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Key dates

w/c 12th July	Sports week - our alternative to Sports Day this year
13th July	Year 10 Drama Devising Performance Exam
16th July	6:30pm - Our Virtual Summer Concert is released on YouTube
21 July	End of Term



PE kit notice

John Cabot Academy PE kit expectations 2021/2022; ALL year groups

Thank you for all your support with ensuring students have been able to come into school in PE kit on their PE lesson days this academic year. We felt that now was a good time to review our PE kit policy, taking on board feedback from parents and students.

From September 2021, the only 2 items of compulsory JCA logo branded PE kit for **all** year groups will be the JCA logo polo shirt and the JCA logo hoodie.

Otherwise, we just ask that students wear navy shorts/joggers. Please avoid external zips, button/studded external pockets that you can get on fashion wear. We want to keep students safe.

Full details are in the uniform section of our website.

We hope by removing some of the expensive branded items and allowing plain navy blue, parents/carers will find it more affordable. Should your child grow out of their PE kit we gladly take donations of second-hand logo items. They can be handed in to the PE office by students and redistributed.



JCA open Evening

If you yourselves are prospective parents for younger children, or you know friends that are, please do encourage them to visit JCA at one of our Open Events in September.



Welcome to John Cabot Academy

Based in the heart of Kingswood, we are very proud to serve our diverse local community.

Originally one of the city's technical colleges, in 2007 we converted into a secondary academy for local students, removing all admissions tests and interviews from the application process. Our admissions policy is now purely distance based, so the closer you are,

the more likely you are to get in, with 95% of students coming from within two miles of John Cabot Academy.

Our vision is simple, we want our students to thrive academically; flourish and grow as young people. When they leave us they will have a strong sense of self, their place in the world and the agency to fulfil their potential.

Join our open evening

14th September 2021 4-7pm

See the website for more details:
www.johncabotacademy.clf.uk/open-event

Take an academy tour

Various dates available

Call **0117 976 3000** or email jcainfo@clf.uk to book.



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www.johncabotacademy.clf.uk





Empower.

Inspire through Learning.
Nurture the Individual.
Raise our Community.



Dear Year 6 Parent/Carer,

I would like to personally invite you and your family to visit us at John Cabot Academy and take a tour. At John Cabot we understand that making the right choice for your child's secondary education is one of the most important decisions you will have to make. Therefore we are providing these informative sessions for those parents considering our academy, to answer all the questions and any concerns that you and your child may have about making the best choice of school for your family.

We know that John Cabot traditionally has a reputation for tests and bussing students from all over Bristol and as such you may not have considered applying to us as you were worried about getting in. All of that has gone, we are now a highly inclusive local Academy with no entrance tests. I would encourage you to take up the opportunity of the tour, to meet key staff and ask all the questions that we know are essential to helping you make your choice. There is also further information on our website www.johncabotacademy.clf.uk as well as a virtual tour and a recording of our open evening.

There are lots of times and dates available for tours until the end of October 2020. Please call 0117 976 3000 or email jcainfo@clf.uk to find out more and reserve your space. I look forward to welcoming you to our academy.

Yours faithfully,
Ms K Willis
Principal



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Our Big Summer of Fun

Our John Cabot Academy Big Summer of Fun 2021 is running from Monday 9th – Friday 13th August and will offer our young people and our wider community opportunities to learn, play and make new friends this summer.

Provided by Mendip Outdoor Pursuits, our Big Summer of Fun will include:

<https://www.mendipactivitycentre.co.uk/>,

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- Archery
- Map Reading, Orienteering and Journey Planning
- Team Building and Team Games
- Mindfulness and Personal well-being
- Environmental Awareness and Survival Skills
- Team Games

