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## Key dates

<b>W/C 10th May</b>	Year 11 Assessment Two continues
<b>20th May</b>	Year 8 Parents' evening
<b>28th May</b>	Inset Day - no school for students
<b>14<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 7-9 Assessments
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June - 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 10 Assessments



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### *What is my child learning?*

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Thank you to all parents and carers who complete the surveys after each Parents' evening, the feedback is really helpful. The last few surveys have showed that understanding what your child is learning is the area you most want more information on. We have two resources on our website:

- The curriculum plans for every year group for every term show the topics your child is learning: <https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/curriculum-statement/>
- A full list of every GCSE exam board so you know precisely which GCSEs your child is studying. If you are worried about buying the correct revision guides, we stock the right ones for our GCSE courses. You can order through Sco-pay. <https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/curriculum/curriculum/>

I spoke to a few parents (thank you for your time) to understand what else you want to help you understand what your child is learning. One of the key areas you wanted to know was when are our students going to sit tests/assessments/exams and what are they expected to revise. There are always ongoing small, low stakes assessments in class, this is an element of good teaching. But the significant assessments for the remainder of this year are:

- Years 7-9: Monday 14th June to Friday 25th June. Assessments in every subject, based on work completed across Terms 5 and 6. The assessments will be both:
  - Online multiple choice questions (completed at home)
  - In-class written tests
- Year 10: Monday 28th June to Friday 9th July. Exams in every subject, based on all GCSE work studied **to date**. These will be past GCSE papers, sat in the GCSE hall. The experience of taking mock exams under these conditions, but with low stakes (i.e. the results don't actually matter) is an essential part of preparing them for real GCSE exams in the summer.

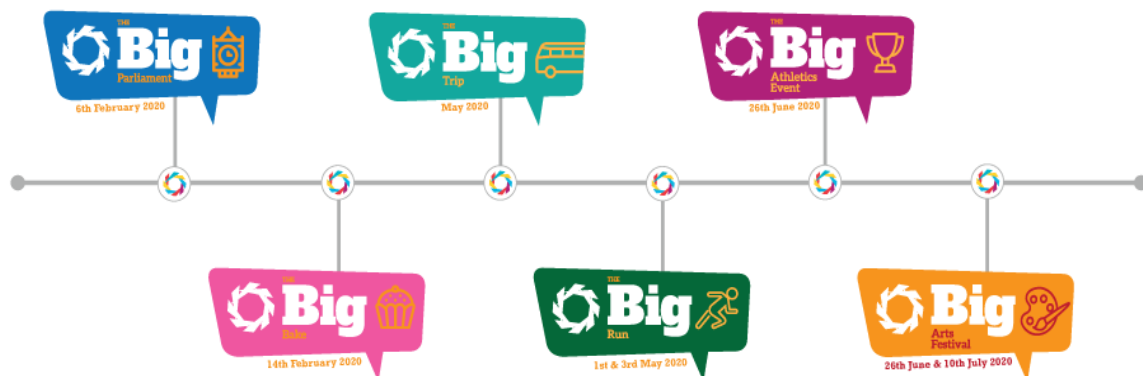
The results of all of these assessments/exams will inform the teachers' assessed grades and will be sent home to you in reports at the end of term 6.



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### CLF Big Event Timeline

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### Year 8 Parents meeting

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Appointments for JCA's Year 8 Parents' evening on 20 May 2020 opens on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2021 at 17:30!

Follow this link to make an appointment.

