

[Click here to access the Student Navigator.](#) The student navigator page contains links to all the pages you will need if you are learning from home.

[Click here to access a guide to INSIGHT,](#) our student information system.

## Contents

Key Dates.....	1
JCA Routines – Mobile Phones and Headphones.....	2
Insight.....	2
Curriculum: What We’re Teaching and What Our Students are Learning About.....	3
Social Media.....	3
Nasal Flu Information – Final Week for Booking .....	4
Clubs and Extra Curricular Activities .....	4
Canteen – Greek Day.....	5
Post 16 Choices for Year 11 Students.....	6
CLF Post 16 Open Evening.....	8
Exam Invigilator Vacancy.....	8
Free Events for JCA Students.....	9

---

### Key Dates

---

27 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 11 Parents Evening – <b>In person not online</b> Academy Council
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	UKMT Senior Maths Netball and Football Tour Parents Evening
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Nasal Flu Immunization (years 7 – 11)
9 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 11 Mock Exams
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Anti-Bullying Working Group
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Acoustic Night
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening
19 <sup>th</sup> October	CLF INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils

20 <sup>th</sup> October	CLF INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term – School Closed
30 <sup>th</sup> October	First Day Back of Term 2

---

### *JCA Routines – Mobile Phones and Headphones*

---

Whilst your child(ren) are in our care during the school day (08:40- 15:00), we do not allow them to use their mobile phones. This is important as part of our safeguarding procedures and, whilst we educate young people on how to use technology responsibly, this site ban has been an excellent way to reduce unwanted online activity including cyber bullying within our community over the last 3 years.

If we do confiscate your child's phone/headphones, it is because they have not followed our expectations; please be aware that we keep these in named secure bags in reception and they are returned to students at the end of the day by Mr Williams.

#### **What can you do to support this?**

A real pinch point in the day is when students wish to buy food at break (which begins at 09:30 for some) and lunch and they find they have no money on their scopy accounts. Please take the time to check their funds the evening before so that they are not having to contact you in the school day (they have a short window of time at break and lunch to queue, collect their food, eat and relax with their friends that any delay can make our young people very unhappy).

Thank you in advance for supporting us in this important routine.

Gemma Read  
**Vice Principal**

---

### *Insight*

---

As you may recall from our newsletter last year, we have moved to a new database within the school. But it meant that Insight stopped working. I know how much you valued the information available to you on the app, so we will replace it with My Child At School (which you may be familiar with from Primary schools). This is going to launch in January. Thank you for your patience while we prepare to launch it.

Kind regards  
Kate Willis  
**Principal**

---

## *Curriculum: What We're Teaching and What Our Students are Learning About*

---

The autumn term is in full flow, and there's lots of exciting topics being explained left, right and centre in all our classrooms. Parents and carers can find overviews of every subject on the curriculum page on the JCA website. <https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/curriculum-statement/>

Want to know what year 8 are learning about in geography this term? Choose geography on the left-hand side and scroll down to the curriculum plan. Year 10 in computer science? Do the same!

### **Kate Searle**

Assistant Principal Curriculum, Teaching and Learning

---

## *Social Media*

---

We have a school Facebook page for you to follow



### **John Cabot Academy**

160 likes • 251 followers

There is also a parent-led page, John Cabot Academy UK, Parent Group which is a private page for parents to share information



### **John Cabot Academy UK, Parent Group**

*Nasal Flu Information – Final Week for Booking*

If you have not completed the below link for your child(ren) to receive the nasal flu vaccine, please can you do so this week so that they can have this on the 5<sup>th</sup> October

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

*Clubs and Extra Curricular Activities*

As well as the clubs and activities running, we have the following groups which are starting up. To find out more information, or to join these groups, please speak to the relevant staff member:

**LGBTQ** – Ms Goodyear will be running this weekly

**Gender Equalities** – Ms Corrigan will run this Monday tutor time fortnightly, starting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

**Young Carers** – Ms Dickson will arrange a time convenient for students who wish to join

**Bronze Duke of Edinburgh** – Mr Fuller will be speaking to the Year 9 group and sending out information during Term 1 to sign up. Silver will follow later in the year.

