to be in school ready to start exams at 8.30am and 1.15pm and that they must know their seat number please. Also, please do look out for information about revision sessions that will be running ahead of each of their exams.

Prom/Boat Party - students can still pay for the boat party on Parent Pay. The final deadline has been extended to Friday, 14th June. Students who have not paid after this date will not be allowed to attend. A reminder - the cost also includes unlimited drinks. There will also be snacks on the boat but students are advised to eat dinner prior to boarding.

Leavers Assembly - 14th June (11am approx) - immediately following the morning Physics exam.

Leavers Hoodies - good news, the School Leavers Company are aiming to dispatch the hoodies next week, in time for our leavers’ assembly. I know students are eagerly waiting for their hoodies but do not worry, it will definitely be worth the wait!

Many thanks, Ms Sumner, Head of Year 11

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

Following the announcement of United Learning Trust as our new sponsor, the Sixth Form Team will be working with them closely this half term to ensure transition will be as smooth as possible. I have started meeting with staff from the Trust already and am excited about new areas of support for our curriculum and wider pastoral work development. For students holding conditional offers for our Sixth Form, we look forward to welcoming you to your induction day on the 26th June (8:30am, Maze Hill Site) where you can try out the subjects you are interested first hand and will also get the opportunity to ask any questions you might have about the Sixth Form next year.

We are currently consulting with our Year 12 students to hear their thoughts about our Sixth Form current dress code and whether it needs to be changed. I would welcome any thoughts from parents or students, particularly current Year 11 students to dmcwilliams@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk.

Mr Williams, Director of Sixth Form
Empathy Day
Empathy Day takes place on Tuesday, 11th June and to celebrate the Libraries will be asking students to write down the titles of books that have helped them to understand someone better or have helped to improve their understanding of a situation. We are looking forward to seeing the titles that the students suggest and adding them to our Empathy Day displays.

There is an Empathy Day Reading List available on the school website and available in the Libraries.

June 2019 Books of the Month......

All these amazing reads have been recommended by our Patron of Reading, Philip Womack, who is visiting us for the final time this term.

The John Roan Word of the Week

Word: Eloquent

Definition: fluent or persuasive in speaking or writing.

Example sentence: “She made an eloquent appeal for action”.

Word group: adjective

Synonyms: persuasive, articulate, expressive

The Weekly Challenge: Use the adjective, eloquent, 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.
Greenwich Schools

Dear Greenwich Book Festival Friends,

All tickets are now on sale for the fifth Greenwich Book Festival, and it’s the best line-up yet! Headlining authors and events for children include Cressida Cowell, Axel Scheffler, Robin Stevens, Derek Landy (Skulduggery Pleasant), a Harry Potter party and Roald Dahl’s Ratsome and Repulsant Words. Younger kids can enjoy a Tiger Who Came to Tea storytelling party, Moomins crafting and Chiff Chaff theatre presenting Jill Murphy classics. You can also discover the secrets of Sharna Jackson’s High Rise Mystery, learn how a Beano illustrator draws Dennis and Gnasher, and attend other creative workshops led by award-winning author-illustrators.

We haven’t forgotten the parents, either. Adult highlights include appearances by Michael Palin, Tracey Thorn, Billy Bragg, literary authors Joseph O’Connor, Linda Grant and Bernardine Evaristo, poetry from Joy Bernard, activism from Caroline Criado Perez and Kerry Hudson, an Andrea Levy tribute and New Daughters of Africa showcase.

Tickets start at £4. Free activities abound too, with drop-in sessions on Saturday with Manga artist Inko and WeMakeBooks. Try your luck with the free poetry jukebox or drop into The Platform: A Showcase for Greenwich Writers. Street food vans will be there to satisfy rumbling tummies. In addition to all that, we support brilliant free outreach work for Greenwich primaries, secondaries and libraries. Hope to see you there!

For full line-up and tickets greenwichbookfest.com You can also follow us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

Every book is a journey of discovery!
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)

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JRSA SUMMER PRIZE DRAW 2019

Please support our school and join in the fun - you could win this fantastic prize that ON BLACKHEATH have kindly donated:

1. Four Weekend tickets (2 x adult + 2 x child) for ON BLACKHEATH 2019!

   ![ON BLACKHEATH Poster]

2. Beauty Hamper

   More prizes to be announced shortly - 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 using this link:

   https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jrsa?utm_term=AEQKxvd3q

PLEASE don’t forget to include your name and register your contact details at Justgiving, otherwise we won’t be able to email your numbers to you and won’t know who you are if you win!
Up and coming events at The John Roan Club

The next Quiz at the club will be on this Friday, 7th June, starting at 7:30pm and featuring General Knowledge rounds hosted by Quizzy Rob. The entrance fee is £5.00, including cheese and biscuits. Proceedings will go to a good cause, the South London Special League, which improves disabled and disadvantaged peoples’ lives through sport. Please contact Sharon on 07515 539825 to secure your table.

On the following Friday, 14th June, there will be a Roll Back the Years Disco, featuring 70’s, 80’s and 90’s soul, R&B, jazz funk and reggae, hosted by the Groove Master himself, Roy Alexander, who can be contacted on 07931 167292. The entrance fee is £5.00, starting at 7pm until late. Proceeds go to Cancer and Dementia Research UK.

The next Paul Partridge Quiz takes place on Friday, 5th July 2019. It will be a Big Music Quiz, featuring questions about hits between 1960–2000. He expects it to be very busy on the night and so you will need to text or call Paul on 07956 288258 to secure your team’s table.

Please contact Jimmy and Lindsay on 07818 043643 if you need any further details about events at the club or if you would like to hold your own event – and remember to book early as dates fill up quickly.

Best wishes, Michael Smith, Secretary – John Roan Club