



THE JOHN ROAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF ONLINE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th JUNE 2024 @ 6.45PM

ATTENDEES:

JRSA Committee and Trustees
Cath Smith – Principal
Parents/Carers – over 30 attended

APOLOGIES:

Livy Gibbs, Lucie Murphy (Trustees)

AGENDA

Update from Cath Smith
JRSA Finance Update
JRSA Events and AOB
Q&As

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Eve, JRSA Chair opened the meeting and welcomed parents/carers.

SCHOOL UPDATE FROM CATH SMITH, PRINCIPAL

Cath Smith provided a termly update on school news:

• **GCSEs/A Level exams**

The formal exam period for Yr11 and Yr13 students was now over. Students embraced the challenge and were well prepared and organised to sit their subjects.

• **Yr10 and Yr12 Mocks and End of year assessments**

These exams were now in progress, the younger year groups would also sit English and Maths in the Gym Hall in preparation for the real thing in the future.

Cath, thanked parents and carers for the support given to every child at home during the exam period.

• **Braithwaite**

Trips to Braithwaite were now in flow for year groups. These annual, residential trips are a

fantastic resource, providing students with a chance to get away with friends, take on many outdoor pursuits and have lots of fun. Huge thanks to all the teachers who accompany the students on the trips and to the generosity of The John Roan Foundation and its 'hardship fund' which enables many students to go at a reduced rate.

- **The United Learning 'Best in Everyone Awards'**

These upcoming annual awards were taking place on Friday and Cath was delighted to advise that there were three John Roan School Award Winners!. Shristi scooped the award for Art and Leona for History. The fantastic Inclusion Team picked up the UL Staff Team of the Year Award. The event was held in Sheffield with Cath, the winning students and teacher team attending on the night, a great night was had by all.

The John Roan School will also be holding its very own "Best in Everyone" Awards and invites to the winning students will be notified shortly.

- **Friendship Morning**

This event will be held for new children starting the school (yr7), in September, particularly for SEND students and those who will be joining and not know anyone. This will be an opportunity to make friends and get to know others before starting in September.

- **Taster Days**

Taster days for new yr7 and yr12 students were also in place for students to get to experience subject lessons and meet teachers.

- **Parent Buddies**

Cath has set this scheme up to help new parents navigate the school and get a chance to get to know existing parents, ask questions parent to parent. A number of parent buddies have signed up and were present at the yr7 induction evening held on 1st July.

- **Upcoming dates**

Cath promoted the following upcoming dates and events:

Founder's Day Concert – Friday 5th July

Saturday Uniform Shop – Saturday 6th July

Drama Showcase Yr7

Maths Saturday Club of primary children in Yr5

Principal Tours - ongoing

James Wolfe Leavers' Assembly to be held at Maze Hill Hall

JRSA BBQ – Friday 12th July

Inset Day – Tuesday 16th July

JRSA UPDATE

Financial update:

Treasurer, Ivis provided a financial update. Currently there is £7k of cleared funds in the bank. A proportion of this has already been allocated for Pride Passports and the Prom, leaving £5k. More funds are needed, alongside the current fundraisers such as bingo, bbq, lottery, pre-worn uniform sales and half marathon, more events need to take place to keep funds buoyant.

JRSA Admin/Housekeeping

Eve stressed the importance of DBS certificates for parent volunteers working with children and that all parents who take on a voluntary school role are provided with a full induction on the safeguarding processes in place in school and DBS checks/certificates need to be applied and held by parents/carers

Events:

Pre-worn uniform sale to be held on Monday 24th June at Westcombe Park.

Lottery winners for this term tbc.

Annual BBQ and Raffle will be held on Friday 12th July at Westcombe Park from 6pm to 9.30pm. Volunteers are needed to help before, during and after the event in various roles. Eve and Sam (Woodgate) will lead the organisation of the event. Donations are also required for the raffle and salad, side dishes and dessert to accompany the bbq food.

Other JRSA News

E-Mail List

There are now over 240 parent/carers on the JRSA mailing list, which is a fantastic pool of resource. There are also over 150 'friends' on the JRSA facebook page.

Water Fountains

The school is committed to reducing single use plastic and from now, bottled water will no longer be sold and similar for the use of disposable plastic cups. 3 water fountains have already been installed and with a hugely generous donation from a parent who is passionate about reducing the use of plastic, has enabled another 5 to be installed over the summer months.

Gardening and Edible Garden

This is a continuing and important project. The front of the school on both sites look great with pots and planters full of bloom. The grant application which was narrowly missed this year will be edited and resubmitted for next year to Greenwich council. Further grant applications are being worked on by Sam and Lucie, Trustees and Parent volunteers.

The meeting was brought to a close, there were no questions raised from Parent/Carers.

Date of next meeting: TBC