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Key Dates

14 th October	Year 11 Information and Support Evening
20 th October	Year 7 Parents Evening
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

JCA Routines

Getting the morning punctuality right:

We are seeing a lot of lateness in the mornings at JCA. This year, all lessons begin at 8:40. A lot of learning has been lost to students who are arriving after this time and lessons are being disrupted due to latecomers. As a community we all work hard and try our best but our morning routine is currently allowing a late arrival to school, which is not in the best interests of our young people:

As of **Monday 4th October**, we will begin to follow our late process (which we already use for other lessons):

Lateness to lesson and tutor time:

Less than 5 minutes late

Registered within 5 minutes.

Mark L in register with minutes late

More than 5 minutes late

Will receive a 1 on the register and will go to the SLR



(Unless they have a note on paper/SIMS from year team)

If your child has a reason for being late e.g. dentist appointment, please do send them in with a note as normal and can go straight to their lesson.

Mrs Gemma Read
Vice Principal


Performing Arts Trip



Tue 28 – Wed 29 Sep
Robert K Benson

BORDERLINE

The Theatre on The Downs



@actor_ben_nash

After a long time away from live theatre and trips, we were able to take our first JCA KS4 Performing Arts trip to see some live theatre on Tuesday evening, at the Theatre on the Downs. We went to see 'Borderline', a fantastically, thought provoking one man show directed by our former colleague, Sam Bridges. The story itself travelled the neurological pathways of a man attempting to live and cope with his mental health, as it swings from delusions of godliness to the end of the world and right back around to falling in love in IT support. The students were very moved by the performance and were able to have some time asking the actor and director some questions after the performance.



Culture Day – 1st October





On Friday 1st October, we celebrated our diverse student population with JCA Culture Day. We invited students and staff to participate in our 'world food tasting' stalls at breaktime and wear their own cultural clothing on this day. The food tasting was a huge success and enabled all students to have a greater appreciation of different cultures both at JCA and in our community. One student said, 'I'm really proud that everyone is trying new things!' I would like to thank all students and families who contributed mouth-watering food to our food tasting stalls. Your support was greatly appreciated by the students and staff, and your food was delicious!

We look forward to another cultural celebration soon and welcome any ideas to make this even more successful next time.

Miss Grierson 🎵

Black History Month

A number of students of Black heritage are introducing Black History Month to their peers, via a spoken word performance of the song "Black" by artist Dave. The students will present their performance daily, to each year group, in assembly. The students have been rehearsing throughout this week and are excited to deliver these deeply emotive and impactful words, to staff and students alike.

Following the assembly week, all JCA students will take part in Tutor time activities that range from addressing complex racial issues, to celebrating and learning about inspirational British people of Black heritage.

Film showings:

We are inviting students to stay after school on the relevant dates below, to watch the following films;



Y10 & 11 on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th of October 2:40 – 3:50pm

Film: The Hate You Give*

Synopsis: Starr Carter is constantly switching between two worlds – the mostly black neighborhood where she lives and the mostly white prep school that she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is soon shattered when she witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend at the hands of a police officer. Facing pressure from all sides of the community, Starr must find her voice and decide to stand up for what's right.

*This film addresses racial issues which students may find upsetting. It is entirely optional for students to attend and support will of course be offered to those who feel they need it. It is a powerful, emotive film, based on the novel of the same name. This film is targeted at a teenage audience.

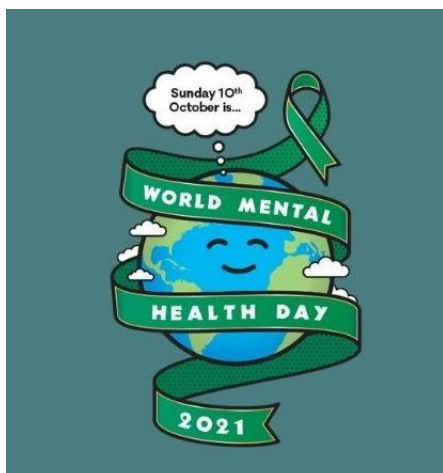
Y7, 8 & 9 on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th of November, 2:40 – 3:50pm

Film: Hidden Figures

Synopsis: Three brilliant African-American women at NASA -- Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson -- serve as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race and galvanized the world.

SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR BOTH SHOWINGS, AND ATTENDANCE IS OPTIONAL.

Mental Health 10th October



Sunday 10th October is World Mental Health day.

If your child has any concerns, we are here to help. They can speak to Katie Richards, the School Counsellor, or any member of staff, who will be able to get the most appropriate and qualified person to assist with any help



Year 11 Information and Support Evening



**Welcome to Year 11:
Information and support
evening – Thursday 14th
October from 4:30 for
refreshments, and starts at
5:00pm in the hall.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to invite you to our **Year 11 information evening** on **Thursday 14th October from 5pm-6pm**. There will be refreshments from 4:30pm and if you have queries, you can come and speak to one of the Year 11 team from that time.

The evening will contain key information about the year ahead for your child, careers information and how to apply for further education and training as well as some smaller group sessions that will help you and your child with preparation and understanding of how to get the most from Year 11.

We hope that you can make the event and look forward to seeing you all then.

The Year 11 Team

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.