<https://jcainsight.clf.uk/insight>

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### Laptops and computers

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If the school provided a laptop for your child during lockdown, please return it to school (including the charger!) as soon as possible. We have a small number of desktop computers to give to families: if you would like to have one, please email [kate.searle@clf.uk](mailto:kate.searle@clf.uk)



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### *Year 11 Leaving Dates*

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After consultation across the CLF, I can confirm the arrangements for year 11 for the end of the year are as follows:

- Year 11 will remain in school until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. They will use lesson time in the last two weeks to complete the administration associated with Teacher Assessed Grades. They may also have the opportunity to learn some additional content (that will not be assessed) but 'completes' their GCSE courses and better prepares them for their onward study. Some students may be catching up on missed assessments.
- Fortnight commencing 7th June: 'Next step' fortnight. A fortnight of sessions focussing on careers and destinations. Some will be CLF wide sessions, some led by JCA staff. It will be virtual, although some students may be invited on site. Full details will be communicated in w/c 24th May.
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 8:40 - 10am is the leavers assembly, after which students will leave site.
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Prom at The Grange, Winterbourne.
- Thursday 12th August GCSE results day.

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### *Year 11 Prom*

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A prom invitation letter was emailed to Parents/Carers of all Year 11 students at the end of last week and we are now taking payments via SCOPAY only for the event, which is being held at Mercure Bristol North The Grange on Friday 2nd July. Tickets cost £30.00 and we require an initial payment of £20.00 by Friday 14th May and then the final payment of £10.00 by Monday 7th June.

To secure your child's place, please login to SCOPAY to make your payment before Friday 14th May.

When making your SCOPAY payment, you will also be asked:

- to confirm your consent for your child to attend the event
- to detail medical information/allergies in the Comments box when confirming your consent
- if there are no essential medical information/allergies to advise, please state 'None' in the Comments box.





- alternatively, if the Comments box is not large enough for the details you wish to enter, please email [JCAFinance@clf.uk](mailto:JCAFinance@clf.uk) so that the details can be added to your child's record for the Prom

***Please do not forget to advise medical information/allergies or state 'None' as requested above as we require this information for the venue.***

If you have not used SCOPAY before and require an online link code to complete your account setup, please contact [JCAFinance@clf.uk](mailto:JCAFinance@clf.uk) or call Reception and ask to speak with the Finance Office. The information required for the link code to be produced for you is the full name of your child, their tutor group, and your email address so that the code and instructions can be emailed to you.

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### *Mental Health Week*

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It is Mental Health Week 2021 and this year the theme is 'Connect with Nature' please find a link to the Mental Health's Foundations Nature Guide for Parent's and Carers. Which looks at why nature is good for our mental health and some top tips for supporting your young person to engage in nature.

The schools counselling service run a drop-in on Thursday lunchtime in SF5. Students can come and talk about any wellbeing or mental health concerns or questions that they have, in an informal, friendly and confidential space.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/sites/default/files/Nature%20Guide%20for%20Parents%20and%20Caregivers.pdf>

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### *Free Mathematics Webinar*

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Helping Your Child Overcome Maths Anxiety & Build Mathematical Resilience, aimed at parents of children aged 9 to 14. The webinar takes place on Wednesday 12th May at 8pm.

If you are interested, please follow the link

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_qillACidQ7K0PwZ9Tx6tHg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qillACidQ7K0PwZ9Tx6tHg)

You can reserve a place on this page:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_qillACidQ7K0PwZ9Tx6tHg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qillACidQ7K0PwZ9Tx6tHg)



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### Overdue Library Books

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At John Cabot Academy we are lucky to have a well-stocked library, but in order to maintain the high standard and variety of the books on offer, it is necessary for us to insist that loaned books are always returned for the enjoyment and benefit of all of our students. We are now running a system of distributing regular library loan statements to students so that they know exactly which library books on their account are currently overdue.

Students will receive up to 3 reminder statements prompting them to return their books or visit the library to arrange a renewal on books they are still reading. Students can access the library from Monday to Wednesday, at break, lunch and tutor times. If books remain unreturned after the 3rd reminder statement a book replacement fee will be added to your SCOPAY account.

Ultimately, however, we would much prefer to have books back in the library, and on return of overdue items to the library, replacement charges will be removed from your account.

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### School Health Nurse

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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.





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## Finance

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### **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](mailto: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](mailto:JCAFinance@clf.uk)