SUMMER SCHOOL ADVENTURES with MENDIP OUTDOOR PURSUITS	
 <p>ON TARGET</p>	<p>Our 'On-Target' Activity Days include a combination of: Archery, Archery Active, Axe Throwing and Frisbee Golf Activity Sessions.</p> <p>This day is focused on learning new skills, trying new activities and having fun. Students will develop both individual skill and technique.</p> 
 <p>EXPEDITION</p>	<p>Our 'Expedition Adventure Day' includes a combination of: Map Reading, Journey Planning, Risk Management followed by an instructor led journey to a local landmark.</p> <p>This day starts with an Introduction to map reading session, a discussion on journey planning and on risk management. After the break, the students will then undertake a journey to a local landmark, such as the area's highest point. Along the way they will work as a team to motivate each other & undertake their mini expedition.</p> 
 <p>TEAMWORK</p>	<p>Our 'Team Work Activity Day' includes a combination of: Team Building Challenges, Pioneering, Team Games, Personal well-being & mindfulness</p> <p>This day is focused on team development. The group will do sessions of problem solving challenges, team games and pioneering throughout the day. During each of the activities we will be a focus on what makes a good team. We will explore the attributes of being a good leader and a good follower, with plenty of opportunities for planning and review.</p> 
 <p>SURVIVAL</p>	<p>Our 'Survival Day' includes a combination of: Environmental Awareness/ Bush-craft and Survival Skills</p> <p>The day includes a fun Bush-craft session which will be focused on fire-lighting, survival skills and shelter building; An outdoor learning session, will focus on a wide range of environmental issues such as plastic pollution, climate change and the threat to natural habitats The third session involves more practical, fun activities such as building a wind turbine & creating bug shelters.</p> 
 <p>JUST FOR FUN</p>	<p>Our 'Just for fun' Adventure Day includes a combination of: Team Games, Competitions and Orienteering around the school site</p> <p>This day will be focused on fun games & competitions. The day will also have a chance to review there time with us and reflect what they have achieved from it.</p> 

What is the JCA Big Summer of Fun?

The project is supported by the Government's significant additional funding to support pupil transition from Year 6 to year 7. So our incoming year 7 pupils will be attending *for free*.

Department for Education (DfE) research estimates that the impact of the pandemic on learning has been significant. The DfE has also stated that children and young people's mental health suffered during lockdown.

At the Cabot Learning Federation, our strong commitment to our HEART values means that we are both determined and well placed to support children in communities who have been the most adversely affected by the past year by providing opportunities for them to re-engage, play and experience a joy-filled programme of activities this summer.



The Big Summer of Fun at the Cabot Learning Federation will prepare all of our young people for success by focusing on five key areas:

- Providing a broader benefit for families and communities
- Supporting our most vulnerable children and young people
- Continuing an open conversation about pupil mental health and wellbeing
- Improving education engagement
- Helping Year 6 pupils to transition with social skills, learning and making friends

Get involved!

We have a very few spaces left for incoming year 7 students (or local students in year 5), if you would like to find out more information about the Big Summer of Fun at John Cabot Academy, please contact jcainfo@clf.uk



Football Camp

Bristol Robins Summer Football Camp at City Academy and Evergreen Primary Academy
22 July to 31 August 2021.

Follow the link [here](#) for the application form.



**ROBINS
FOUNDATION**

IGNITION!

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME.

Fun covid secure holiday programme for young people aged between 6 - 12 years

Date 10AM - 2PM	Venue
Thursday 22nd July - Friday 23rd July	Evergreen Primary Academy, BS5 0YR
Monday 26th July - Friday 30th July	City Academy, BS5 9JH
Monday 2nd August - Friday 6th August	Evergreen Primary Academy
Monday 9th August - Friday 13th August	City Academy
Monday 16th August	City Academy
Tuesday 17th August - Friday 20th August	Evergreen Primary Academy
Monday 23rd August - Friday 27th August	City Academy
Tuesday 31st August - Wednesday 1st September	Netham Park, BS5 9RX

Nutritious Food Provided

Contact sam.smith@bcfc.co.uk or phone 07899 991983 for more information and to book your place, and to express your interest. Spaces are limited to 50 children a day.

FREE







Creative Technology Summer School



Want to solve problems and have a positive impact in the world?

Learn the skills to design and create your own digital product, to take home and use!

FREE Creative Technology Summer School at Wellbeing Settlement @ Barton Hill

The Digimakers Summer School is organised by the University of Bristol and takes place 3-5 August. It offers young people aged between 10-15 years old the opportunity to bring their ideas to life, by designing and creating a digital product.

Over three consecutive days, participants will use the BBC Microbit computer and sensors, to prototype a product of their choice, that solves a problem we face in our everyday lives. They will develop programming skills, learn about electronics, while gaining an insight into tech related careers.

