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Key dates

27th May	Own Clothes Day – Student led fundraising for Save the Children & Islamic Relief to provide humanitarian aid in Gaza
28th May	Inset day
14th - 25th June	Year 7-9 Assessments
28th June - 9th July	Year 10 Assessments



How we do things here

Our vision for JCA is one where individuals are nurtured. One of the ways in which we achieve this is by having consistent boundaries and well-understood routines that everyone knows and understands. This consistency is key to feeling safe – and the feeling of safety and security enables our pupils to explore, develop and express their individual identities.

This newsletter item is the first in a series which describe some of the routines we have here at JCA. This week we focus on lesson punctuality. A prompt start to the lesson supports everyone's learning. We know that it takes a little while to walk around our building from classroom to classroom, so we allow students 5 minutes to get to their next lesson and even pop to the bathroom. Then at 5 minutes, the lesson begins. Latecomers are asked to go to the SLR instead. When we introduced this 2 years ago, it had a huge, positive impact on lesson punctuality student voice was and is very positive about it.

Safeguarding information

We kindly request your support in creating awareness with our students in talking to strangers and the dangers this might hold for their safety.

We had two incidents around the school area this week that were brought to our attention. Students were approached by a man under false pretence of looking for something / wanting to ask or show them something, that lead to reason for concern. The authorities were notified, and actions taken to safeguard our students.

Your support is greatly appreciated. Please be assured that the safety of your child is our priority.



Revision Guides for Year 10 Students

We will be placing another order with suppliers for Revision Guides at the end of the first week of Term 6. Revision Guides will therefore reappear on SCOPAY for Year 10 students this week. The deadline for orders is Wednesday 09/06/2021. Please note that late orders after the deadline cannot be accepted as it will delay the delivery of the guides.

Orders are only being taken via SCOPAY and so if you have not already set up your SCOPAY account please message JCAFinance@clf.uk to request a link code.

EmpowHER

Year 8 students have worked with Integrate UK to develop their own social action project through EmpowHER. To do this they made a pitch to a panel to gain funding for their project and then began creating and developing their workshops. On Wednesday 19th May they delivered a series of workshops to Year 7 students at JCA about body image, using social media, mental health, and periods. This was well received and all students involved enjoyed the experience.





Student-led fundraising for humanitarian aid in Gaza - Thursday 27th May.

I am proud that our students are keen to take action on issues they believe in. It is important that we engage with global issues, particularly conflict which costs lives. It was at our students' request that we take an opportunity to fundraise for Save the Children and Islamic Relief who are providing humanitarian aid in Gaza to support those who have suffered in the recent conflict. So on Thursday 27th May, in order to raise funds, we will be holding cake sales at lunch and an own-clothes day where we are asking pupils to donate £1.

It is important too that we understand conflict from all perspectives, including those with which we disagree and to encourage students to find out more and to look at the conflict from different sides. That is why in history lessons this week our students will be having a special lesson which examines the origins of the Middle East crisis and explains why we have this conflict today.

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 Edinburg 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.

National Online Safety

We've all heard of scam emails. Most of us will probably have received at least one. Some people may regrettably have learned the hard way and been taken in – or at least know of someone who has. In fact, research suggests that around 1 in every 10 emails sent each day are bogus. But familiarity, in this case, does not always equate to security.

From dummy websites resembling the real thing, to concealed malware, to messages alerting you of a 'problem' with your account, online fraudsters continue to invent plausible ways to access your personal information. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide turns the spotlight on email scams: how to spot them and how to react safely to them





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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EMAIL SCAMS

Email scams are when you receive a mail from someone purporting to be a genuine person or company, but is actually an online fraudster trying to trick you into disclosing personal information. This is often referred to as 'phishing'. Normally, people click on the links in an email assuming that they will be directed to a trustworthy website – but fake sites, closely resembling the real thing, are increasingly being set up by cyber criminals specifically to capture your personal information, which could in turn jeopardise your financial, emotional and possibly even physical wellbeing.

Disguised Deceptions

Some scam emails can appear to be from companies that you know and use. For example, you could receive an authentic-looking email advising of a problem with your account or payment method. Instead of reacting to the email and disclosing personal information like bank details, it's wise to call the company directly on a trusted number to confirm if there actually are any account issues.

Identity Theft

Another significant risk is falling victim to identity theft. If a scammer manages to acquire your usernames and passwords, they would then have access to your online accounts – and they could effectively pretend to be you. This could have a massive negative impact if changes were made to your accounts, for instance, or the scammer communicated with your contacts while posing as you.

Viruses and Malware

A particularly devastating hazard with scam emails is that some links, when clicked on, could result in dangerous viruses or malware being downloaded onto your devices. This could enable scammers to harvest valuable information without your consent (and sometimes even without your knowledge) or prevent you from accessing the device altogether, making it unusable.

Financial Damage

One of the primary consequences for victims of an email scam is the financial cost. If you do click on a scam email and disclose any personal information, it can then be used to take money from accounts belonging to you and your family. Depending on exactly what information the cyber criminals obtain, this could result in significant and far-reaching financial losses and personal stress.

Hijacked Accounts

A scammer with access to your accounts could – once they're logged in as you – deny you entry. If they were to change the password, it would – in most cases – not allow you any further access. Even for accounts with little or no financial value attached, this could be hugely inconvenient: you could permanently lose data and files that you had invested a considerable amount of time in.

Personal Safety

Another danger of scam emails is that, in extreme cases, they could ultimately lead to a threat to your physical wellbeing. If someone is demanding to meet with you and has accessed your personal information (your address, for example), they could attempt to confront you in person – which is of course exceptionally dangerous. Losing control of sensitive information could put you in a vulnerable position.

