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Key dates

14th - 25th June	Year 7-9 Assessments
28th June - 9th July	Year 10 Assessments



How we do things here

Mobile phones come with so many benefits, but also some drawbacks. Our policy on mobile phones is designed to support students with their education and wellbeing. We have a mobile phone ban during the day to ensure students can concentrate in their lessons and get a break from the pressures of social media.

Between 8:40am and 3pm, if a phone (or headphones) are visible, staff will confiscate them and hand them in to reception. Reception will send you a text to let you know this has happened and will hand the phone back at the end of the day.

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.

Testing for Covid at home:

The government is urging students to take a Lateral Flow Covid test at home as they return to school. If any students have run out of tests, they can ask their tutor for more.

Year 9 Toilets:

As a Covid risk mitigation, each year group has had its own set of toilets, so the 'bubbles' don't mix. Year 9 had a small set of toilets at the end of B wing. Now that year 11 are moving to online learning, year 9 can have their much bigger and nicer toilets. So as of Monday 7th June, Year 9 will be using the toilets at the end of the Street, by C wing.



Musical opportunities

Some great music opportunities for students interested in Music. Spaces will fill up quickly, so make sure you click on the percussion works link to secure a space!

Miss Grierson 🎵

Escape Ten Masterclass

13/6/21 16.00-17.30

An interactive masterclass with the Escape Ten duo, joining us live from the USA! Watch them play and learn first-hand about their musical journey and experiences with a Q&A session giving you the chance to ask your percussive questions! This event is supported by Malletech. RSVP for free: <https://www.percworks.co.uk/event-details/escape-ten-annie-stevens-andrea-venet>

Dan Day - drummer for 'Dear Evan Hansen' - Masterclass

4/7/21 16.00-17.30

An interactive masterclass with Dan Day, the drummer for the west end musical 'Dear Evan Hansen'. Learn first-hand about his musical journey, experiences and what its like to play in a leading West End Musical. With a Q&A session giving you the chance to ask your drumming questions! RSVP for free: <https://www.percworks.co.uk/event-details/dan-day-west-end-drummer-for-dear-evan-hansen-2>

Colin Currie Masterclass

12/9/21 16.00-17.30

An interactive masterclass with the amazing solo & chamber percussionist, Colin Currie! Learn first-hand about his musical journey and experiences, repertoire and instrument choices, pedagogy and approach to practise. With a Q&A session giving you the chance to ask your percussive questions! RSVP for free:

<https://www.percworks.co.uk/event-details/colin-currie-solo-chamber-percussionist>

PercWorks Percussion Ensemble

Sundays in Term Time

It is not too late to sign up! If you're aged 11-18 and Grade 5+ standard please reply to this email to join! Our next rehearsal is 20/6/21 15.00-16.00. Email: director@percworks.co.uk & find out more here: <https://www.percworks.co.uk/percensemble>

PercWorks Allstar Drumline

Sundays in Term Time

It is not too late to sign up! If you're aged 11-18 and Grade 5+ standard please reply to this email to join! Our next rehearsal is 20/6/21 16.00-17.00. Email: director@percworks.co.uk & find out more here: <https://www.percworks.co.uk/digitaldrumline>



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 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.



Library



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In need of a good read but not sure where to start? JCA Library's Instagram account features regular themed reading lists and Book of the Week recommendations. Follow us **@jcalibrary** for some reading inspiration.

National Book Tokens big prize draw

Win £5,000 for your school's library! Nominate John Cabot Academy to win and you could take home £100 of National Book Tokens just for you:

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>



Overdue Library Books

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 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.



Student led fundraisers

Own Clothes Day & Cake Sale. On Thursday 27 May JCA held student led fundraisers for Save the Children and Islamic Relief who are working to provide humanitarian aid in Gaza. Many of our students feel very passionate about this issue and fundraising was a way of channeling their energies into something that will make a difference. Overall we raised £1006.82 which will be shared between Islamic Relief and Save the Children. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



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