**Equalities Council** – Ms Grierson runs this in alternative Wednesday during tutor time



Year	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>Year 7</b>	Boys' Football Netball	Badminton		Dance Girls' Football	
<b>Year 8</b>	Boys' Football Netball	Badminton		Dance Girls' Football	
<b>Year 9</b>	Boys' Football Netball	Badminton		Dance Girls' Football	
<b>Year 10</b>	Basketball* Netball	Boys' Football		Dance Girls' Football	
<b>Year 11</b>	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
<b>Year 7</b>	Hairspray Rehearsal Dungeons & Dragons Club	Drama Club Warhammer Club	Art Club Environment Club	Hairspray Rehearsal (Principal roles)	Choir
<b>Year 8</b>	Hairspray Rehearsal Dungeons & Dragons Club	Drama Club Warhammer Club	Environment Club	Hairspray Rehearsal (Principal roles)	Choir
<b>Year 9</b>	Hairspray Rehearsal Dungeons & Dragons Club	Drama Club Warhammer Club	Environment Club	Hairspray Rehearsal (Principal roles)	Choir
<b>Year 10</b>	Hairspray Rehearsal Dungeons & Dragons Club	Drama Coursework Warhammer Club	Environment Club	Hairspray Rehearsal (Principal roles) Music coursework	Choir
<b>Year 11</b>	Hairspray Rehearsal Dungeons & Dragons Club	Drama Coursework Warhammer Club	Environment Club	Hairspray Rehearsal (Principal roles) Music Coursework	Choir




---

#### *Canteen – Greek Day*

---

We're planning some Greek classics for lunch! Come along and enjoy something nóstima (delicious) on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September



Sample our authentic tasty Greek cuisine from our chefs.

## Aspens



[www.aspens-services.co.uk](http://www.aspens-services.co.uk)

---

### *Post 16 Choices for Year 11 Students*

---

Our local Colleges and Further Education Providers are running events throughout the year, so that your Year 11 Student can find out more. This is their opportunity to explore post-16 choices including: A Levels, Full-time Technical or Vocational College Courses, and Apprenticeships. They can also meet tutors / teachers and support staff, tour the campuses, and find out more about the facilities on offer.

### Upcoming Open Events in October / November 2023 include:

Date	Provider	Courses including:
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct (4.30pm -7.30pm)	CLF Post 16	A Levels / Vocational and Technical Courses at Level 2/3
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct (4.00pm -6.00pm)	Digitech Studio School	Vocational and Technical Courses at Level 3
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct (from 09.30am) Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct (from 5pm) Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov (from 5pm)	St Brendan's Sixth Form College	A Levels / Access to A Levels
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct (10am-1pm) Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov (5pm – 7.30pm)	City Of Bristol College	Vocational Courses at all levels / A Levels / T Levels / Apprenticeships / Foundation Learning
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept A LEVEL OPEN EVENT (5.30pm -8pm) Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct (10am-1pm) Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov (10am – 1pm)	SGS College	Vocational Courses at all levels / A Levels / T Levels / Apprenticeships / Foundation Learning
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct (6.30pm-8.30pm) Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct (6.30pm-8.30pm)	North Bristol Post-16 (Redland Green)* North Bristol Post-16 (Cotham)*	A Levels
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct (6.30pm -8.15pm) Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov (6.30pm – 8.15pm)	St Mary Redcliffe*	A Levels
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov (4.30pm – 7.30pm)	Bristol Cathedral Choir School *	A Levels
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct (from 6.30pm) Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov (from 6.30pm)	Bristol City Robins Foundation	Vocational Courses: Level 2/3 Sports and E Sports
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct (4pm-7pm) Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov (10am-1pm)	Bath College City Campus	Vocational Courses at all levels / T Levels / Apprenticeships / Foundation Learning
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov (11am -2pm) Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec (11am -2pm)	Access Creative College	Creative and Technical Courses at Level 2 /3
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct (5.45pm – 8pm)	V6*	A Levels
Week Commencing 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct Week Commencing 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Boomsatsuma	Creative and Technical Courses at Level 3
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov (5pm-7pm)	Onsite Bristol	Construction Apprenticeships at Level 2/3.

---

*CLF Post 16 Open Evening*

---

The CLF Post 16 Open evening on 10<sup>th</sup> October please book via the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/clf-post-16-open-evening-tickets-706679165407?aff=oddtcreator>



The poster features a photograph of three young people looking at a document together. The text on the poster includes: 'Your future starts here...', 'CLF Post 16 Open Evening', 'Tuesday 10th October 2023, 4:30-7:30pm', a list of activities (Find out more about the Post 16 experience, Explore our courses, Meet the teachers, Take a tour, See what CLF Post 16 can offer you!), 'Booking is essential', and the website 'www.post16.clf.uk'. It also includes the address 'Woodside Road, Kingswood, Bristol, BS15 8BD' and social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Logos for 'P16 CABOT LEARNING FEDERATION' and 'Cabot Learning Federation' are also present.

**Your future starts here...**

**CLF Post 16  
Open Evening**

**Tuesday 10th October 2023, 4:30-7:30pm**

- ✓ Find out more about the Post 16 experience
- ✓ Explore our courses
- ✓ Meet the teachers
- ✓ Take a tour
- ✓ See what CLF Post 16 can offer you!

