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Update 18/09/20

Covid has put certain restrictions on what students can and cannot bring to school.

- Students **do** need wired headphones for music lessons.
- Students **must not** bring footballs or basketballs for lunch. We will provide these and keep them sanitised and restricted to a year group bubble.

New Astroturf

During lockdown, our 'small' astroturf was replaced. We have had a new 4G astro installed and it looks fantastic. It will make all the difference to the enjoyment and safety of PE lessons.



In order to look after the pitch, we can't use normal trainers or shoes on it. Instead, students need moulded or screw in plastic studs less than 15 mm can be worn or Astro Turf Trainers.

I recognise that asking you to purchase more uniform right at the start of the year is less than helpful, so can I ask that you get your child an appropriate pair of boots by October half term. The PE team will have spares, but only limited numbers.

Key Dates

21 st September	Performing Arts Enrichment Starts – please sign up on the board in the Music foyer. Option changes deadline for Y10s.
25 th September	

Post 16 Open Events

30 th September, 4:30 – 8:30	SGS A-Levels open event SGS All Courses, All Levels open event City of Bristol College digital open event St Mary Redcliffe virtual open evenings City of Bath College virtual open event Boomsatsuma open events
10 th October, 10:00 – 1:00	
14 th October, 1:00 – 4:00	
From 22 nd October	
14 th October, 4:00 - 7:00	
Various dates	

Library Update

All library books issued before September 2020 are now due back in. If you have any books from the JCA Library, please bring them back into school.

Students can return books via the dropbox outside the main library entrance. The dropbox will be emptied once a day and all returned books will be quarantined for 72 hours before being returned to the library shelves.

Students in years 7, 9 & 11 are welcome to come browse and borrow books from the library during their social times on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and everyone can request a Click and Collect loan delivered to their tutor base by emailing Mrs Harnell.



JCA Virtual Tour and Presentation

This week, John Cabot Academy hosted its Virtual Open Evening and Tour, with help from Ella-Mae, Priya, Addison and Tom who did an excellent job of representing the Academy. Thank you all for your hard work!



Do you know someone who is either looking for a school place for September 2021, or

interested in learning more about John Cabot Academy? Then please direct them to this link, where they can watch our Virtual Open Evening and Tour anytime:

<https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/open-event/>

Finance

Purchase of memory cards (GCSE Photography)

Memory cards for sale: 16GB at £5.50 each, or 4GB at £4.00 each from the Finance Office. Memory cards are an essential part of your photography equipment. You must prepay via SCOPAY (see overleaf) before you can collect one from the Academy. More info at JCAfinance@clf.uk.

Purchase of school ties

The option to purchase a school tie for £6.00 via SCOPAY has been added to every student's account. If your child loses their tie, you can purchase a replacement via your SCOPAY account and your child can collect it from the Finance Office the following morning.

The Finance Office is open to students every day before school and during break time.

If you require any assistance, please contact the Finance Office by emailing JCAFinance@clf.uk.

Purchase of calculators

The option to purchase a calculator via SCOPAY has been added to every student's account. If



you wish to purchase a calculator for your child, there are two types available and currently in stock. When you have made a purchase, your child will be able to collect it from the Finance Office the following morning.

The Finance Office is open to students every day before school and during break time. If you require any assistance, please contact the Finance Office by emailing JCAFinance@clf.uk.

How to make online payments with SCOPAY

Our preferred method of payment is online via SCOPAY as it means that students do not need to carry cash with them and also from a COVID-19 perspective it means that cash does not need to be handed to the Finance Office.

Online Payment Letters containing one time use link codes for account set up were sent to Parents/Carers of all students that were not already registered over the Summer break.

Please set up your SCOPAY account online if you have not already done so.

If you have not received a link code or need any assistance, please contact the Finance Office by emailing JCAFinance@clf.uk.

Canteen

The ongoing delay in getting the system set up for online payments for the canteen has been resolved, and we hope that for Monday 28th September cashless catering will be available for all students. We apologise for the inconvenience.

For the next week, we will continue to grant every student a £2.50 per day overdraft which they can use to pay for food at school.

As soon as the online system is set up, the money spent each day by your child will appear as a debit which you will need to pay off before you put any more money on the system to pay for future lunches.

From that point your child will not be able to buy lunch if there is not credit in their online account. If you have not already registered on SCOPAY, please do so now. If you are unsure of your login, please email JCAinfo@clf.uk.



Music Tuition at John Cabot Academy

Do you love music and want to learn or develop your skills?

At JCA we offer tuition on a whole host of fantastic instruments such as Piano, Keyboard, Electric Guitar, Acoustic Guitar, Ukulele, Drum Kit, Trumpet, Saxophone, Flute, Violin, Cello and Voice too!

If you want to find out more, then please come and speak to Richard who will be available for a chat and to answer questions throughout lunchtime on Thursday and Friday of next week.

Please contact JCAinfo@clf.uk FAO Charlotte Grierson and Richard Shepherd if you have any queries or would like to register your interest. For financial queries, please contact JCAFinance@clf.uk.

If you want to stay up to date with what's happening in Performing Arts at John Cabot Academy, please follow us on Twitter @cabotmusic or Instagram @jcamusic.

