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# Key dates

14 <sup>th</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 7-9 Assessments				
28 <sup>th</sup> June - 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 10 Assessments				
w/c 21st June	Inter-community PE competitions				
28th June	Year 6 into 7 students information evening for Parents:				
2nd July	Inset Day				
8th July	Culture				
w/c 12th July	sports week				
21 July	End of Term				







#### How we do things here

Uniform is crucial to students' sense of belonging to the Academy, and so we have to be consistent in our expectations of students and their uniform. Covid has forced some changes in uniform upon us. One of which was allowing students to wear their own coats/jumpers in school as all the windows are open. Given that the weather is now much warmer, as of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, we are **not** going to allow students to wear their own jumpers or coats, nor hats in school.

As a reminder, our uniform is:

- White shirt
- Tie
- Black trousers or school shirt
- Black shoes (not trainers)

Blazers/V-neck jumper are both optional.

Students can continue to wear their PE kit on the days they have PE.

#### Remote learning / students isolating

If your child isn't in school, they need to log on to Show My Homework, where there will be work for them to match the lessons they should have that day.

Sometimes this will be remote learning, which is work for them to do independently. Sometimes it will be a live lesson, where they will follow a link to join their teacher on Microsoft Teams. All these tasks will be labelled remote learning.

For more information and help, please see our website <u>https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/wp-content/uploads/Remote-Learning\_key-info-for-parents-and-carers-3.pdf</u>







Assessments

#### Year 7 and 8 students

RE: MCQ Online Assessment

Continuing in week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> June, students in Years 7 and 8 will have online assessments in all of their subject areas. This is to help us understand where they are in their curriculum, which is especially important as we conclude their academic year and look to award their final DOYA grades in Term 6.

These online assessments are to be completed at home and can be accessed through Show My Homework. They will be available for our young people using the following timetable:

Year 7 Date		Subject	Subject		
	6/21/2021				
	6/22/2021	DT, Art, Food, Textiles			
	6/23/2021	PE	English (in class on paper)		
	6/24/2021	Computing			
	6/25/2021	Drama			
Year 8	Date	Subject	Subject		
	6/21/2021	PE	DT, Art, Food, Textiles		
	6/22/2021				
	6/23/2021	PE	English (in class on paper)		
	6/24/2021	Computing			
	6/25/2021	Drama			

Parents/carers are asked to support Years 7 and 8 by encouraging the following:

- Students should spend around 30 minutes on each test.
- Students should have a pen/pencil and paper in front of them whilst they access the tests so they can do workings out (this is especially useful in maths).
- Students can only complete each test once- they will be unable to 'retake' and so should ensure they are fully focused when they log in.

We have compiled a range of Frequently Asked Questions below, along with some 'Howto' videos. If you have concerns, which these do not resolve, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance. You can contact the tutors by:







- Asking your child to speak to them when they see them in school;
- By calling the school reception and leaving a message (please include the name of the tutor to ensure your query gets answered promptly).
- By emailing the school on <u>JCAinfo@clf.uk</u> and addressing your email FAO: tutor name

#### FAQs:

Q: My child doesn't know their log in to Show My Homework or EEDI. How do I find out what it is?

A: We have emailed your child(s) JCA account separately with their username and password for their MCQ tests <u>www.eedi.co.uk</u> If your log in doesn't work, please email <u>jcanoreply@clf.uk</u>. Your child can also ask their tutor to help them.

Q: How may tests should my child do in one sitting?

A: We recommend spending about 30 minutes on each test so we would recommend no more than 2 in one sitting. Your child will have a fortnight to complete all the tests and will not be expected to complete other homework during this assessment window.

Q: We don't have the right technology to access these at home- how can my child access the tests?

A: Please contact the school by phone or email (details above) to see how we can support you as a family. For example, we can provide some access to our computer rooms afterschool between 3-4pm Mondays to Thursdays but would need to book students in to ensure we have enough staff available to support.

We want to wish our Year 7s and 8s the best of luck in these online assessments; we can't wait to see their best efforts!

#### Year 9 End of Year Assessments:

Although many of our subjects are completely their end of term assessments in their usual classrooms, we wanted to give our Year 9s the opportunity to experience a full exam in our Exam Hall prior to the start of their GCSE years.

• 24<sup>th</sup> June Year 9 Science Paper AM







#### Year 10 End of Year Assessments:

Our Year 10s are also being given the opportunity to sit their first GCSE mocks in our Exam Halls. They have worked tirelessly (even in this most unusual year) and we want them to feel enormous success in celebrating all their have learned. Individual copies of their exam timetables will be shared with them next week but please do check out our <u>exam</u> <u>information</u> section on our website for some useful tips and ways to support each other.

