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Key dates

29th April	Safety Day - An off timetable day to support students with topical safeguarding topics
30th April	Year 11 GCSE Drama Scripted Performance Exam
W/C 3rd May	Year 11 Assessment Two Starts
7th May	Year 9 vaccinations
W/C 10th May	Year 11 Assessment Two continues
20th May	Year 8 Parents' evening
28th May	Inset Day - no school for students



Welcome Back

Welcome back to all of our students. We hope families have had a wonderful break and enjoyed the opportunities afforded by the relaxation in Covid measures. One Covid measure remains the same though: Until the next review on 17th May, all students will continue to wear face masks at school in corridors, social spaces and lessons. (They do not have to wear them when outside). Our students have worn their masks to date with incredible patience and fortitude, recognising the difference this makes to keeping everyone safe.

Ramadan

To all our families observing Ramadan, wishing you all the blessings of the holy month.

Ramadan began on the evening of Monday 12th April and finishes with the religious celebration of Eid ul Fitr on 13th May. Ramadan is the month of fasting when Muslims give up eating and drinking during the day. It is also a time when they pray and think of those less fortunate than themselves.

To support our Muslim students, whilst also keeping in place all of our covid risk mitigations (for example bubbles), we have two prayer rooms available to them at lunch time and after school. They are in CG3 (available to years 7, 9 and 11) and the 'old cafe' at the end of the street, available to years 8 & 10. Our staff, especially PE staff, are aware that students may be fasting and will support them appropriately.

If families wish to celebrate Eid together, students can have a day's authorised absence from school. Please do let us know in advance if you wish that for your child(ren).



Experiences of the workplace, insight days and employability skills free courses

We have some fantastic opportunities for students Y9-11 the participate during the Easter holidays. Students have the opportunity to sign up for insight days, virtual work experience, and free online courses to learn and develop their employability skills.

Please click [here](#) to access the Virtual experiences of the workplace and virtual training opportunities gathered from across the network.

Y8 EmpowHer girls group!

Blossom Christie, Tenisha Chinyanganya and Suzanna Ahmed were instrumental in securing government funding for their youth project to support current and new Year 7s at JCA. The 3 students above put forward their persuasive and motivating pitch to the panel who were incredibly impressed with their ideas and offered the full amount of funding (£375) for them to realise their project at JCA this academic year. They intend to support other young people with mental health, body image, periods, identity, and challenges growing up. In their workshops they aim to create a safe space to enable young people to share and learn from one another.

The students above were also supported by the other fantastic group members Lucia Day, Jessica Thomas Hall, Izzy House, Minnie Barber and Daisy-Ann Stew.

Term 5 Safety Day

On Thursday 29th April, all years across the whole day will participate in the JCA safety day. Students will follow their normal timetable. Normal subject teachers will facilitate the lessons. The theme is Healthy and Respectful Relationships, particularly looking at recent events and current trends in data.



Home Activity Worksheets

Follow the link below for Home Activity packs from "think you know" contain simple 15 minute activities you can do with your family to support their online safety at home. Covering a range of topics from social media, cyber security, sharing images, live streaming and online gaming.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/>



Family activities

Each of these family activity sheets have a selection of short conversation starters, practical tips and fun tasks to do as a family.

Family activity sheet - viewing videos online

This activity sheet focuses on watching videos online. With a choice of 3 conversation starters, 3 online safety actions and 2 fun family tasks, you can learn together about watching videos safely online.

Family activity sheet - cyber security

This activity sheet focuses on cyber security, and we have worked with the National Cyber Security Centre to help you be more Cyber Aware.

Family Activity sheet - social media

This activity sheet focuses on social media. With a choice of 2 conversation starters, depending on if your child is on social media, 3 online safety actions and a fun family tasks, you can learn together about safer social media use.

Family Activity sheet - sharing images

This activity sheet focuses on sharing images online. With a choice of conversation starters, a online

Concerned?

If you're worried about your child and think something is not quite right, it's best to be on the safe side and find out more.

- > [Where can I get help?](#)
- > [Report an incident to CEOP](#)



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In this guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as anonymity, cyberbullying and age verification.





