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Key Dates

19 th September – 18 th October	Various bookable Open Day tours Eventbrite
28 th September	Year 11 Parents Evening Online
20 th October	INSET Day, school closed to pupils
21 st October	INSET Day, School Closed to Pupils Last Day of Term
31 st October	Start of Term 2

Punctuality

We would like to thank all parents/carers and students for making a great start in the first weeks back to school. Children who attend on time every day during the first weeks are better settled into the changes that happen in new academic year, and therefore more readily able to access learning than those who miss out.

At John Cabot Academy, we want and expect our students to attend school every day, unless they are really not well enough to. We believe that children who attend school regularly and on time are more likely to feel settled in school, maintain friendships, keep up with their learning and gain the greatest benefit from their education. Attending school on time every day also helps students form good habits which can stay with them throughout their educational journey and on into the workplace.

We are very proud of the way that the pupils come into school in the morning. Almost all our pupils arrive on time. This is extremely important, as being punctual to school is not only essential for the pupil's own learning, it encourages habits of good timekeeping and lessens any possible classroom disruption. When a pupil arrives late, they miss important events like teacher instructions and introductions, this can seriously disadvantage pupils.

- Students can arrive at school from 08:20
- All students are expected to arrive at school in good time for the start of the school day at 08:40am.
- If a student arrives at school after 08:40am, they will be marked in the register as late.
- Any students arriving after 08:45 will be sent to the Separated Learning Room (SLR)
- Students should attend school on every day the school is open, unless they are really not well enough to.
- If a student will be late due to a medical appointment or transport issues, parents/carers should inform Reception as soon as possible on 0117 9763000

Please be aware that, any students arriving more than 5 minutes late will be expected to attend a 15 minute restorative meeting at the end of the day to discuss reason for lateness.

Please remember that we are here to help in any way we can. If you have any concerns about your child that you wish to discuss with the academy, please do contact us by telephone on 0117 9763000 or via email on JCAinfo@clf.uk . If we cannot help directly, we will work with you to help you find the support needed.

Thank you for your continued support.

Gemma Read
Vice Principal

Year 8 Pastoral Team Leader – Mr Sherwood



We are delighted to announce that Mr Sherwood, one of our wonderful Science teachers, is our new Pastoral Team Leader in year 8. He will work together with Miss Dunnill and the tutor team to support our students with all of their pastoral needs.

If you do have any concerns about your child and would like to contact Mr Sherwood, please do call or email jcainfo@clf.uk and he will get back to you within the usual 5 days, unless urgent

Sports and Extra Curricular Clubs Term 1



SPORTS CLUBS TERM 1

Year	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Year 7	Netball Boys Rugby	Girls Football Badminton Mountain Biking		Basketball Dance	
Year 8	Netball Boys Rugby	Girls Football Badminton Mountain Biking		Basketball Dance	
Year 9	Netball Boys Rugby	Girls Football Badminton Mountain Biking		Basketball Dance	
Year 10	Netball Basketball	Girls Football Mountain Biking Boys Football		Dance	
Year 11	Netball Basketball	Girls Football Mountain Biking		Dance	

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





$$E = (a_1, b_1) \times (a_2, b_2); b_2 = \infty$$

Extra-Curricular Clubs Term 1

Year	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Year 7	Choir Dungeons & Dragons Club	School Production Warhammer Club		Drama Club	Choir
Year 8	Choir Dungeons & Dragons Club	School Production Warhammer Club	Art Club	Drama Club	Choir
Year 9	Choir Dungeons & Dragons Club	School Production Warhammer Club KS4 Art Club	DofE		Choir
Year 10	Choir Dungeons & Dragons Club	School Production Warhammer Club KS4 Art Club	DofE	GCSE Drama Coursework	Choir
Year 11	Choir GCSE Drama Coursework GCSE Geography	School Production KS4 Art Club CSE Further Maths GCSE Statistics English Revision		GCSE Drama Coursework GCSE Music Coursework GCSE Maths GCSE Further Maths GCSE Geography	Choir