Date	Start Time	Subject		
28/06/2021	10:00AM	Combined Science - Biology		
28/06/2021	10:00AM	Biology		
28/06/2021	1:00PM	Geography		
29/06/2021	10:00AM	History		
29/06/2021	1:00PM	Combined Science - Chemistry		
29/06/2021	1:00PM	Chemistry		
30/06/2021	10:00AM	Maths (Whole Year) Paper 1		
30/06/2021	1:00PM	English Language (Whole Year)		
01/07/2021	10:00AM	English Literature (Whole Year )		
01/07/2021	1:00PM	Maths ( Whole Year) Paper 2		
05/07/2021	10:00AM	Maths ( Whole Year) Paper 3		
05/07/2021	1:00PM	Drama		
05/07/2021	1:00PM	Computer Science Paper 1		
05/07/2021	1:00PM	Hospitality & Catering		
05/07/2021	1:30PM	Spanish Speaking Test Group A		
06/07/2021	10:00AM	Religious Studies		
06/07/2021	1:00PM	Spanish Listening & Reading Papers		
07/07/2021	10:00AM	Combined Science - Physics		
07/07/2021	10:00AM	Physics		
07/07/2021	1:00PM	Music		
07/07/2021	1:00PM	Design Technology		
08/07/2021	10:00AM	Computer Science Paper 2		
09/07/2021	10:00AM	Statistics		
09/07/2021	10:00AM	Spanish Writing (F, H)		
09/07/2021	1:30PM	Spanish Speaking Group B		

We wish all of our students' good luck in their final assessments this year; we cannot wait to see their best efforts!







Covid -19 testing

With up to 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 not displaying any symptoms, rapid testing remains a vital tool to help us stay ahead of the virus. The twice-weekly regular testing habit is as important as ever and we urge settings to continue to encourage testing and reporting all results on GOV.UK.

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

- We need to understand the amount of Covid circulating in the (school) community
- Reporting testing will not lead to more school closures
- You can report test results from your mobile as well as online
- Test and trace support payments are available to eligible parents who are asked to isolate as a result of their child's need to isolate

If you have not already given consent to your child/ren receiving Lateral Flow Tests from their tutor, please complete the attached form and we will make sure that they are added to our lists.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ViObpySMlkm0lMbibQtAkbQ\_NcFgcQJNkq\_zj6X2RrxhUNDZXQ0FLQUhVMVo5Q1RCWDJSSFBVVEJWMy4u







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## Get singing and playing this summer!

Over the summer Bristol Plays Music are opening their doors for two weeks of activities for young people to play, sing and explore their creativity.

These fun-packed weeks are for young people **aged 9 to 13** who will be going into **Year 5, 6, 7 and 8 in September 2021.** 

**Brass Band week** is taking place over **26 – 30 July** and for young brass musicians playing at **Grade 1-5** to play, socialise and make music together. <u>Find out more and book here.</u>

**Sing the Musicals** is taking place on the **2** - **6 August** where young vocalists will be able to get back to singing and performing the songs they love, from modern musicals to Disney songs they will be singing and dancing their way through this fun-packed week. **The only requirement for this week is enthusiasm!** Find out more and book here. Held at Bristol Plays Music's centre in Southmead there will be informal performances at the end of both weeks for parents and carers.

Running daily from **8.45am until 3.15pm** each course costs **£50 for the week**, we also offer bursaries for low income families.







## Parent/Carer controls for privacy - How to Set them up

Please refer to these guides for either iPhone or android devices.

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PE Clubs

PE CLUBS 2021 TERM 6								
Teacher	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri			
Mr Thomas	Year 10 Sports Science Exam revision (Physio Lab)	Year 7 Football (Large Astro)			Lunchtime Year 9 Football (Small Astro) Boots needed			
Mrs Church	Year 10 Health and Social Care (BF7)	All Year Rounders (Large Astro)						
Mr Wilson		Year 8 Climbing (Sport Hall)		Year 10 Sports Science Coursework (AF4)				
Mrs Harrold	All Year Tennis (Large Astro)	All Year Rounders (Large Astro)						
Mrs Price		Year 8 Dance (Dance Studio)						
Miss Major	All Year Tennis (Large Astro)	All Year Rounders (Large Astro)						









#### Library

#### @jcalibrary on Instagram



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 book related 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.







#### 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: - <u>https://www.scopay.com/john-cabot-ac</u>

#### Finance Queries

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