At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should the feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults

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AGE RESTRICTION
13+



EVERYTHING IS ANONYMOUS

Once a user has downloaded YOLO, they will be prompted to open Snapchat and post a message to their Snapchat story which asks their friends and followers to send them honest messages. From these responses, all of which are anonymous, the user can then choose one and either reply direct to it in the YOLO app or reply via an image or video in Snapchat. This response can then be added to their Snapchat story. Given the anonymity, these messages may not always be helpful or positive.



RISK OF BULLYING

Like previous similar apps before it, YOLO could be used to facilitate bullying given user identities are hidden. Cyberbullies may see this as an opportunity to send offensive or abusive comments to your child, especially as there is little opportunity for screening replies prior to them landing in your child's inbox. Children's charities, such as the NSPCC, have already voiced their concerns over the potential for the app to be misused.



NO AGE VERIFICATION PROCESS

Whilst YOLO recommends that the app should not be used by children under the age of 13, the iTunes store provides a recommended age rating of 17+. Nonetheless, if your child chooses to download the app and already has Snapchat, there are no age verification checks and no initial barriers to use. As long as your child has access to an iPhone and has Snapchat installed, they have access to YOLO.



AN INFLUENTIAL FEEDBACK TOOL

YOLO is designed to offer children the ability to tell their peers what they think of their posts and aims to encourage positivity between friends. However, the app may become an influential tool in shaping how your child behaves and interacts if they receive feedback from their followers which is more critical, such as in respect of appearance or their day to day actions. Children are so keen to be accepted by their friends that they may try and act on the criticism in order to do whatever it takes to fit in.



Top Tips For Parents

- 1 SPEAK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT CYBERBULLYING**
The best way to deal with offensive or hurtful comments online is to talk your child and prepare them for what they may encounter. Offer them advice and support in dealing with nasty comments and teach them how to report or block users, so that they feel empowered to take action and can build confidence in staying safe online. Try to get them to talk about it so that they don't feel alone or unable to call for help.
- 2 TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT YOLO**
Every child wants to feel a sense of validation from their friends and peers but some may be looking for it for different reasons to others. Talk to your child about their use of the app and why they use it. Ask them if they see it as a positive influence in their life and the type of questions they are being asked by their followers. If they don't really see any benefit in it, do they really need it?
- 3 TALK ABOUT BEING KIND ONLINE**
Unfortunately, children and teenagers can say nasty things and the anonymity that YOLO provides means that some may see this as an opportunity to openly say things that maybe otherwise they wouldn't. Talking to your child about being kind to everyone, both online and offline, and treating others how they would wish to be treated will help your child to understand the damage that cruel or nasty comments can have on others and the potential long-term consequences it could bring.
- 4 USE BOTH YOLO AND SNAPCHAT PRIVACY FEATURES**
Although YOLO primarily works through Snapchat, it does offer the ability to report offensive comments and permit users to be blocked. If your child is concerned about comments they have received, this should be the first step they take in order to ensure nothing is received from that user. Similarly, to ensure your child is only interacting with friends and people they know, ensure that only their friends, and not everyone, can view their Snapchat story. This will limit who can send your child any anonymous messages.
- 5 IF WORRIED, SIMPLY DELETE THE APP**
If your child has received a number of offensive comments or is repeatedly being targeted by bullies, then the best option may be to delete the app altogether. All the features of the original Snapchat app will remain the same and your child will still be able to interact with their friends as per normal.



Meet our expert

Pete Badh is a writer with over 10+ years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area for West Yorkshire Police, Pete has contributed work which has been pivotal in successfully winning high profile cases in court as well as writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.



SOURCES:
<https://oyolo.com/terms>
<https://oyolo.com/privacy>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-48214413>



Finance

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.

Purchase 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 morning.



Alternatively, *for ties only*, a cash payment can be accepted – please send your correct 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.

Purchase of Calculators

The option to purchase a calculator from the academy continues to be 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 FX83GT Scientific Calculator @ £8.50 each

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

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>

Finance Queries

If you have any finance queries, please contact the Finance Office by emailing JCAFinance@clf.uk

