



**THE JOHN ROAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF ONLINE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2023 @ 6.45PM**

ATTENDEES:

JRSA Committee and Trustees
Ms Fjolla Bivolaku, History Teacher (attended in part for agenda item)

Cath Smith – Principal
Parents/Carers – 40 in attendance

APOLOGIES:

Ivis Williams & Livy Gibbs

AGENDA

Welcome
International Event – Fjolla Bivolaku
School update from Cath Smith - Principal
JRSA update on Fundraising Events and Initiatives
Q&As
AOB

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

JRSA co-chair Neil Kennett-Brown, welcomed everyone and outlined the agenda. Congratulations were conveyed to Cath for the recent Ofsted report. The John Roan School is a **GOOD** school and much deserved.

INTERNATIONAL EVENT

Fjolla Bivolaku, History Teacher, will be leading an International/Culture event. The rescheduled date for this **is Friday 2nd February from 4pm**. A similar event was held a few months ago, celebrating EID and proved very popular with students and parents and carers.

The event will promote heritage, culture, diversity and community at the school, with music, traditional dress, food and drinks from across the world. The event will be held in Maze Hill Hall where students will be able to showcase their traditional dress on stage!

The JRSA committee will be a part of organizing this important event, promoting it and helping on the day. Parent/Teacher volunteers will be needed and lots of student input.

SCHOOL UPDATE FROM CATH SMITH – PRINCIPAL

Cath Smith provided a termly update on school news as follows:

- **OFSTED**

CS was delighted to report that the school has received a rating of **GOOD** in all areas from OFSTED and congratulated everyone on achieving this. Lots of PR has been carried out to get this message out there, from a news piece in the Newshopper, banners outside school entrances, the website and social media.

- **FULL TIME AND PART TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

Exam Invigilator roles are available. The role involves invigilating GCSEs, A levels, BTECS, mocks and re-sits. Training will be provided. If interested, Cath Smith advised to email info@thejohnroanschool.org.uk.

Reading roles. To help develop reading skills for students who will benefit. Training will be provided. Contact info@thejohnroanschool.org.uk if interested.

DBS checks will be necessary.

- **PROGRESS 8 AND ATTAINMENT 8**

CS is keen to provide more clarification on what this is and means for students and suggested an agenda item be included at the next meeting to do this.

- **KEY DATES AND EVENTS UP TO END OF TERM**

CS outlined key events and dates coming up during the busy month of December and lead up to Christmas break, Yr 11 Mocks, Yr 12/13 Mocks, Yr12 work placements and mid-year assessments after the Christmas break.

No questions were received from attendees and NKB thanked CS for the update.

JRSA UPDATE FROM EVE DANIELS, CO-CHAIR & CONTRIBUTORS

- **Bingo**

Trish Bullen provided an update on the Bingo Event to be held on Friday 1st December. Ticket sales were good and bingo prizes were coming in. Charlie Baxter and Livy Gibbs were leading the event had everything in place for a fun family and community event.

- **Christmas Tree fundraiser with Blackheath Blossoms**

Eve Daniels confirmed that this collaboration would be in place again this year. For every tree ordered, Blackheath Blossoms will donate £5 back to the fundraising pot.

- **New Fundraising Initiative – Car Boot Sales**

Yr7 Parent, Ugne Midwinter was keen to lead a new fundraising initiative in the form of Car Boot Sales. Ugne has lots of knowledge and experience of holding these events. The idea was positively received and a next step was agreed for Ugne to

put forward a proposal to show how this would work in the John Roan outside space.

DEPARTMENT BIDS FOR JRSA FUNDING

A meeting had been held with JRSA Trustees prior to this to discuss and agreed funding levels for each bid that had been received.

10 Bids had been received, pitching for funding projects such as St Johns Ambulance First Aid training for 6th form pupils, boxing punch ball and equipment for PE, after school Robotics Club initiative and others. All ten bids received all the funds requested or will be part funded when plans are in place.

EDIBLE GARDEN

Parent and Landscape Gardener, UMAT reported on progress on the Edible Garden. A grant application has been submitted for all the equipment required to make this space in the school grounds Pending a successful grant application the project could take on an even bigger scale. Fingers crossed!

AOB

- Eve advised that the Lottery draw will take place outside of the meeting and the winners will be notified at the next meeting.
- Parent Meriel Beale was keen to develop an extracurricular football club. Meriel and Eve will chat outside of the meeting to discuss.

The meeting closed. Next Meeting: 24th January 24