9 November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today, the school community joined others across the country to mark Remembrance Day. The two sites had simultaneous ceremonies that included the reading of ‘In Flanders Fields’, the playing of the Last Post and a two-minute silence. Ms Woodfine’s Year 10 class also ran a moving assembly in the morning for Year 10. We have a number of students who have been involved in making poppies and the outcomes of some of this work also featured in the events at both buildings. I will also be at Braithwaite on Sunday to lay a wreath at the memorial there in memory of John Roan students who have lost their lives fighting for their country.

On Wednesday this week, we saw another strike day by members of the NEU, meaning that we only had some of our students in school. I am very sorry that it was not possible to open the school to more students, but I am sure you will understand that levels of supervision and health and safety have to be considered in our planning. However, Year 8 students engaged in a number of arts activities themed around Remembrance, whilst Year 10 students had a Study Skills day, some of Year 11 were able to come in to school for Science and our Post 16 students had many of their lessons as usual. We also ran some external examinations and a Post 16 visit, as well as another Basketball Academy fixture that confirmed our strong position in the local Basketball community.

It is with regret that I have to inform you that the NEU have notified me of their intention to strike on three further days, on the 22nd, 27th and 29th November. As soon as I am able to confirm plans for the day I will let you know which groups will be in school on each of these days. I am sure that you will appreciate that the planning for this may take some time and so it felt appropriate to let you know as far in advance as possible to allow you to make your arrangements for these days.

Earlier this week, the Drama team took some of our students to The Young Vic to see the highly acclaimed new production of Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night. By all accounts, it was a most enjoyable evening for all involved. Another great curriculum enrichment opportunity this week was in Media. We were the only school in SE London to host advertising agency, Dentsu Aegis, who ran creative advertising workshops for our Media students and commented about how lovely and creative the John Roan students were. These are just two examples of the many opportunities arranged for our students by staff, who are constantly seeking ways to enrich the curriculum and provide different learning experiences for them.
Apel for witnesses – on Thursday, 1 November in Humber Road, a member of the public was hit by a motorist whilst putting her daughter into her car seat. A female witness, who was walking her son to school, stopped and called an ambulance and Petra is keen to contact this person. If you have any information, please call Petra Shuttlewood on 07887 792214, who has given her permission to share this with you.

Yours faithfully,

Cath Smith
Executive Headteacher
## Dates for the Diary

### PARENTS EVENINGS 2018/19

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News from the Guidance and Achievement Leaders

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

This week has gone very well, with a number of students attending the launch of Debate Mate and the launch of the schools debating club. The Year 7 Boys football team also competed in their first match against St Mary’s Magdalene School this week, coming away with a solid 0-0 result. Mr Alade was very pleased with their first result and said The John Roan team were very unlucky not to have scored in the second half, as they out played their opponents. I look forward to hearing about how the team progresses throughout the season.

We are currently having a really big drive at improving our punctuality and therefore a new system to address student lateness will be fully operational next week. Any student arriving late to school will be expected to stay behind at the end of the school day for 10 minutes, every time they arrive late into school. Text messages will be sent to parents to inform them that we will be keeping students behind on that day. I very much appreciate all the support parents and carers are giving to ensuring their child is arriving to school on time.

Have a restful weekend.

Mrs Causer, Year 7 GAL

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

It has been another jam-packed week for our Year 8 students.

On Wednesday, 7th November, our Year 8s participated in Creative Arts workshops with the focus on Remembrance Day. Our students have produced fantastic pieces of artwork as well as developing their awareness of Remembrance Day. On Friday, 9th November, we will mark our respect with a moment of silence.

Next week, we begin our Design My Crep competition. Design My Crep is an opportunity for our Year 8 students to design and customise a pair of trainers. Our students can create unique or similar designs/patterns with various colours & features. The winning student will receive the pair of “creps” they designed and customised.

I would also like to point out an upcoming trip to Siemens’ The Crystal Building in Docklands on the 4th December. We have 40 spaces available to enjoy engaging workshops as well as a tour of the building, which has acquired prestigious awards for its design.

Our Tutor Group Sports will not take place during this term, as we do not have the facility to host Dodgeball.

