8 February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we fast approach the end of term, we look forward to hosting the Year 8 Parent Evening on Wednesday, 13 February from 4pm in Maze Hill. I am sure this will be another thoroughly informative evening and I look forward to seeing you there.

**Parent and Carer Survey - REMINDER**

I am aware that it is now just over a year since I last formally asked parents to let us know how we are doing. I feel that there has been a lot that has changed about the school in the past 12 months and would like to find out what you all feel about a wide range of aspects of school life now. Please type this link into your internet browser: [https://is.gd/JohnRoan2019](https://is.gd/JohnRoan2019)

Your opinions are, quite rightly, very important to us and help us to shape much of the school improvement agenda. Please can you put aside a few minutes to complete the survey. If you require a paper copy of the survey, do let us know. The deadline for completion of the survey is **FRIDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY**. Many thanks in advance.

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**YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE - 8th to 12th JULY 2019**

It is becoming increasingly challenging for students and the school to find Work Experience Placements however, this is a great opportunity that we would not want them to miss.

We would very much appreciate it if you, or someone you know, are able to provide a work placement for a Year 10 student for Work Experience running from 8th to 12th July 2019. If you are able to help, please get in touch with Liz Proctor on 0208 516 7760 or via email eproctor@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk providing your full contact details for the organisation offering the placement and a very brief job description for the placement offered.

**Please note: only employers with Employers’ Liability Insurance Cover are eligible for inclusion in the Greenwich Work Experience Programme**

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Yours faithfully,

Cath Smith
Executive Headteacher
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News from the Guidance and Achievement Leaders

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

The year 7’s have been really working hard this week. We continue to be collecting the most PRIDE points as a year group above all other years, and this continues to make me proud of them. I will update you all next week with the current PRIDE point totals for each form.

We have been discussing Friendships and peer pressure in our assembly this week. We have had a number of students falling out with their friends, so we reflected on this and how to deal with this if students found themselves in this situation. I hope that by being reflective on what makes a good friend and knowing you are never going to agree with everyone about everything, will make the friendship groups that have been created in this short space of time go from strength to strength, but also know if they are having problems we are here to help.

As of next week, there are going to be a few changes in Form Tutors, due ongoing staff absence within the Year 7 Form Tutor Team. I will write to confirm what these changes are, and who you will be able to contact for those who have currently been left without a regular Form Tutor. This will hopefully help to improve our communication with you and be more efficient in the response time getting back to you.

Mrs Causer, Year 7 GAL

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

I am very much looking forward to welcoming you all to our Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening on Wednesday, 13th. I have allocated an hour to spend to speak to any parents/carers who may have any questions from 6pm. From 4-6pm, I will be solely focussing on the progress in my Year 8 PE classes.

Next week also marks our Rewards Trip to Oxygen Trampoline Park. I would like to thank the students for their patience after our previous Rewards Trip was cancelled. I would also like to raise your attention to our annual residential trip to Braithwaite’s, which is from the 3rd June to 7th June. If your child is interested in coming to Braithwaite with us this year, please ask them to collect a letter from Mr Alade or myself from the Year 8 Office.

See you all on Wednesday.

Mr Duncan, Year 8 GAL

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

Last week saw the last of the Options Assemblies on Thursday. I have spoken to a large number of the students who told me that the extra assemblies had really been informative and had helped them to make the right decisions about their choices for next year. My heartfelt thanks goes to the Heads of Department and members of their departments who delivered inspirational assemblies explaining to the students exactly what their GCSE courses entailed and how their subjects would be useful in a wide variety of future careers. I would just like to remind you that the deadline for completing the options form is Monday, 25th February 2019.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning the whole options process. If I do not have the answer, I will be able to put you in touch with the relevant member of staff who will be able to help.
Because of the number of students within Year 9 and from other year groups who want to watch the final of the Year 9 Inter-tutorial Football Tournament between 9J and 9R, we have decided to hold the match outside to create the maximum capacity for spectators. So, we will be holding the final in March. One evening after school, when the lighter evenings are thankfully with us once more and Spring is on its way.

Another event we are organising for Year 9 next term is The John Roan Master Chef Competition: I only announced it in assembly recently and I have already had over fifty members of the year group voicing an interest in taking part, which is fantastic.

Before Christmas, we sadly had to say goodbye to two members of the Year 9 Tutor Team: Anne Kerrins, Tutor to 9H and Jens Muys who looked after 9T every Thursday and Friday. I am delighted to inform you that we have three new members of staff joining the Year 9 Tutor Team: Mr Louis Youri is now 9H's main tutor, Mr Saeed Akbari will be with 9R every Monday and Thursday, when Mr Ahmed starts the day at Maze Hill, and Ms Arinola Dada-Badejo who will be with 9T on a Thursday and Friday when Ms George-Allen starts her day at Maze Hill.

Best wishes, Mrs Angie Smith, Year 9 GAL

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**Year 10**

Mr Thomas  lthomas@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk

**Key Date: Year 10 End of Year Exams Commence on Monday, 17th June**

In light of the above, please can you ensure that your child has all the necessary revision/workbooks for each of their subjects. You can find a lot of useful information on the school website (the information for Year 11 applies to Year 10 and also they will be undertaking the same exams) for each subject area as I know many parents have already made use of this following my summary e-mail after the Year 10 Information Evening. You will also find many useful revision websites for your child to use in preparation for their end of year exams. If you need further information concerning your child’s subject, please do not hesitate to contact their subject teacher or Head of Department.

