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Key Dates

24th November	Dance Show auditions for student choreography
6th December	Charity music concert 7pm
7th December	Dance show
10th December	Year 7 trip to the pantomime
14th December	Winter concert 6:30pm
15th December	Christmas lunch
17th December	Last day of term 2
4th January	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
5th January	First day of term 3

Updated Covid Measures

Dear parents and carers,

You will be aware that additional Covid protocols have been in place at JCA since half term.

Due to the rising numbers of Covid cases in our area, when we returned to school after the half term break, our local Director of Public Health requested an increase in our measures to curb the spread of infections for at least the first two weeks of term.

Positive Covid cases in the South West are continuing to rise and we have now been advised to continue with these additional measures until at least the end of November.

What we are doing as a school

1. We will not be holding large gatherings with mixed age groups until at least the end of November.
2. We will continue to enhance our cleaning routines.



3. We will keep spaces well ventilated; this means your child can wear their coat indoors.
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

1. Your child should continue to come to school with a face covering **until at least the end of November**. They should expect to wear this throughout the day **in communal areas**. With the exception of those who are exempt from wearing a face covering for health reasons, students who do not bring a face covering to school will either phone home to ask you to bring one to school for them, or they will be requested 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.
2. Students should continue to take lateral flow tests at home twice weekly for the coming weeks.
3. 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**.
4. 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 continuing to work with these new, revised arrangements.

We will continue to keep you updated with any changes as we are asked to make them in the interests of public health.

Kate Willis
Principal

Revision Guides for Year 10 and 11 Students

Revision Guides are available to order via SCOPAY for all Year 10 & 11 students.

The guides that have been made available to each student based on their option subjects/abilities. Please contact your child's Tutor and/or Subject Teacher if you have any questions or need any guidance when making a purchase.



Please place your orders by Friday 26/11/2021. The orders will then be placed with the suppliers after the closing date. Guides will be distributed to students as soon as they are received in the Academy prior to the end of Term 2.

Jo Chappell
Finance Assistant

Electric Scooters

We have been asked by the local police to clarify the situation on electric scooters.

Voi Scooters (which you can rent) require a driving licence to ride one which needs to be scanned before use. They cannot therefore be ridden by someone under the age of 17.

Private Scooters are only allowed on private property as they are not insured. Therefore should not be driven on the roads or pavement.

As a result private scooters are not allowed on the JCA site (P16 have banned them from site too). Please do not allow your child to ride one to school as we will not be able to look after it.

Attendance

It has been a positive start to the new academic year and students have settled in well during term 1. At John Cabot Academy we want our pupils to attend school every day, unless they are really not well enough to.

We know that children who attend school regularly 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 pupils form good habits which can stay with them throughout their educational journey and on into the workplace.



Important Reminder About Term Time Leave

We would like to remind parents and carers that the academy will not authorise any leave of absence in term time, unless satisfied the reason for the absence is exceptional. The absence should be for the shortest time possible; if an absence is agreed, the Principal will decide how many days of absence will be authorised.

We ask parents and carers to request permission for leave of absence in advance, and to only request absence if time off school is absolutely necessary. Any requests should be put in writing and wherever possible at least four weeks' notice should be provided. The parent or carer who the child normally lives with should make the application. Forms are available on the [academy website](#) or can be collected from Reception. We may ask to meet with you to discuss your request.

We also ask parents and carers not to make plans without discussing with the academy first, so that we can make good decisions together.

Family emergencies also need careful consideration. It may not always be appropriate, or in the best interests of the child, to miss school for emergencies which are being dealt with by adult family members. Wherever possible, please try to make alternative arrangements for your child so they can still attend school.

Please do not take your child out of school without requesting leave, or notifying the academy why your child will be absent. When parents/carers notify us of a term time absence via the term time leave request form, it is for two purposes:

- To seek authorisation (only exceptional circumstances will be authorised)
- To tell us where your child is, if the planned absence goes ahead.

It is really important that we know where children are, as we have a duty to ensure they are safe. If we don't know why a child is absent, we will follow our safeguarding procedures.

Parents/carers are reminded that unauthorised term time leave may result in a Penalty Notice or Prosecution.

To assist parents/carers in booking holidays and arranging other events, please find detailed below the term dates and inset days for this academic year.

	Term Dates	Inset Days
Term 2	Monday 1 November - Friday 17 December 2021	
Term 3	Tuesday 4 January - Friday 18 February 2022	Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Term 4	Monday 28 February - Friday 8 April 2022	Wednesday 16 th March 2022
Term 5	Monday 25 April - Friday 27 May 2022	
Term 6	Monday 6 June - Thursday 21 July 2022	Wednesday 16 th March 2022



National Online Safety

John Cabot Academy is a member of National Online Safety, who have recently released a new app for parents, carers, teachers, and school staff. Their new free app is highly recommended, and provides a wealth of advice and information."