Have a great weekend. Mr Duncan, Year 8 GAL

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

This week, our thoughts have been very much focussed on those brave young men who fought in The Great War and subsequent wars, and especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we could enjoy the democracy and the freedom that comes with it today. I have been incredibly impressed with some of the work that Year 9 students have done and will continue to do during next week surrounding this subject.
My assembly this week focussed on the amazing writing of the Trench Poets, in particular, Wilfred Owen and his moving and explicit “Dulce et Decorum Est” in which he graphically describes the appalling suffering of a young soldier who was unable to get his gas mask on in time during a chemical gas attack. We have also been encouraging the students to consider the fact that with this freedom, which was won for us so bravely and at such high cost, comes great responsibility! It is vital that we as individuals, within our families, within our school community, our local community and beyond, use our freedom for the benefit of others. The students in Year 9 appear to have really taken this message on board.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes, Mrs Angie Smith, Year 9 GAL

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Year 10  Mr Thomas  ithomas@thejohnroan.greenwich.sch.uk

The study skills zone session on Wednesday went very well. Students were given many different study skills techniques, such as active learning techniques, how to maximise their marks in exams, interpreting key/command words that are used in exam questions, how to plan a revision timetable so that they make effective use of their time and reduce/cut out distractions, such as their mobile phones, and how to change from a fixed mind-set to a growth mind-set. There was also some work done on building up your child’s resilience, which I think is a major issue among their generation, as too often they give up at the first hurdle rather than pushing through with hard work and effort.

I was not able to speak with as many students as I’d liked to, but those that I spoke with said that they found the session very helpful and insightful. It should stand them in good stead for their end of autumn term assessment preparations.

Attendance in Year 10 continues to be a major positive, with the year group maintaining an attendance percentage above 95%. There is a very strong correlation between attendance to school and attainment. I recall reading a few years ago that students with an attendance percentage above 95% had an 8 out of 10 chance of getting 5 or more A*-C grades. However, a student with an attendance percentage of 80% only had a 2 in 10 chance of getting 5 or more A*-C grades. I know that the grading system has changed recently for subjects, but I see no reason why the statistical link between attendance and attainment would have done, as absences from school results in lost learning time, which ultimately has a detrimental effect on attainment.

As always, thank you very much for your continued support with Year 10s.

Luke Thomas, Guidance and Achievement Leader for Year 10

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

Parents Evening - 20th November from 4-7pm. All students have now received letters and should be making appointment times with their teachers. Please return the reply slip to your child's Tutor by Monday, 12th November.

Skills London trip to the Excel Centre - 23rd November - and CoachBright Mentoring. Those students who are involved in these trips must also return their reply slip by Monday, 21th November.
Many thanks, Ms Sumner, Year 11 GAL

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

It has been another really busy week in the John Roan Sixth Form and I wanted to share some of this good news. Our Year 12 Drama students have been to the Young Vic for a performance of Twelfth Night, to support the performance component of their exam. Our Media Students have had a visit from professionals at Dentsu Agegis Network, a digital media company, who ran a series of sessions to show our students how their studies can be used effectively in the workplace. This really opened the eyes of our students about the opportunities for them following their time here.

We have been working closely with Greenwich University, who have hosted both our PE and our EPQ students in study skills support sessions, and both sessions received positive feedback from the pupils who attended.

Our Basketball Academy has continued its great start to the season with another significant win this week and they are really working their way up the league table. We would like to offer our support and congratulations to them too.

Lastly, we would like to congratulate our GCSE English and Maths students on all the hard work and professionalism they have put into their November exams this week. English students are finished, Maths student have one last push for Monday’s final paper. We wish them the best of luck for their results in January.

Mr Williams, Director of Post 16
**Sporting News**

**Year 10 Football Success** - congratulations go to the Year 10 football team for a 5-0 emphatic win away to Crown Woods in the Borough Cup. The conduct and performance of all players was exemplary. This team embody success and we expect big things from this group this year.

*Enoch:* ‘We love it. We have to win a trophy this year.’

**London Counties Football Team**

Congratulations must also go to Abdallah Daud, Yr 12, for being selected for the London Counties football team last week. He then represented London against FC Porto’s development team. His performance in this game was again very encouraging.

Abdullah: ‘I’m looking to build on this performance and continuously improve to get better and better.’

**Basketball Academy** - congratulations go to all those involved in The John Roan Basketball Academy. They have now won 5 from 5, with a win this week of 111-63.

The most recent match saw them travelling to Havering 6th Form to continue their hot streak and the match did not fail to disappoint, with aggressive play on both ends and some tremendous teamwork, the boys were able to pull off a 111-63 win. Several players spoke on the day’s performance.

Mansur Jinadu: “The game started well for our team as we executed well by applying pressure early and being aggressive when it comes to finishing at the rim, which enabled us to gain momentum and come away with the win in the end.”

At the end of the day, we have a lot of room for improvement as a team and we can only go up from here”

Tyriq Taiwo: ‘We came in mentally tough and determined to take our 3rd win in the ABL. We listened to our coach and executed well and eventually came away from the win with 48 points’

The boys host Colchester 6th form in the next match and look to continue their winning ways.

Please encourage and celebrate their successes.

**England vs USA Motiv8 Trip**

Some of our Year 10 and 11 students will be attending the England vs USA game at Wembley Stadium on Thursday, 15th November. The majority are involved in our new PP initiative ‘Motiv8’.

A huge thank you to the staff that have volunteered to support the trip.