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Key Dates

30 th September	Parent / Carers Careers Evening
1 st October	Culture Day
21 st October	Inset Day <i>School closed to pupils</i>
22 nd October	Inset Day <i>School closed to pupils</i>
1 st November	School Opening for Term 2

Enrichment and Extra-curricular Activities

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have finalised our enrichment afterschool programme and will be offering a wide range of afterschool activities all through this year from year 7 to year 11. Please do encourage students to join these as they build on friendships, confidence, resilience, and they can have a lot of fun doing them too. We want to welcome all levels of skill and want to encourage our students to take risks. If they have never tried a sport before why not give it a go! We also have our academic KS4 clubs that have been offered by subject. There will be more added as we progress through the year, so please encourage our students to join these to give them even better chances to succeed. We look forward to seeing them at the clubs.

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Head of Key Stage 3 Year 8 & 9
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Enrichment and Rewards



JOIN OUR CLUBS – SCHEDULES & ROOMS

Year Group	Clubs	Day	Location	Staffing
Year 7	Keyboard Club	Wednesday Lunch 12:10-12:40pm	AG5	CGr, SH
Year 7	Ukulele Club	Thursday Lunch 12:10-12:40pm	AG5	CGr, SH
Year 7	Girls Basketball	Monday After School 3:00-4:00	Sports Hall	Sports Team
Year 7	Netball	Monday After School 3:00-4:00	Sports Hall	Sports Team
Year 7	Hockey	Monday After School 3:00-4:00	Sports Hall	Sports Team
Year 7	Dance Club	Tuesday 3:00-4:00	Hall	Sports Team
Year 7	Girls Football	Tuesday 3:00-4:00	Sports Hall	Sports Team
Year 7	Art Club	See Posters	Art Dept BF5	EDE/ HWE
Year 7	Drama Club	Thursday 3:00-4:00	Main Hall	CGr
Year 7	LGBT+ Group	Thursday After School 3:00-4:00	AG7	GSI
Year 7	Equalities Council	TBN		CGr
Year 8	Girls Basketball	Monday After School 3:00-4:00	Sports Hall	Sports Team
Year 8	Netball	Monday After School 3:00-4:00	Sports Hall	Sports Team
Year 8	Hockey	Monday After School 3:00-4:00	Sports Hall	Sports Team
Year 8	Dance Club	Tuesday After School 3:00-4:00	Hall	Sports Team
Year 8	Rugby	Tuesday After School 3:00-4:00	Sports Hall	Sports Team
Year 8	Girls Football	Tuesday After School 3:00-4:00	Sports Hall	Sports Team
Year 8	LGBT+ Group	Thursday After School 3:00-4:00	AG7	GSI
Year 8	Equalities Council	TBN		CGr

Mindfulness – Lunchtime : 12:15-13:10 – CF1

JCA Choir – TUESDAY 3:00-4:00



Year 10 & 11 Afterschool Sessions

Year Group	Subject / Club	Day		Staffing
Year 10	Further Maths	TBN	TBN	CHa
Year 10	Business Studies	TBN	TBN	JAL
Year 10	English	Monday After School 3:00-4:00	AG4	SGr
Year 10	Maths	Year 10xy5 Thursday 3:00-4:00	TBN	CPr
Year 10	History Film Club	Friday After School 3:00-4:00	AF6	DCo
Year 10	Sports Science	Tuesday - After School 3:00-4:00	Physio Lab	JTh
Year 11	Health and Social Care	TBN	TBN	Sch
Year 11	Further Maths	Tuesday 3:00-4:00	TF4	Dwi/AWa
Year 11	History Film Club	Friday – 3:00-4:00 (Sweets and Treats)	AG6	DCo
Year 11	Sports Science	Monday – Catchup (Physio Lab)		JTh
Year 11	GCSE Music Coursework	Friday – 3:00 -4:00 pm	Music Room	CGr, JHi
Year 11	GCSE Drama /Music Coursework	Thurs 3:00-4:00pm	Music Room / Drama	CGr. MHo
Year 11	Art Club	Tuesday 3:00-4:00pm	Art Room	MCa
Year 11	Business Studies	TBN	TBN	JAL
Year 11	DT Coursework	Thursday 3:00-4:00	DC1	LBa
Year 11	English	Monday After School 3:00-4:00	AG4	GSi
Year 11	Further Maths	Tuesday – After School		AWa
Year 11 / 10	Geography	Mon – Thursday 10 Min After school Bitesize	TF2	CDu
Year 11	Geography	Tuesday – After School 3:00-4:00	TF2	CDu
Year 11	Others	To be added – Please see me		COy

Other Clubs May Join soon – Watch this space

All Year 10 & 11 Students

It is more important than ever before that you give yourself the best chance at succeeding at the end of the year.



Preparation for your mock exams and end of year exams will give you a huge amount of confidence.

Join in the afterschool sessions; your teachers want to support you as much as they can to give you the best chances possible and to help you succeed.

Parent / Carers Careers Information Evening



The job market for students leaving school or university can be tricky and now more than ever we need to help them as much as we can to secure the very best opportunities when they enter the workplace. We would like to extend our invitation to you for our very first parent / carers information evening event.