<https://info.nationalonlinesafety.com/mobile-app;>

National Online Safety Mobile App

One app for the entire community. We want to help schools take a whole-community approach to online safety. With this app, we've created a way for parents, teachers and school staff to have instant access to online safety resources that are comprehensive, up-to-date, and relevant to their role.

info.nationalonlinesafety.com

Careers

- We are delighted to announce that we will be welcoming the following post-16 providers to our school, on the dates below. Events will be held in the main corridor areas during both year 10 and year 11 lunchbreak. Please do encourage your Year 10 or Year 11 child to come and visit the providers, to find out more about the post-16 options available and / or ask any questions they may have:

Tuesday 16th November: CLF Post 16

Access Creative College

Thursday 25th November: Onsite Bristol (Construction Apprenticeship Provider)

Tues 30th November: Bristol City Robins Foundation

Boomsatsuma

Thursday 2nd December: St Brendan's Sixth Form College

- We have been asked by Brendan's Sixth Form College to remind interested Year 11 students / parents that Wednesday 17th November is their final Open Evening of 2021. This will be the last opportunity to visit the campus and speak to teachers and support staff at St Brendan's this side of Christmas. If you would like to go along please do go online and book a slot (www.stbrn.ac.uk).



- CLF Post-16 are continuing to offer open day tours. These tours offer Year 11 students the opportunity to: see Post-16 lessons in action, see the facilities, meet some of the staff, and ask any questions they may have. Next Tours are running on Wed 17th November and Wednesday 24th November from 3.30pm. Please visit this link for more details, or to book a place: <https://post16.clf.uk/events/>

Alexandra Williams
Careers and Aspirations Coordinator

Anti-Bullying Week

KOOTH FREE ONLINE DROP-IN SESSIONS

Session for Parents and Carers

Wednesday 8th December 4 – 5pm

Please click [HERE](#) to register and secure your space

[Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) is available for all young people aged 11 - 18 in South Gloucestershire with free, safe and anonymous wellbeing support and advice. Kooth is accessible from any internet enabled device and is available every day.

Content on the **KOOTH** website this month includes:

What is 'SAD'?

Gaming: What is Instant Vs Delayed Gratification?

In the News: Welcome to the Metaverse?!

Read My Diary: Trying the Mini-Activities

The latest Kooth podcasts are on [Spotify](#) or Apple Podcasts, including September's podcast

Breaking Up With Friends

What is 'Casual Racism?'





Badminton Coaching Until the End of 2021

Good afternoon,

I am reaching out from Community Badminton, as we are currently offering free badminton coaching sessions for the rest of 2021. We are really keen to get pupils active again and try out a new sport and would love to see some of your pupils pick up a badminton racket and join our coaching sessions.

Parents can book and find further information via our website: <https://avon.communitybadminton.org/>

Kind regards

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Community Badminton Admin





**COMMUNITY
BADMINTON**

FREE BADMINTON
for rest of 2021!

Professional group
badminton coaching

Interested in badminton? Get
on court with a weekly group
coaching session and pay
nothing until January!

NEXT GEN
JUNIOR PROGRAMME

USE CODE: FREE21

REGISTER AT
COMMUNITYBADMINTON.ORG

Year 7 Art Club

There is a new Art Club for Year 7 students on Wednesdays and please see Ms Weeks or Ms Dennehy to join in



Year Seven Art Club

Students were introduced to the basics of drawing and mark making. They foraged the school orchard for interesting things to use as drawing tools such as twigs, feathers and leaves.

[Go to this Sway](#)

Sirona School Health Nurse Webinars



Sirona School Health Nurse Webinars - December 2021



Keeping Your Child
Happy and Healthy
Thursday 2 December
10—11am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sirona-school-health-nursing-webinar-keeping-your-child-happy-and-healthy-tickets-205615470407>





**Your Child's Dental
Health**
Friday 3 December
10-11am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sirona-school-health-nursing-webinar-dental-health-tickets-205611839547>



Healthy Eating
Monday 6 December
10—11am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sirona-school-health-nursing-webinar-healthy-eating-tickets-196520848147>



**Continance in Children
and Young People**
Tuesday 7 December
1—2pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sirona-school-nursing-webinar-continance-in-children-young-people-tickets-205608018117>



**Understanding Your
Child's Wellbeing**
Wed 8 December
9:30—10:30am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sirona-school-health-nursing-webinar-understanding-your-childs-wellbeing-tickets-205616413227>



**Eating Disorder
Awareness**
Thursday 9 December
10—11am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sirona-school-health-nursing-webinar-eating-disorder-awareness-tickets-205617737187>



**Helping Your Child
With Sleep**
Friday 10 December
10—11am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sirona-school-health-nursing-webinar-helping-your-child-with-sleep-tickets-205619061147>

Squid Games

Further to the information last week on the Squid games, please find the information below for those who were not able to ready the poster clearly



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one app of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents Need to Know about SQUID GAME

AGE RESTRICTION
15+
Suitable only for 15 years and over.