Advice for Parents & Carers

Protect Personal Details

Never input any personal information into websites that you are unfamiliar with. If you were redirected onto a certain page by clicking a link in an email, entering your personal details could then give away your location or other key information to the scammer. This could then put you in physical danger as the cyber criminals would know exactly where to find and approach you.

Beware of Suspicious Emails

If you are unfamiliar with the sender, it's safest to simply not open an email. When an email makes you wary, mark it as junk (to reduce the chance of any recurring issues) and then delete it. Awareness of phishing is the primary method of defence against malicious emails. Once someone knows how to identify and deal with scam emails, they are far less likely to fall prey to them in future.

Check Spelling and Grammar

Pay close attention to any spelling mistakes or grammatical errors. Many scam emails can be spotted this way, as they often tend to contain these types of mistakes. Make sure your child knows that if they do spot this sort of tell-tale error and is not sure who the email came from, it's a good idea to either delete the email or report it to a trusted adult to prevent any possible future harm.

Access Sites Manually

If you or your child wish to visit a particular website, it's safest to avoid clicking on a link in an email to take you there. Instead, find the site through your search engine or manually type the address into your browser. This significantly reduces the possibility of being redirected to a bogus website where fraudsters could capture your personal information after you enter it.

Don't Open Dubious Attachments

If you or your child ever see any files as attachments in emails that you are uncertain about, do not download them or even click on them: this could result in your systems being infiltrated. If your devices at home do not already have anti-virus software, you should install some and ensure it is regularly updated. This will help you to detect and remove any dangerous files as soon as possible.

Meet Our Expert

Formed in 2016, KryptoCloud provides cyber security and resilience solutions to its customers. With offices in the UK, the company offers managed service operational packages including cyber security monitoring and testing, risk audit, threat intelligence and incident response.



SOURCES: <https://www.nosecurity-magazine.com/revised-education-cyber-security-opsal/>, <https://www.umpack.com/blog/cybersecurity-in-education-stats-2020/>

Half term Holiday Activities

South Gloucestershire Council

This leaflet lists the holiday clubs that will be running for children aged 5 to 16 years during the half term, **Tuesday 1st to Friday 4th June**.

The clubs are being delivered by Holiday Activities and Food Programme **approved providers**. These clubs require payment please see details below.

All activities listed below have been risk assessed by the provider and they have all the necessary DBS checks in place.



Progressive Sports creating happy, healthy and active experiences for your child during the school holidays at:

- Abbeywood Community School
- Blackhorse Primary School
- Bromley Heath Junior School
- Hanham Primary Federation (Hanham Abbots Juniors and Samuels Whites).
- Watermore Primary School

Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th May 8.30am-3.30pm daily

£17 per child, per day

The courses are open to children aged 4 to 13 years.

Over 20 sports on offer, from Zorb Football to Cricket, Archery to Frisbee, Glow Sports to Tennis – there is something for everyone!

To book, please click on <https://progressive-sports-south-glos-bristol.class4kids.co.uk/camps>





Swift Sports Coaching will be running their established holiday clubs from 3 sites this Half Term.

- St John's Mead Primary – Chipping Sodbury
- St Michael's Primary – Winterbourne
- Longwell Green Primary

For children from **4-13 years**

Tuesday 1st June - Friday 4th June

The days run from **8.45am to 3.30pm**

Activities will include Nerf Battlegrounds, Ninja Training, Archery, Skools Out, Football, Frisbee and lots more!

Price: **£16.50 per child per day** (10% sibling discount & 10% multi day discount if you book all 4 days)

To book please email bookings@swiftsportscoaching.co.uk or call **07537 991991**

For more information, please visit www.swiftsportscoaching.co.uk or find Swift Sports Coaching on Facebook.



Krunch South West will be open in The Pod at Thornbury Skate Park.

Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd June

11am – 2pm

For ages **10-18 years**

This will include, crafts, cooking, sports, games and bushcraft.

£1 entry to all activities. The Pod kitchen will also be open for drinks and snacks at additional cost.

For more information call 07735405175 or email Penny@krunch.org.uk

See the website www.krunch.org.uk for more details

Please note: for all bookings and enquiries please contact the providers directly.



South Gloucestershire Music

Future Talent – Applications are Open

Future Talent supports gifted young musicians from low-income backgrounds, providing a range of performance and development opportunities including mentoring, masterclasses and workshops led by inspiring professional musicians and educators.

They also provide young musicians with guidance from our dedicated Relationship Team and financial support towards musical expenses including instrument and equipment costs, lesson fees, residential courses and more.

Applications are open until 1 July 2021.

To apply, visit <https://www.futuretalent.org/join/programme>.

Songwriting Competition – Achievement for All for ages 11-19

Open to all 11-19 year olds.

We are looking for original music composition and lyrics, which can be performed by an individual or group of young people. It is important to note that this competition is judging the song writing and music composition, it is not a singing competition.

We welcome all genres of music, anything from opera to rap and beyond and have ensured that our judges have equally diverse musical backgrounds appreciating all music types.

The winner will get to record their winning song at Real World Studios with the support of a technical team, it will also be played on local radio stations and will be hosted as Achievement for All's theme song on the website.

Other prizes include vouchers for equipment and mentoring by a music industry professional. The competition opened to entrants on Wednesday 21st April 2021 and will close on Sunday July 25th 2021.

For more details, visit: Song Writing Competition – AFA Education (afamusic.org)



Year 11 Leaving Dates

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 28th 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 18th 8:40 - 10am is the leavers assembly, after which students will leave site.
- Friday 2nd July: Prom at The Grange, Winterbourne.
- Thursday 12th August GCSE results day.

Year 11 Prom

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 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 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.

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