You may recall that I sent you details a few months ago for a taster week at City University of London. Unfortunately, only five of our students applied, despite so many reminders to students and parents but I’m very pleased to announce that from that five, three of our students were successful in their application. Maya Cupper was successful in her application for Law and Criminology, Marsha Ashworth was successful in her application for Music and Rael Lutaj was accepted on the Social Sciences taster week. They will all spend a week at City University throughout June.

I know that many of you have been having lots of difficulties securing a work experience placement for your child. I may be able to help with an exciting opportunity that I have for two students. This is for a two-week work experience programme for the first 2 weeks in July 2019. It is with Nat West Markets/RBS. If your child is interested in taking up this opportunity then please could they forward their CVs to Mr Dagunduro at bdagunduro@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk. Due to Nat West’s adherence to their diversity and inclusion policy, only one male and one female student will be selected. The deadline for all applications to be submitted is the 22nd March 2019.

If the above is something that your child is interested in, then please could you support them with the writing of their CV. We have already had a PRIDE Day workshop on writing CVs and preparing for interviews. Your child may be invited for an interview with Nat West as part of the selection process for deciding the two students that they will take on.
There has been a lot of traffic issues lately within the local area, which has had a very detrimental impact on a number of students arriving to school late. Please could you encourage your child to leave home a little bit earlier than usual to avoid getting caught up in the recent congestion, as far too many students are arriving after Period 1 and this is definitely learning time that is lost for them.

Only another week to go before a well-deserved half term break for the students (and the staff as well), so thank you in advance for your support in ensuring that it will be a fantastic week.

Luke Thomas, Guidance and Achievement Leader for Year 10

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

**Post 16 Interviews**
Many students have already had Post 16 interviews and are due to attend others. Students should take their 'Record of Achievement' to these interviews. Every student should have a 'Record of Achievement' that contains their CV, certificates of achievement, examples of good pieces of work etc. If your child has not applied for a Post 16 placement, it is not too late. They must do this as a priority in the next week however.

**Year 11 Reports**
Year 11 reports are being posted to parents this week. If parents/carers have any concerns regarding grades in specific subjects, please email the Head of Department directly (email addresses can be found on the school website).

Thank you, Ms Sumner, Year 11 GAL
Inter-generational Book Project
The Community Librarians will be launching the next stage of our book project by visiting the Drop-In Café at Mycenae House on 14th February. Everyone is looking forward to seeing what books will be recommended for the time capsule this time.

Valentine’s Day Family Reading List
Now available on the school website is our Valentine’s Day family reading list, full of recommendations for the entire family that can be found either in the John Roan Libraries or in local Libraries, so everyone can get ready for Valentine’s Day.

Blind Dates Reads Quiz
At the end of term, we are challenging the students to take on our Blind Dates Reads Quiz. Students will need to read through the anonymous lonely heart ads, and match up the book characters to their perfect book buddy.

The John Roan Word of the Week
Word: Courtship

Definition: A period during which a couple develop a romantic relationship before getting married.

Example sentence: He married his wife after a whirlwind courtship.

Synonyms: dating, engagement, courting

The Weekly Challenge: Use the noun courtship 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.
It was a wonderful experience this week to attend the London Cross Country Championships in North London. All of our students performed brilliantly and were a credit to the school. Special mention must go to Scarlett Eustance Cole as our highest placed female student and to Lewis, Jude, Daniel and Theo in Year 9; who all finished in the top 45 positions. Matthew Francis finished in a very respectable fifth position; this was impressive; particularly after a long spell out injured. A special thank you is also extended to Elias and Marcin for their support as sports leaders/race marshals.

Congratulations go to our Sixth Form Basketball Academy Team for beating Havering by a 50-point margin. They travel away to Colchester next week before a top of the table clash against Haringey.

Our Year 8 Team performed very well and were unfortunately beaten by a superior team this week in the Blackheath Cup. There were lots of resilient, hard-working performances on display; in particular, Pierce and Patrick impressed Mr Merridan.

A highlight of the week was seeing so many girls making progress at our Trampolining and girls Basketball after school clubs on Thursday. A reminder is extended to all females to come along and perform in PE on Thursday nights.

Congratulations go to our Year 11 BTEC sport students for completing their fitness training exams this week.
News from the JRSA

1. GRAND RAFFLE DRAW UPDATE!

We have been very lucky to obtain some wonderful prizes for our February prize draw. Please follow the link by typing it into your internet browser to buy your raffle tickets - https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jrsa-raffle?utm_term=wkpGq7mW

Your support is, as always, very much appreciated.

We have some more fantastic prizes ready to be won, very generously donated by our local community:

- a Teen Cut and Blow-dry generously donated by The Curious Comb https://thecuriouscomb.co.uk
- a collection of luxury teas generously donated by the Whittard store in the Icon https://iconattheo2.co.uk/brand/whittard/
- fantastic bottle of wine kindly donated by Theatre of Wine, Trafalgar Rd, Greenwich http://www.theatreofwine.com
- a Fizz hamper containing Cava wine, Prosecco bath milk and Champagne caramel chocolates
- a Fatface cosmetic bag gift set
- a Lila Grace bath caddy gift set
- a £50 meal voucher generously donated by the Mogul Indian Restaurant http://mogulindian.co.uk
- a beauty hamper
- a garden planter gift set
• 12 indoor karting vouchers generously donated by https://www.team-sport.co.uk/. (These are valid at any of the 24 racetracks except Tower Bridge and London Docklands and must be used by 12 April 2019. Each of the vouchers entitles 1 adult or 1 child to 1/2 hour of karting)

Please let us know if you, your business or somebody you know would be willing to support the school by donating a raffle prize: jrsa@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk.

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’. We currently only have 34 supporters registered on easy fundraising & they have raised £250.86. Let’s see how many more supporters we can get to register and raise more for our school.

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