



THE JOHN ROAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF ONLINE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER 2024 @ 6.45PM

ATTENDEES:

JRSA Committee and Trustees
Dr Taylor-Mullings
Cath Smith – Principal
Parents/Carers – over 33 attended

APOLOGIES:

Ivis Williams (Treasurer and Trustee)
Sandra Smith (Trustee)
Lucie Murphy (Secretary)

AGENDA

Intro from Eve Daniels – JRSA Co-Chair
School Update from Cath Smith & Dr Taylor Mullings
JRSA Finance Update
JRSA Events and AOB
Q&As

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Eve, JRSA Co-Chair opened the meeting and welcomed parents/carers. A brief outline of the function of The JRSA was provided.

JRSA Finance Update

In the absence of Treasurer, Ivis, Eve provided a brief financial summary of JRSA funds and the regular funding strands since the beginning of this academic year:

- uniform sales - £114.18
- Bingo - £591.29 income, expenses £256.26 profits £335.03
- Big half £833.58
- Lottery £361 costs £52 (second prize handed it back) – profit £309
- Easy Fundraising £52.13
- Interest on bank account £ 59.91

The Model UN

Co-Chair Sam Woodgate provided a summary of the Model UN, which is an afterschool club that she also leads. It is available to all Yr7, 8 and 9s who have an interest in politics and international relations. It is also a great opportunity to build confidence in public speaking, debating and working as a team.

Model UN is a **simulation of UN organizations** such as the UN General Assembly, UN Security Council, UNICEF, and others. Its participants take the roles of ambassadors from various countries and debate current issues. Model UN was developed in the 1950s as a way to give students hands-on learning in international relations, diplomacy, and the United Nations. Over 400,000 students around the world participate in Model UN each year.

Students are given the opportunity to travel to various countries each year, to represent their chosen country and debate and present issues that are affecting it. A go-fund me page has been set up to cover accommodation and travel costs for the chosen student to travel to New York in the future. For more information, please contact Sam Woodgate at school.

Dates upcoming

Sam outlined upcoming events and their dates such as Lost Property on 16th December, a pre-used uniform sale on 17th December, Christmas concert with Bar and Raffle, JRSA refreshments at Yr11/13 Achievement evening on 17th December.

JRSA Lottery

A shout out for a couple of parent volunteers to take on the admin and management of The JRSA Lottery fundraiser. Two volunteers came forward at the meeting and Livy/Eve will provide all the information to them for this to happen. Thank you to Catalina and Camilo for coming forward.

This months winners are Sharleen Baxter for winning first place of £52 and Sheila Winstanley for winning second place of £26

PRINCIPAL UPDATE – Cath Smith

Annual UL Parent Survey

Cath provided a headline summary from the recent annual UL parent survey.

257 responses were received from across all year groups. Overall, positive comments were received from parents and the school was pitched high against other UL academies. Data is still in the process of being cut and analysed but headline responses so far are positive across all aspects of schooling, from feeling safe at school respect for teachers and students, communicating with teachers, ease of ability for parents to raise concerns and effective home/school communication. Once the results are formally communicated immediate action will be taken to improve and remedy areas that require attention.

Student Lateness

The number of students arriving late to school has increased. Cath put out a plea to all parents to ensure their children were up and out on time to avoid traffic, bus and train delays and arrive to school in good time for registration.

Ex Curricular Events

Many year groups have enjoyed particularly interesting trips and clubs which continue to thrive in school, the Duke of Edinburgh Award increases in numbers each year, the Model UN club, Debate Mate, Chess Club. Yr9 trip to Barclays Bank, and a recent Yr13 trip to Oxford University have been just some of the experiences enjoyed by students.

Literacy – Reading, Speaking, Writing

Cath stressed the importance of having parents support and challenge their children at home with reading books, writing and building confidence in public speaking.

S.E.N

The S.E.N leadership team and teachers strive for continuous improvement on S.E.N childcare and provision to ensure processes are in place and are appropriate and accurate.

Communication with Parents

Cath outlined the various methods of communicating to Parent/Carers from the Weekly Newsletter, Abor, email, phone calls, face to face meetings, Teams meetings. Cath would be keen to hear from parents if the level of contact was accurate, too little or too much.

Parent Volunteers

Cath gave reassurance that all parent/carers who offer to volunteer at school, go through a training and induction process and also must hold a valid DBS certificate which will be applied for via the school. Anyone wanting to volunteer but is unable to commit time at the moment but can in the future should contact the school and can apply for their DBS certificate in order to be eligible

Sadly, this meeting was Cath Smith's last one, as she is leaving after 7 years of leadership. Cath will be very missed and was thanked for everything that she has done and achieved for The John Roan School.

The new Principal, Dr Sanderson will formally start in the new year.

UPDATE FROM DR TAYLOR-MULLINGS – VP, Behaviour, Attendance and Belonging

Dr Taylor-Mullings presented an update on the school behaviour and detentions policy and how this has been revisited and updated. Teachers are encouraged to look at giving praise and positive encouragement as a first tactic to motivate students. There will be rewards for

‘student of the lesson’ and ‘student of the week’. Students are regularly reminded that disruption free learning is imperative, uniform and behaviour standards are high at the school.

Mr Taylor-Mullings is taking all feedback from parents on board, such as revisiting the communication used by the ARBOR app when sending emails/texts to parents to ensure appropriateness and relevance rather than the standard response. The DFL room is now known as the Reflection room. Dr TM has taken on board parents comments about food offered during lunch in reflection and reducing time spent in the reflection room for students. He is also looking into the parent communication why a student is sent to reflection and ensures parents that teachers do go to reflection at the end of lesson to listen to the students reflect on their behaviour.

PARENT QUESTIONS

Ventilation and Filtration

Parent, (Laurie B) raised the issue of the importance of good ventilation and filtration in school, to help avoid infections such as cold and flu viruses circulating and students coming down with illness. Cath Smith was keen receive more information on this and advised Laurie to send anything through directly to her.

LOTTERY WINNERS

The lottery number winners were 200 and 94. Charlie Baxter wins £52 and Shiela Winstanley wins £26.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 29th January 2025