



The John Roan School Association  
Minutes of PTA Meeting and AGM  
Wednesday 29th January 2025

**Attendees:** JRSA Committee and Trustees  
Dr Jennie Sanderson - Principal  
Dr Taylor-Mullings - Vice Principal (tbc)  
Parents/Carers - over 30 in attendance

**Apologies:** Lucie Murphy - Secretary/Trustee

**Agenda**

Intro and JRSA Overview from Eve Daniels - JRSA Co-Chair  
JRSA Events 2025 Upcoming  
School Update from Dr Jennie Sanderson  
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**Welcome/Introduction**

Eve Daniels opened the meeting and welcomed parents/carers joining online.  
Dr Jennie Sanderson, the new School Principal was introduced and welcomed to her first JRSA meeting, along with Dr Taylor-Mullings.

Eve presented the JRSA objectives along with fundraising achievements and provided a summary of events/dates going forward. From February 2024 to January 2025, a total of £18,392 (plus gift aid) has been raised. Eve stressed that a very generous £8k of this was from parent donation for water fountain installation in school.

The full JRSA presentation including money raised and investment of funds is available on the JRSA page of the school website. Great feedback has been received from subject department tutors, eg., fully funded 1st aid course for HSC students, new tents for DoE students and a collection of religious artefacts to help RE students are just a few.

Teachers also now have the opportunity to bid for funds across the whole academic year rather than just once per year.

**Funds Available 2025**

This year the JRSA has made £10,000 available for Teachers to put forward any proposals for funding in their subject area. A bid for the purchase of Video Cameras has already been agreed.

**Annual General Meeting 2025**

This meeting was also the AGM. Two new committee members were welcomed and voted in. Trish Bullen will work alongside Lucie Murphy as Co-Secretary and Sam Woodgate was formally voted in as Co-Chair. Sadly, after 17 years and 9 years of being a hugely important part of The JRSA, Sandra Smith and Livy Gibbs stepped down. Livy however will continue with her support until July. Both Sandra and Livy were thanked for their hard work and

commitment over the years. Eve stressed that new members and volunteers are always welcome and parents/carers should email Eve or Sam to sign up. Trish Bullen will ensure the JRSA page on the Charity Commission Website is updated with the new changes.

### **Events 2025**

A piano recital by school music teacher Conor Heraghty on Friday 14th February . Refreshments will be provided by JRSA parent volunteers.

### **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Grant**

The HAF programme provides a variety of fun activities, including sports, food making activities, arts and crafts and other learning. It is for school aged children and young people from Reception to Year 11, and runs during the easter, summer and winter school holidays.

Co-Secretary Lucie Murphy has a lot of experience in this area and has successfully applied for HAF grants from Greenwich Council and co-ordinated events previously. Lucie will be working on a grant application for this year and the events will run at The John Roan School during holiday periods.

### **Quiz Night - Friday 28th February**

Plans are underway for the annual fundraising quiz night.

### **The John Roan School at 350!**

In 2027, The John Roan School will celebrate 350 years. It will be hugely important for this to be recognised throughout the community therefore, we want to start thinking about how this year of celebration will take shape, involving our teachers, students, parent/carers and across the local community. Eve Daniels advised that a feedback/ideas form will be circulated in the near future to all, asking for input and 'to think big' !

### **Welcome to Dr Jennie Sanderson - School Principal**

Eve welcomed Dr Jennie Sanderson to her first JRSA meeting.

Dr Sanderson provided a summary of her first few weeks at the school and expressed how privileged she felt on becoming Principal at a school with almost 350 years of history and ethos in the community.

She outlined that there is lots to do to move the school on even more with her vision:

***"The John Roan School ensures that its students achieve the highest possible academic outcomes and develop into responsible adults, so they are able to live happy and fulfilled lives"***

Education and achieving qualifications are so important in reaching this outcome but that building strength of character and social conscious are also hugely important. Students should feel happy, safe and at home in school.

There is work to do to continue on this path and Dr Sanderson outlined key priorities:

**Disruption Free Learning** - children only get one education and for everyone this should be without distraction.

**Behaviour Policy** in place - neat and tidy compliant uniform equipment ready to start every lesson and good behaviour, by focusing on the small thing things, the big things will happen.

**Improving Outcomes** for Yr11 and Yr13 - through mock exams and identifying gaps in knowledge. Intervention work, homework, assertive mentoring for underachieving students, targeted interventions. Dr Sanderson also stressed the importance she placed on student well-being especially exam years 11 and 13 and will be looking at introducing ideas such as well-being Fridays to help ease exam pressure and provide rewards.

Following Dr Sanderson's summary, the meeting was opened up for any Q&A's from parents/carers. These questions with answers have been documented separately to the minutes and made available on the school website along with the minutes.

Finally, the JRSA Lottery numbers were drawn

No.9 Sam Woodgate - £52

No 30 Shiela Winstanley - £26

Congratulations to both winners

Next Online Meeting: Wednesday 12th March @ 6.45pm