With themes of horror and violence, it's important for parents and carers to understand the potential risks posed to young audiences by the nine-episode Netflix-exclusive TV show, Squid Game. The series, rated 15+, is about a world where contestants who are deeply in debt play children's games in order to win cash prizes. The losers, however, are violently killed. The show's popularity has meant it has spread in various guises across online platforms, with a heightened risk of children and young people potentially viewing unsuitable content. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers understand exactly what Squid Game is all about.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some might argue that Squid Game contains content that might not even be suitable for older teens, let alone young children. Characters are brutally tortured and killed through stabbings or getting shot as a result of rules developed and enforced by a masked game master. The show also features sexual content and threats of sexual violence, as well as a strong theme of gambling that runs throughout the whole show.

APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Whilst the content is very much adult-themed, some features of the show seem to appeal to young children at face-value. The name "Squid Game" may be interpreted as a programme aimed at children rather than adults. The content itself, such as the bright and childish aesthetics, may also appeal to young children, particularly as there's a focus on playground games to go with it.

SIMILAR CONTENT SUGGESTIONS


When using social media and streaming sites, content is recommended based on what is the user has consumed i.e. what they have watched or searched for. Therefore, there is a greater chance of your child being exposed to similar violent or horror-themed content on social media after watching a show like Squid Game.

VIRAL SPIN-OFFS

As well as Netflix, Squid Game has grown in notoriety and prevalence on other platforms, like TikTok and YouTube, with clips of the show going viral. On YouTube Kids, a number of successful channels have taken advantage of the Squid Game trend, creating content such as "How to Draw Squid Game Characters" videos. Its popularity has also led to the creation of app games that put the player in the role of a contestant who is killed if they lose a game.

SCENE RE-ENACTMENTS

Squid Game's pervasive presence on social media has encouraged many content creators to re-enact scenes from the show, which has led to reports of children wanting to also imitate those scenes displayed on social media at home and in school. Much of this content stems from the "Red Light, Green Light" game from the first episode, where contestants attempt to make it past a giant animatronic girl before she shoots them.



Advice for Parents & Carers

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Netflix has easily accessible built-in parental controls that allow you to set up a profile for your child with a specific age rating, block them from watching certain shows and even lock their account so it can't be accessed by anyone else. Netflix also allows you to access your child's viewing history to make sure they're not watching anything inappropriate for their age.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY

Squid Game has become a social media craze and it's possible your child will see some content related to the show on various platforms. Therefore, it's important to be aware of which websites your child has visited on their smartphone, tablet or laptop, and to also keep an eye out for which accounts they are following on social media platforms, such as Instagram and TikTok.

MONITOR BEHAVIOUR

Due to the viral nature of the show, even if your child has not seen Squid Game, it's important to keep an eye on their behaviour. There have been reports from schools of children "playing Squid Game" in the playground and acting aggressively towards the losers as a way to replicate the consequences of losing in the TV show. Viewing content that makes your child feel uncomfortable could also cause them to feel distressed or distracted, so it's important you can easily spot the signs.

CHECK AGE RATINGS

Age ratings on TV shows and films are a way to gauge what is suitable for audiences of different ages. If you are unsure about the content your child is watching, check the age rating to see if the TV show or film is deemed suitable for their age group. If not, try watching the show yourself or talking to other parents who have seen it before to get a better understanding of why it's been rated a certain way.

HAVE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Making sure your child is comfortable telling you about what they see online can go a long way to ensuring you are kept in the loop about their online use. Showing an interest in what your child is doing online gives you the opportunity to discuss what is and is not appropriate for their age group, and how they might recognise their own feelings towards content they see.

WATCH THE SHOW

If you're trying to figure out whether you should let your child watch Squid Game, it might be a good idea to watch the show yourself first. Doing so will allow you to get a better understanding of the show's content and themes, as well as help you decide if this is something you'd feel comfortable with your child being exposed to.

Meet Our Expert

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#WakeUpWednesday

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<https://help.netflix.com/en/node/2641> <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt10986862/parentalguide/#tab:parentalguide>

www.nationalonlinesafety.com
[@natonlinesafety](https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety)
[/NationalOnlineSafety](https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety)
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Finance

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 or from 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. Alternatively, if you have received an email from donotreply@scopay.com and need to respond or query it with the Finance Office, please email 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

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>

Purchase of School Uniform

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

Purchases 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 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.

Purchases of Calculators

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:

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- 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



Purchase of Memory Cards for GCSE Photography

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.

