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Key Dates

14 th September	JCA Open Evening – School Finishing 14:40 to Pupils
27 th September	Year 11 Parents Evening Academy Council
3 rd October	UKMT Senior Maths Netball and Football Tour Parents Evening
5 th October	Nasal Flu Immunization (years 7 – 11)
9 th - 18 th October	Year 11 Mock Exams
12 th October	Anti-Bullying Working Group
17 th October	Acoustic Night
18 th October	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening
19 th October	CLF INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
20 th October	CLF INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils





23rd - 27th October

Half Term - School Closed

30th October

First Day Back of Term 2

Principal's message – Weather Conditions

The wonderful weather which welcomed us back last week has prompted me to write to you to describe the actions we take in the event of adverse weather.

Hot Weather

The site team prepare the building in the morning by closing blinds, opening windows and doors, turning on fans etc. in order to keep cooler air moving around the building. Where the weather is forecast to be over 30 degrees, we will advise students to wear PE kit. We will email you if this is the case.

Please do ensure your child has a drinks bottle which can be refilled at the water fountains during the day.

Our student council towards the end of last year began discussing changing the school uniform to include tailored shorts as well as trousers. This is a wonderful example of us empowering our students to make positive change in the school. I will continue to work with the student council on this idea and will communicate it to you when we have all agreed the change.

Cold Weather

The site team prepare the site and building in the morning by salting the paths, ensuring the heating is on etc. As such it is not necessary for students to wear coats in the building.

If the weather conditions are so adverse, e.g. thick snow, that we deem it unsafe to open, we would message you as early as possible in the morning. Therefore please do ensure we have up to date email and phone numbers for you.

Kate Willis

Principal

JCA Routines – Uniform

Our students look really smart in our uniform. Please do ensure your child(ren) have the correct uniform both for PE and for normal lessons.

Wearing a uniform helps all of us to feel part of a wider community of which we are all proud to be part. Students not in the correct uniform will spend time in the SLR if they are unable to borrow the right piece





and this is not the way we want our community to start the year. A reminder of our uniform expectations is below; please support us in being prepared for September.

PE Kit

We only wear PE kit on our PE days. Student timetables will be shared on the first day back (Tuesday 5th September for Year 7 or Wednesday 6th September for all other year groups). Your child(ren) should attend that day in their normal school uniform.

PE Days Academic Year 2023-2024

Year 7: (X) Tuesday, Thursday

(Y) Wednesday, Friday

Year 8: (X) Monday, Wednesday

(Y) Wednesday, Thursday

Year 9: (X) Monday, Tuesday

(Y) Monday, Friday

Year 10: (X) Thursday

(Y) Tuesday

Year 11: (X) Friday

(Y) Thursday

Outer layers:

Students are not able to wear outer layers when inside the school building. This means that students, should they wish to wear anything over their shirt and tie or PE top, must have one of the following:

School blazer

School jumper

PE hoodie (these may be worn over 'regular' school uniform as well as over PE kit).

Please do ensure your child/children have at least one of the above that fits them. Any concerns, please do contact the pastoral team.





Uniform

Tie*	JCA clip-on tie.
Jumper*	Dark blue, v-neck, with blue piping at the neck.
Trousers	Black tailored trousers with a crease, reaching to the ankle. Must not be skin tight. Jeans, leggings or other fashion styles are not permitted.
Shirt	White, long or short sleeve, buttoning to the neck to be worn with a tie.
Tights	Black, grey or neutral.
Socks	White, black, grey or neutral.
School shoes	Black, leather, substantial (not trainers, daps or boots). See guidance below on acceptable styles of shoe.





Shoes Examples of acceptable styles:



Examples of acceptable styles:



Unacceptable Styles



The above types of trainers/pumps/plimsolls/daps are not acceptable footwear for school for our students.







PF Kit

Compulsory items	Required but can be JCA or plain
JCA logo polo shirt JCA logo hoodie Sports trainers (any colour)	JCA blue football socks <u>or</u> plain navy blue football socks JCA logo shorts/skort <u>or</u> plain navy blue shorts JCA logo tracksuit bottoms <u>or</u> plain navy blue jogging bottoms JCA logo sports jacket <u>or</u> plain waterproof sports jacket
Additional items	Not allowed in PE
JCA branded blue leggings (optional) Football boots – please wait until the start of the year when PE classes who need them will be informed	Leggings that are not from the Trutex Lycra shorts / cycling shorts Daps High top basketball style trainers Non-JCA logo hoodies or t-shirts Tights worn under shorts (sport 'skins' allowed under shorts)

Kind regards

Gemma Read

Vice Principal

Canteen

We are experiencing a few technical difficulties with the canteens payment system, which means that occasionally a student's account appears not to have any money. If your child experiences this, please can you ask them to:

- Visit the Finance office to speak to Ms Day (Finance Assistant)
- The Finance Assistant will then check the students SCOPAY account to check if they have money in their account.
- The Finance Assistant will then go with your child to confirm with the canteen that there are sufficient funds in the account for items to be purchased. If there are not enough funds, we will advise the account holder.
- We will log any issues with our IT Department and the catering team so that they can be fixed. Thank you in advance for your patience with this as we try to resolve these issues.