Performing Arts Extra-Curricular Clubs

Performing Arts Enrichment

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JCA Choir Music AG10 3 - 4pm (all students & staff welcome) • Year 11 Drama coursework AF4 3 - 4pm
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Production 'Annie' rehearsals Main hall 3 - 4.30pm
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCSE Music rehearsals Music dept 3 - 4.30pm • Tech Team Main hall 3 - 4pm
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS3 Drama club Main hall 3 - 4pm • Y10 Drama coursework AF4 3 - 4pm • Y11 Music coursework Music AG10 3 - 4pm
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JCA Choir Music AG10. 3 - 4pm (all students & staff welcome)



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Performing Arts Events

Thursday 13th October	Acoustic Night Main hall, 6.30pm (all welcome)
Friday 18th November	Children in Need big sing Foyer, breaktime & lunchtime (everyone welcome)
Saturday 19th November	Kingswood Winter celebrations Kings Chase centre
Tuesday 13th December	JCA Winter Concert Main hall, 6.30pm (all welcome)
Wednesday 14th December	Year 7 Pantomime trip Hippodrome theatre, return reply slip by 30th November



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Free School Meals



Free Lunch?

South Gloucestershire Council
Delivering for you

BRISTOL BEARS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Applying for free school meals could save you up to £414 per year, per child.

You can check if you are eligible by using our online application form at: www.southglos.gov.uk/schoolmeals
For more information, speak to your child's school.

Your child could be entitled to free school meals.

You may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You can check if you are eligible by using our online application form at: www.southglos.gov.uk/schoolmeals
For more information, speak to your child's school.

The quickest way to complete your free school meal application is online.

The Contact Centre is here to help and support those who are unable to access this service or require support in their online application. Contact **01454 868008** for more information.

Year 11 Students – Post 16 Choices

We are delighted to have some of our main Post-16 providers visiting the school over the next few weeks to provide “pop-up” information stands. This will provide a great opportunity for our Year 11s to equip themselves to make the best choices for their next step (alongside attending provider Open Events). Please do encourage your Year 11 child to visit and speak with the providers to find out more about the huge range of courses on offer, and to ask any questions they may have:

What: Post 16 Provider “pop-up” stands
Where: Main Corridor
When: During year 11 Lunch Break (12.10 -12.40)

Dates:

Tuesday 27/9	St Brendan’s 6th Form College Boomsatsuma Education
Tuesday 4/10	CLF Post 16
Tuesday 11/10	Access Creative College
Thursday 13/10	City of Bristol College

Free Music Masterclass

We have a fabulous opportunity for music students who are **grade 6+ on a string instrument or piano** to come along to a **free** morning session with the Aquinas Piano Trio, one of England’s leading ensembles on Saturday 1st October 2022.

The trio will perform a short programme, talk about their career and have a Q & A session with the audience.

There is opportunity for some students to take part in a masterclass with the performers and potentially for all to play with the trio.

The event will take place during our Saturday Morning Music Centre at Backwell School, 10.30am-12.30pm

Charlotte Grierson
Curriculum Leader for Performing Arts

Mentoring Support

Mentoring Support for Young People in South Glos

Mentoring support for LGBTQ+ Young People - for more information <https://www.diversitytrust.org.uk/young-peoples-services/>

Black Families Education Support Group Mentoring Programme - support for BAME children and young people in relation to ethnicity and racism. Find out more at <https://www.educationequals.org.uk>

Stand Against Racism & Inequality (SARI) - mentoring support for young people who have been targeted by hate crime or hate incidents. To find out more please visit <https://saricharity.org.uk>

Support for Families in South Glos

FFLAG - support organisation for families or friends of LGBTQ+ young people <https://www.fflag.org.uk/fflag-bristol/>



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Groups for



People in South Glos

**Alphabets LGBTQ+ Youth (ages 13-19) -
an LGBTQ youth café in Yate every month.**

Phone 01454 869 441

Email info@yatearmadillo.co.uk

Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/LGBTQyate

**Website: [https://www.diversitytrust.org.uk/
young-peoples-services/](https://www.diversitytrust.org.uk/young-peoples-services/)**

**Creative Youth Network LGBTQ+ Young People Wellbeing Sessions
- a safe space for LGBTQ+ young people aged 11-19 <https://www.creativeyouthnetwork.org.uk/lgbt-wellbeing-group>**

**Alphabets LGBTQ+ Adults Wellbeing Sessions (18+) - second Sunday
every month at the Armadillo, Station Road, Yate from 7-9pm
<https://www.diversitytrust.org.uk/wellbeing-services/>**