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### Key Dates

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1st November	School Opening for Term 2
1st - 12th November	Year 11 Mock exams
14th December	Winter Concert
15th December	Christmas Lunch
17th December	Last day of Term 2
4th January	First day of Term 3

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### Local Public Health COVID Risk Mitigations

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Dear parents and carers,

You will be aware that Covid rates across the country are rising. This is particularly the case in the South West of England, where there has been a rapid rise in recent weeks.

As a result, as we return to school after the half term break, our local Director of Public Health has requested that we increase our measures to curb the spread of infection.

### What we will be doing as a school



1. We will not be holding large gatherings with mixed age groups for at least two weeks after the half term break.
2. We will continue to enhance our cleaning routines.
3. We will keep spaces well ventilated; this means students will be allowed to wear their coats in the building if they are cold.
4. We will continue to support the wider vaccination programme and share any information that is passed to us about how those who are not yet vaccinated may access this service.

### What we need our families to do

5. Your child should come to school with a face covering **from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**. They should expect to wear this throughout the day. With the exception of those who are exempt from wearing a face covering for health reasons (and we can issue them with an exemption pass if you let us know), students who do not bring a face covering to school will be asked to return home to collect one. It would be sensible to ensure that your child has spares in their coat and blazer pockets and in their bag.
6. Students should take a test using the lateral flow devices provided **before returning to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**, and then continue to test at home twice weekly for the coming weeks.
7. Please ensure that your child stays at home if they are unwell with Covid symptoms. They must continue to stay at home until 48 hours after the fever passes. They should do so **even if they have tested negative for Covid 19**.
8. If someone in your household tests positive, your child may still come to school until their own PCR test result comes through **if they take a lateral flow test each day and continue to receive a negative result**.

Thank you for your considerable support throughout this period, and for your flexibility in working with these new, revised arrangements.

We will be sure to contact you with any other changes as we are asked to make them in the interests of public health.

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*Community Clinics for COVID-19 Immunisation Programme*

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Please see the below letter from Sirona Health regarding COVID Vaccine

We are running community catch-up clinics for children aged 12 – 15 who were unable to receive their vaccine in school for any reason.

If you would like to make an appointment for your child to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at one of our community based clinics please click on the link below to book an appointment and, if necessary, you can complete the consent form. Whilst attending the COVID vaccination appointment you will also be offered the Flu vaccination and you can give consent while you are there if you so wish:

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/covid19/2021/rebook>

**As announced on 19<sup>th</sup> October you will also be able to book an appointment for your child to receive the COVID-19 at Mass Vaccination centres and booking for this will be through the National Booking Service. [Book or manage your coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)**

If your child has had a positive PCR test result there will need to be a 28 day interval before they can receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

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### *Year 6 Taster Sessions*

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Students in Year 6 from The Park Primary school spent the morning with us on Wednesday enjoying taster lessons in music, science, product design (food) and PE





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### *Year 7 Pantomime*

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#### **Snow White Pantomime at the Bristol Hippodrome – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

We would like to invite your child to participate in a Year 7 trip to see the Pantomime, **Snow White**, on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December at The Bristol Hippodrome. As Year 7 students are exploring, creating and developing their own Pantomime work in their drama lessons this term and next term, the opportunity to see a professional show would be both exciting and valuable. Furthermore, with sparkling set, stunning costumes, a live orchestra and the celebrity performers, it will be great fun!

We look forward to having a great day out with all of Year 7.

Thanks

Charlotte Grierson

**Music Teacher**

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### *Cross Country Race*

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After a successful first race, JCA students filled the minibus and went to Mangotsfield to compete against hundreds of students from 10 other schools in the area at cross country. There was representation from both boys and girls in the 7's, 8/9's races. Once again students did well, behaved superbly and represented JCA with Pride. It was also good to see students now with a little more experience with regards to pacing who were able to match and beat their previous week's result.

Particular mention should go to Maria and Lauren who were superb running against others in year 8 and students in year 9 as well. Ellie Ford had a very respectable 29th position for year 7 girls. Tudor in year 8 came in at 39th for the boys year 8's and 9's while the most improved was Ryszard who improved on his last week's placement coming 16th this time out.

A fantastic effort from the above named students and every other JCA student who went. Well done!

Mr Thomas  
PE

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### Finance

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#### **Communications with Finance**

Emails from Finance Office - Finance may sometimes need to email you regarding your SCOPAY account and/or payments that you have made or need to make to the academy. Emails from Finance will come from either [donotreply@scopay.com](mailto:donotreply@scopay.com) or from [JCAFinance@clf.uk](mailto:JCAFinance@clf.uk) - we suggest that you add both email addresses to your list of safe senders to avoid the emails going to your Spam or Junk folder.

Emails to Finance Office - If you have any questions or queries for the Finance Office, please email [JCAFinance@clf.uk](mailto:JCAFinance@clf.uk). Alternatively, if you have received an email from [donotreply@scopay.com](mailto:donotreply@scopay.com) and need to respond or query it with the Finance Office, please email [JCAFinance@clf.uk](mailto:JCAFinance@clf.uk)

Telephone Calls to Finance Office - If you would like to speak to the Finance Office, please call 0117 976 3000, Extension 1106.

#### **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](mailto: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.

### **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>

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### *Purchase of School Uniform*

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Please note we only sell school ties in the academy - see below.

All other John Cabot Academy specific school uniform items should be purchased directly from our school uniform supplier, Trutex.

For full details of uniform requirements and a link to the Trutex website, please go to the John Cabot Academy website - Our Academy - Uniform. Alternatively, you can copy and paste the



following to your browser: - <https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/uniform/>

When setting up your account you will be asked to register with the school code **LEA00918CH** as this will direct you to the John Cabot Academy uniform page

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### *Purchases of School Ties*

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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 school day.

Alternatively, for ties only, a cash payment can be accepted at the Finance Office – please send your child with the correct cash 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.

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### *Purchases of Calculators*

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The option to purchase a calculator from the academy is 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 FX-83GTX Scientific Calculator @ £8.50 each

Your child's Maths Teacher will be able to advise on which calculator is appropriate for them.

When you have made your SCOPAY purchase, your child will be able to collect their calculator





from the Finance Office the following school day. The Finance Office is open to students every day before school and during break time

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*Purchase of Memory Cards for GCSE Photography*

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The option to purchase memory cards from the Academy is 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 following school day. The Finance Office is open to students every day before school and during break time.

