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Key dates

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



Consultation letter to Parents/Carers

Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to you as part of a consultation exercise regarding the expansion of our capacity at John Cabot Academy, Bristol Brunel Academy and Bristol Metropolitan Academy.

Student places

The Cabot Learning Federation, alongside the Local Authorities in our region, works to ensure there are adequate secondary school places for all local children to attend a local school. In September 2021 there is an increasing demand for school places, with a larger Year 7 cohort than previous years. As a result, the Cabot Learning Federation is supporting Bristol City Council by offering some additional places to Year 7 at Bristol Brunel and Bristol Metropolitan Academies and City Academy Bristol. This means that more CLF Post 16 students will be located on the John Cabot Academy site.

All of the schools in question are considered to be good schools by Ofsted and we are committed to maintaining the high standards to which our students and their families have become accustomed. We have been planning carefully to welcome more students into the schools to serve the growth in local demand for places; we are confident that the schools will maintain inclusive, high quality provision for all of our pupils in all of our academies while we support Bristol City Council through this period.

Change in capacity

This temporary increase in student numbers, on top of higher admissions in previous years, means that in September there will be more students on roll than the official capacity at John Cabot Academy, Bristol Brunel Academy and Bristol Metropolitan Academy.

The number of pupils in our schools is defined with the Department for Education in our Supplemental Funding Agreement. If we want to add more than 30 children to our roll in any school above that formal capacity number, we are required to consult with our families and wider community.

- At John Cabot Academy, our capacity number is 1056 and our expected number on roll in September 2021 is 1235 (including 391 in CLF Post 16). This includes the expected Year 7 intake of 175.





- At Bristol Brunel Academy, our capacity number is 1180 and our expected number on roll in September 2021 is 1248. This includes the expected Year 7 intake of 290.
- At Bristol Metropolitan Academy, our capacity number is 945 and our expected number on roll in September 2021 is 1060. This includes the expected Year 7 intake of 220.

This consultation is an essential part of the case for Significant Change, which is the formal process through which we must seek Department for Education approval for the increase where it is above 30 children over the agreed capacity number.

The change in capacity through increasing our Year 7 admissions is not linked to a permanent change in our Planned Admissions Number (PAN). We are admitting above PAN in 2021 at the request of the Bristol City Council, to support a temporary increase in demand for places and helping to ensure that local children can attend a local school.

Feedback

If you wish to make any representations or comments in respect of this temporary capacity change, please email them to info@clf.uk and they will be collated as part of the consultation exercise for submission to the DfE.

Yours faithfully,

Cabot Learning Federation



Friends of JCA - Our PTA - Looking for Volunteers

JCA has historically had a wonderful Parent Teacher Association, called the Friends of JCA. Its purpose is twofold: fundraising and information sharing.

By selling snacks, drinks and ice-creams at key events e.g. Sports Day, Parents' evenings and Concerts, significant sums of money were raised, almost £1000 alone each Sports Day. This also served a vital service - parents are usually desperate for a cup of tea during Parents' evening! Different departments were then able to bid for this money for things we would otherwise not be able to afford e.g. new musical instruments or supporting students to go on trips like Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

The other purpose of the 'Friends' is to support parents with access to information. At Primary school, it is easy for parents to have a good understanding of everything that is going on at school. That is always much harder at Secondary school as students become more independent and have multiple teachers. So the Friends support you as parents by providing information (via Social Media) about e.g. upcoming events or where to go to have a question answered.

Joining the Friends of JCA is a great way of getting to know the school and supporting your child while they are here, and making your own friends too. I am reassured that with a team of 10 parents, it is a very easily manageable time commitment. If you are interested in joining the Friends, please do email the jcainfo@clf.uk mailbox expressing your interest. Hopefully we can get a team up and running in time for this summer's Sports Day.

Public Speakers of the future

Year 10 have completed their speaking and listening endorsements. This can be a scary time for many students but they spoke with eloquence about topics they felt compelled to discuss. We heard about a range of topics from: Black Lives Matter, Medical Malpractice, abolishing the death penalty to the environment, anime and even a rather ironic piece on the use of scissors!

We have some future public speakers amongst our students and it was wonderful to see how this gave students an opportunity to feel empowered about personal topics. Well done to all those involved.



Mr. Motivator



Thank you to Mr. Motivator for an amazing workout this morning and everyone who took part, kicking off our Big Walk & Run month.

Basketball with Dan Edozie



JCA Basketball sessions with coaching from Bristol High Flyers Forward, Dan Edozie, have been great! The students play end to end every Thursday and they really enjoy it!

Follow this [link](#) for more information about Coach Dan.



Why reporting your test result is as important as taking a test



Following the successful reopening of schools in March, teachers, pupils and parents have been able to experience firsthand the importance of testing and how it keeps COVID-19 out of our classrooms.

In this [link](#) the government has outlined why reporting a test result is a crucial part of our fight against COVID-19.

School Health Nurse



Hello, My name is Laura Johnson. I am your designated School health nurse.

I have a lot of experience working within both primary and secondary schools and am looking forward to meeting the pupils at JCA.

I will be running a Drop in Clinic in school on a Monday afternoon for pupils to talk to me and get support and advice, in a confidential environment with whatever is troubling them.

This could be support around:

Anxiety, Bullying or friendship issues, Family or home life, Worries, Puberty, Sleep, Emotional Health, Physical health, Mental Health, Sexual Health, Alcohol/smoking, Exam stress, school attendance.

If your child needs support, please encourage them to come and see me or ask a member of school staff for further information.



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