Car Park

At the end of the day, we operate a 'one way' system through the car park. We ask parents to 'queue' in their cars through the car park and down Woodside Road. At 3pm, the school gates will open and parents will be able to drive on the road through the school and out onto Britannia Road through the Kingswood Foundation.

This is a safety precaution, many of our students walk home down Woodside Road, if we have cars trying to drive both ways, they have to mount the kerb which is dangerous when many students are walking on the pavement.

Nasal Flu Information

The Nasal Flu vaccine is being offered to all students at school. Having the vaccine will help protect them from what can be a very nasty illness.

Consent forms have been sent to all today, but further information can be found on the following leaflet https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters

Please do send your consent forms as soon as possible to book your child in https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23

Auditions for the School Production

School Production auditions & meeting - Monday 11th September 3.15pm-4.15pm Main hall

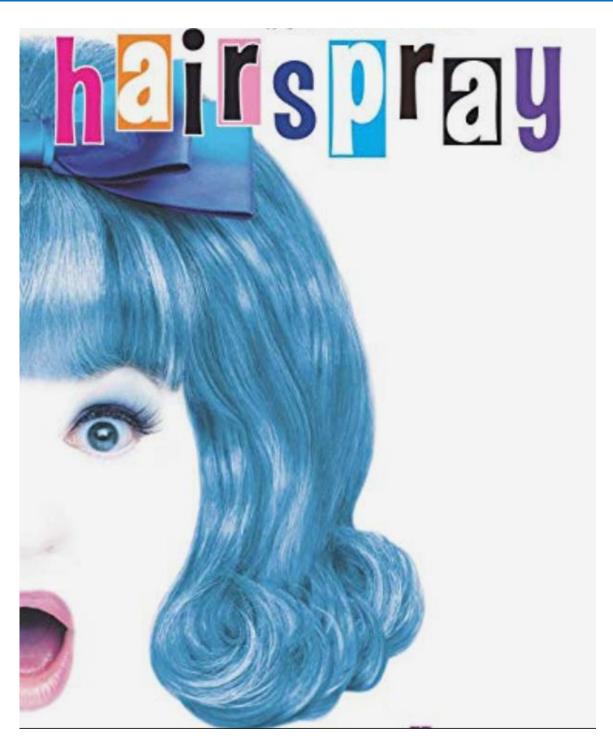
This year our production will be 'Hairspray' telling the story of dance-loving teen Tracy Turnblad. She auditions for a spot on "The Corny Collins Show" and wins. She becomes an overnight celebrity, a trendsetter in dance, fun and fashion. Perhaps her new status as a teen sensation is enough to topple Corny's reigning dance queen and bring racial integration to the show.

If you are interested in auditioning for a lead role, they should check the board in the main school foyer for songs they need to learn. Alternatively, if you are keen to be involved in the chorus, a dancer or in another role such as backstage support, tech team or the live band, please come along on Monday 11th September.

Any questions can be directed to Ms Grainger or Ms Grierson







Charlotte Grierson

Curriculum Leader for Performing Arts





Drum Taster Sessions



There will be a free drum taster session for anyone who does not have lessons on **Tuesday 12th September**.

Please use the sign-up sheet in the Music Department or speak to Miss Grierson or Mr Shepherd.

Richard Shepherd

Music Tuition Co-ordinator

Clubs Term 1







SPORTS CLUBS TERM 1

3:15-4:15pm

Year	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Year 7	Boys' Football Netball	Badminton		Dance Girls' Football	
Year 8	Boys' Football Netball	Badminton		Dance Girls' Football	
Year 9	Boys' Football Netball	Badminton		Dance Girls' Football	
Year 10	Basketball* Netball	Boys' Football		Dance Girls' Football	
Year 11	Basketball* Netball			Dance Girls' Football	

Note: Please meet for clubs outside the Sports hall.
Unless stated, clubs are boys and girls

Clubs start Mon 11th of Sept. No clubs Thu 14th of Sept.

*For basketball club, please sign up in the PE office (limited spaces).









Enrichment Clubs TERM 1 3:15-4:15pm

Year	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Year 7	Hairspray Rehearsal Dungeons & Dragons Club	Drama Club Warhammer Club	Art Club Environment Club	Hairspray Rehearsal (Principal roles)	Choir
Year 8	Hairspray Rehearsal Dungeons & Dragons Club	Drama Club Warhammer Club	Environment Club	Hairspray Rehearsal (Principal roles)	Choir
Year 9	Hairspray Rehearsal Dungeons & Dragons Club	Drama Club Warhammer Club	Environment Club	Hairspray Rehearsal (Principal roles)	Choir
Year 10	Hairspray Rehearsal Dungeons & Dragons Club	Drama Coursework Warhammer Club	Environment Club	Hairspray Rehearsal (Principal roles) Music coursework	Choir
Year 11	Hairspray Rehearsal Dungeons & Dragons Club	Drama Coursework Warhammer Club	Environment Club	Hairspray Rehearsal (Principal roles) Music Coursework	Choir