**Booking is essential**  
Visit [www.post16.clf.uk/open-event](http://www.post16.clf.uk/open-event)  
to book your place.

**www.post16.clf.uk**  
Woodside Road, Kingswood, Bristol, BS15 8BD

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter icons

P16 CABOT LEARNING FEDERATION  
Cabot Learning Federation logo

---

*Exam Invigilator Vacancy*

---

We are looking for Exam Invigilators to join our supportive and talented exams team within Cabot Learning Federation within Bristol and the South Glos area.



We are a diverse multi-academy trust, looking for professional and ambitious people, with a passion for transforming our students' learning. Our Academies need invigilators, readers and scribes to assist with scheduled exams across the Federation. As this is a casual position you will work when available and will be called upon when required to support the Academies during exam seasons.

For full details click this link

<https://accesspeople.accesscloud.com/CabotLearningRecruitment/Home/Vacancy?id=1082&returnurl=/CabotLearningRecruitment/>

---

*Free Events for JCA Students*

---



The poster features a background image of a person's hands playing a marimba. In the top left corner is a QR code. In the top right corner is the ABRSM logo, which consists of a crown icon above the text 'ABRSM' on a red square background. The main title 'YOUNG PERCUSSION COMPOSER OF THE YEAR 2023' is centered in large white and orange letters, with a marimba head drum icon replacing the letter 'O' in 'YOUNG'. Below the title is a red banner with white text: 'IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ASSOCIATED BOARD OF THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC'. At the bottom, there is a white box containing several logos: Arts Council England (Lottery Funded), Southern Percussion, Dorico, Yamaha (Make Waves), Malletech, RCM, Marimba One, Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, and Sean Hooper.

**Will Fry - Latin Percussion Masterclass**

### 1/10/23 - Zoom - 16.00-17.30

An interactive masterclass with one of the UK's leading Latin Percussionists, Will Fry! Learn first-hand about his musical journey & experiences, with the chance to learn new techniques live during the session. There'll also be a Q&A session giving you the chance to ask all things percussion! RSVP for free: <https://www.percworks.co.uk/event-details/willfrymasterclass>

### Young Percussion Composer of the Year 2023

We are very excited to announce that the **PercWorks Young Percussion Composer of the Year 2023** competition is NOW OPEN! We are thrilled to be working in partnership with ABRSM this year! There are over £4000 worth of prizes and the opportunity to have your composition published and professionally recorded!

With three age categories this competition is open to all school-aged musicians both in the UK & internationally:

Cat A - Ages 16-18

Cat B - Ages 14-16

Cat C - Ages 14 & Under

For more details, to register, for free tickets to the short course and to be the first to find out about the prizes, head over to our website!

<https://www.percworks.co.uk/ypcoty>

### PercWorks Percussion E-nsemble

#### Continues Sundays in Term Time - Zoom

Our flagship digital percussion ensemble, rehearsing weekly & working on all areas of repertoire, technique & musicianship and currently preparing for a performance at the Royal College of Music! If you're aged 11-18 and Grade 5+ standard please email us to join! Our next rehearsal is Sunday 10th September, 15.00-16.00. Email: [director@percworks.co.uk](mailto:director@percworks.co.uk) & find out more

here: <https://www.percworks.co.uk/digitaldrumline>

### PercWorks Digital Drumline

#### Continues Sundays in Term Time

Our flagship digital Drumline, rehearsing weekly & working on all areas of repertoire, technique & musicianship! Open to drummers & percussionists and currently preparing for a performance at the Royal College of Music! If you're aged 11-18 and Grade 5+ standard please email us to join! Our next rehearsal is Sunday 10th September, 16.00-17.00. Email: [director@percworks.co.uk](mailto:director@percworks.co.uk) & find out more

here: <https://www.percworks.co.uk/digitaldrumline>

### Trailblazer Digital Masterclass Series

#### Live Now! || PercWorks Website

This series shares our love of music & percussion in an accessible, exciting & musically challenging way. The masterclasses start with an introduction to body percussion & beginner Drumline, move through to full Drumline play alongs & stick tricks & finally the Subdivision Workout trio, a brainteaser for even the most proficient musician. These digital workshops have been Supported by the Royal Philharmonic Society's Enterprise Fund in association with Harriet's Trust & we want to send them a huge thank you! To join the masterclasses, head over to our website: <https://www.percworks.co.uk/trailblazer>

### Free Play Alongs Duet Videos & Sheet Music

We're so excited to share with you a video series we've created with Black Swamp Percussion. Each video features a newly composed duet performance, how-to play alongs and interactive sheet music. Featuring snare drum, tambourine, triangle, castanets, wood blocks and more these are an invaluable resource for teachers and students alike. You can access the duets here:

[Tamba 2](#)

[Fundango](#)

[Snare-E-Zade](#)

[Blockchain](#)