We have leaders from some of the biggest employers in their industry IBM, HSBC, PwC, bp, University of Bath, Clifford Chance & Capgemini coming to talk to you about how your son / daughter or young person under your care can navigate the job market to find some incredible work experience / internship placements as well as graduate and apprenticeship



opportunities. We will be sharing some useful tips around psychometric testing, how to prepare for assessment centres, CV's, and applications as well as lots of information around preparing your child / young person for the workplace / university.

This event is free of charge and it will be running on Thursday 30th September, 6pm – 7:30pm. You will have the opportunity to join this event virtually with your son / daughter / and or young person, ask questions you want directly to leading employers and obtain lots of useful information. The booking link can be found below here.

Booking Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YP-Insight-Evening>

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible and if you have any questions, please let us know!

Best Regards,

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Culture Day





On Friday 1st October, we will be celebrating our diverse student population with Culture Day 2021. We invite students and staff to participate in our 'world food tasting' stalls and by wearing their own cultural clothing on this day. Students do not have to wear something overt, but it could be subtle such as a pin badge, the colours of the flag they associate with, bracelet, or t-shirt associated with their culture and heritage. We hope that this day is a success and that all students can have a greater appreciation of different cultures both at JCA and in our community.

If any students, parents/carers wish to participate by making sweet or savoury food for the breaktime tasting stalls, please let me know and include the details of ingredients.

Any questions, please contact charlotte.grierson@clf.uk

Finance

Communications with Finance

Emails from Finance Office - Finance may sometimes need to email you regarding your SCOPAY account and/or payments that you have made or need to make to the academy. Emails from Finance will come from either donotreply@scopay.com or from JCAFinance@clf.uk - we suggest that you add both email addresses to your list of safe senders to avoid the emails going to your Spam or Junk folder.

Emails to Finance Office - If you have any questions or queries for the Finance Office, please email JCAFinance@clf.uk. Alternatively, if you have received an email from donotreply@scopay.com and need to respond or query it with the Finance Office, please email JCAFinance@clf.uk



Telephone Calls to Finance Office - If you would like to speak to the Finance Office, please call 0117 976 3000, Extension 1106.

SCOPAY - Online Payment System - Preferred Method of Payment

SCOPAY is our preferred method of payment for all transactions when making payments to the academy. This system allows you to make payments for trips, events, music tuition and learning resources plus your child's school lunch account can also be topped up using this system. The system can be used on a desktop computer, or you can download the App to use on your mobile phone or tablet meaning that you can access your account at any time.

If you have not already received a link code or require an additional link code(s) to enable another Parent/Carer to also set up a SCOPAY account and make payments for your child(ren), please send an email to JCAFinance@clf.uk

SCOPAY - Payments for School Lunches

Please remember to check if your child's School Lunch account requires topping up with funds to enable them to purchase food from the canteen.

If you would like to set up alerts so that you will know when their balance is getting low and requires topping up, please go to the John Cabot Academy website - Our Academy - Canteen and Online Payments, where you will find the 'SCOPAY Parent Guide - Alerts' at the bottom of the page to help you. Alternatively, you can copy and paste the following to your browser: - <https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/our-academy/canteen-and-online-payments/>

There are two further SCOPAY Parents Guides, one for Managing Your Account and another for Making Payments, that you may also find useful on this page.

SCOPAY - Link to Login Page

You can find a link to the SCOPAY Login Page if you go to the John Cabot Academy website - Our Academy - Canteen and Online Payments.

Alternatively, you can copy and paste the following to your browser: - <https://www.scopay.com/john-cabot-ac>

Purchase of School Uniform



Please note we only sell school ties in the academy - see below.

All other John Cabot Academy specific school uniform items should be purchased directly from our school uniform supplier, Trutex.

For full details of uniform requirements and a link to the Trutex website, please go to the John Cabot Academy website - Our Academy - Uniform. Alternatively, you can copy and paste the following to your browser: - <https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/uniform/>

When setting up your account you will be asked to register with the school code **LEA00918CH** as this will direct you to the John Cabot Academy uniform page

Purchases of School Ties

The option to purchase a school tie for £6.00 via SCOPAY is available for every student and SCOPAY continues to be our preferred method of payment. If your child has lost their tie, you can purchase a replacement via your SCOPAY account, and it will be available for collection by your child the following school day.

Alternatively, for ties only, a cash payment can be accepted at the Finance Office – please send your child with the correct cash payment of £6.00 in an envelope with their full name, year group and tutor group detailed.

Please ask your child to collect their tie from the Finance Office. The Finance Office is open to students every day before school and during break time.

Purchases of Calculators

The option to purchase a calculator from the academy is available to all students via SCOPAY.



If you wish to purchase a calculator for your child, there are two types available and currently in stock: -

- Casio ClassWiz FX991EX Scientific Calculator @ £19.50 each, or
- Casio FX-83GTX Scientific Calculator @ £8.50 each

Your child's Maths Teacher will be able to advise on which calculator is appropriate for them.

When you have made your SCOPAY purchase, your child will be able to collect their calculator from the Finance Office the following school day. The Finance Office is open to students every day before school and during break time

Purchase of Memory Cards for GCSE Photography

The option to purchase memory cards from the Academy is available on SCOPAY for all GCSE Photography students.

There are currently two types in stock:-

- HAMA 16GB SDHC Card @ £5.50 each, or
- HAMA 4GB SDHC Card @ £4.00 each

When you have made your SCOPAY purchase, your child will be able to collect their memory card from the Finance Office the following school day. The Finance Office is open to students every day before school and during break time.