Take part in an exciting deep dive into science, technology, engineering, design and maths skills. Useful for anyone who enjoys, making, playing and creating and is thinking about a career in design, technology or engineering.

WHERE: University of Bristol's Micro-Campus at Wellspring Settlement, 43 Ducie Road, Bristol, BS5 0AX

WHEN:

Tuesday 3rd August – 9:30 – 14:00

Wednesday 4th August – 9:30 – 14:00

Thursday 5th August – 9:30 – 14:00

WHO: Students aged 10 – 15 years

EXPERIENCE LEVEL: Beginner

EQUIPMENT NEEDED: Packed Lunch

SIGN UP: Please fill in the application form available here:

<https://www.digimakers.co.uk/digimakers-summer-school-2021>



APPLICATION PROCESS:

Deadline for Applications is TUESDAY 27th July 2021 (23:59). Applicants will be notified on or before THURSDAY 28th July 2021.

Please Note: There are limited spaces on this programme. If oversubscribed, we will prioritise students who:

- are part of the first generation in their family to go to university
- attend an aspiring state school or college
- live in an area of low participation in higher education
- are a BAME (Black, Asian, & Minority Ethnic) student
- are or have been eligible for free school meals
- have spent three or more months in local authority care
- are currently an estranged student.

Please email engf-outreach@bristol.ac.uk if you have any queries.

Report and Remove

HOW TO GET YOUR IMAGE REMOVED



Nude image of you online?
We can help take it down.

If you're under 18 and a nude image or video of you has been shared online, you can report it to be removed from the internet. You'll need to:

- Select your age and follow the steps below.
- Create a Childline account so we can send you updates on your report.
- Report your image or video to the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF).

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/remove-nude-image-shared-online/>



NHS 24 mental health support

NHS 24 mental health support line for anyone to call should they have a concern for someone's mental health.



<http://www.awp.nhs.uk/advice-support/24-hour-support/>

Ordering Uniform via Trutex

We've met with representatives for Trutex in the last week and they assure us that all supplies of uniform are in for September so there should be no delays in delivery. If your order is delayed, please can you email jcainfo@clf.uk, telling us the name and address used in the order and we can chase this up with Trutex.

Full details of our uniform required for September are on our website: <https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/uniform/>

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 https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/wp-content/uploads/Remote-Learning_key-info-for-parents-and-carers-3.pdf



Year 9 Assessments

The planned exams will happen in school and have been re-arranged following dates:

Monday 12th July: PM Maths
Tuesday 13th July: PM Science

Due to the change in when these exams are running, Year 9 student reports will not include the results of these particular assessments in their summer reports. We will share the results with you in early September 2021.

Year 11 Leavers Assembly

On Friday 18 June we were very fortunate to be able to hold our annual Year 11 Leavers' assembly. It was a very special event for the students and staff that attended. As students arrived at school, following their test, they were able to sign each other's shirts outside in the sun and then we seated them in the main hall in their tutor groups ready for the assembly to start. During the assembly, several student performances took place, as well as a performance involving staff. They were presented with awards from their teachers and awards that they had nominated each other for. It was a morning full of excitement, memories, and emotion. We looked back at pictures from the last 5 years, some of them haven't changed at all, some very much! There was a lot to celebrate for what has been a friendly, bright, and fantastic year group. They will be missed, and we wish them all the best for the next chapter of their lives and all those to come.

The Year 11 staff team and all the staff at JCA wish them happiness and success.



JCA Culture Day - Thursday 8th July

On Thursday 8th July, we celebrated our diverse student population with our first ever Culture Day. We invited students and staff to participate in our 'world food tasting' stalls and by wearing their own cultural clothing



Virtual Summer Concert - Friday 16th July

On Thursday 15th July we will be recording all items ready for our summer concert! Ideally, we would love to have an 'in-person' audience, but this is unfortunately not possible due to covid restrictions. Therefore, we will be streaming a pre-recorded concert featuring students from Year 7 to Year 13, performing music in a variety of genres and instruments.

The virtual concert will be premiered on our JCA Performing Arts YouTube channel on Friday 16th July at 6.30pm.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCESlwLXfkBZE43cBSvWKmDA>

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

