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Key Dates

23 rd November	Year 8 Intercommunity Period 6 & Tutor Year 9 Intercommunity Period 3& 4 Parents Evening
24 th November	Year 7 Intercommunity Period 6 & Tutor
8 th December	Dance Show
9 th December	Christmas Jumper and casual dress Day – Please bring £1 for Save the Children
10 th December	Festive Choir Performances at Kings Chase Shopping Centre
13 th December	Winter Concert
14 th December	Year 7 Panto Trip
15 th December	Christmas Lunch
16 th December	Last Day of Term
3 rd January	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils

4th January

First Day Back for Term 3

JCA Routine Fire and Lockdown Procedure

At JCA, we have well established procedures to ensure our students and staff are safe in the event of an unexpected event. We respond to the fire alarm with the same routine each time; we do this as, although actual danger is rare in schools, we know that known routines and practises helps our students feel safe and supported. Last week we had to respond to two unplanned fire alarms. We know our students still need to work on being silent as they move. Please support us by reminder your child of the following expectations:

Fire regulations: At JCA, the fire alarm is a continuous siren.

At the sound of a continuous alarm, staff and students will:

- Exit classrooms, leaving the building by the nearest fire exit quickly and in silence.
- Should it not put staff at risk, staff will close (but not lock) windows and doors.
- **Whilst in silence**, all staff and students move in an orderly fashion and assemble on the large astro, where they line up in their tutor groups.
- Students and staff with physical impairments and LSAs should meet on the hard court at the back of the dining hall unless other arrangements have been previously agreed.
- All staff, students and visitors stand in silence until the Principal or designated representative gives permission to re-enter the building.

Gemma Read
Vice Principal

House of Lords Visit

On Tuesday two of our students were invited to the House of Lords by the Commissioner from the Anti-Bullying Alliance to celebrate their 20th birthday and Anti-Bullying Week. The Reach Out video was played and Modou got to perform a poem for all the guests

They had an amazing experience and the video can be viewed here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kjhp-67cKJA> -



Year 10 and 11 Revision Guides

Please check the 2022-23 Revision Guide Catalogue and order any revision guides that will support your child in their preparation for assessments and exams. The deadline for ordering on SCOPAY is the 5th January 2023.

If you have any queries regarding the correct guides to purchase, please contact your child's teacher through the school email address.

FIFA Men's World Cup Matches

As you will be aware, the Men's Football World Cup began on Sunday 20th November, with the first England match, against Iran, on Monday 21 November. The build-up to this year's World Cup has highlighted many of the controversies around the choice of hosts Qatar. The international community widely regards Qatar as having a poor record on human rights, particularly around the state's attitudes to women and the LGBTQ+ community. These attitudes are in conflict with British values and the values at John Cabot Academy. Over the next few weeks, tutors will be sharing with their groups some of the controversies around the host nation, giving students the opportunity to share their opinions and views. If you would like to talk to your child about this at home, there is a very useful article on the BBC Newsround website here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/63557689>

Despite this, we know that many students will want to watch the home nations and other countries in action over this period. We are also aware that some students will have minimal interest in the World Cup. We have considered what to do given the first England match is at 1pm today. We have decided, not least because we think that it is unlikely to be a very competitive match, not to show the game in school. As I have spoken to students about this decision, they think this is pretty sensible. If future England matches take place during the school day, given they will be knock out matches, we will reconsider whether it should be shown in school.

If you have any questions, or suggestions of other opportunities to celebrate inclusivity at John Cabot Academy, please get in touch by emailing jcainfo@clf.uk

Young Writer

Congratulations to Chloe May (Y8) who has had her writing published in the book Twisted Tales 2022 – Amazing Stories.



InterCommunity Sport Competition

Intercommunity sport competitions are taking place next week

Year 7 on Thursday 24th November; period 6 & tutor time
Year 8 on Wednesday 23rd November; period 6 & tutor time
Year 9 on Wednesday 23rd November; periods 3-4

Students will need their PE kit on these days.

Thank you
Sarah Church
Curriculum Team Leader for PE

CLF BIG Talent Show

Held at City Academy on Friday 9th December 5.30-7.30pm.

Please come and support our JCA competitors, Oscar Hui (solo pianist) and Evolution (Year 11 rock band), who will go up against other academies!

Ticket link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-clf-big-talent-show-tickets-453848291457>



[The CLF Big Talent Show](#)

Come and watch the whole of the CLF singing, dancing and acting! Tickets now on sale!

www.eventbrite.co.uk

Autism Courses

Bristol Parent Carers in conjunction with North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forums are running courses for parents and carers of children who are on the waiting list for an autism assessment.

The courses cover a range of topics relating to particular challenges that autistic people and their families can face.

Some of the courses are in person in venues around the city and outside it and others are over Zoom.

All of the courses are free to attend but do need to be booked in advance via

Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/bristol-n-somerset-and-s-glos-parent-carer-forums-41027867683>

We would be really grateful if you could share this information with any Bristol parents within your school communities so that parents and carers can access help via these courses.

If you or any of your parents would like further information, please do contact us at info@bristolparentcarers.org.uk

Many thanks



Working with parents, carers and stakeholders

Autism Courses

Are you keen to get involved in social action and learn more about how to change the world? **#iwillWeek2022** is coming soon taking place from 21 to 25 November. It is an opportunity for you to attend workshops delivered by and for young people who are driving positive change in their community.



Join us as we hold events across the UK and online! Sign up and get involved at www.iwill.org.uk

Get involved in the social media challenge: Record and share with us on how you are making a difference in your hometown. Make sure to tag **@iwill_movement** and use hashtag **#iwillweek2022 #powerofyouth #inmyhometown**. Guide on how you can get involved is clicking [here](#). (you could share your art or activism – or both!)

Thank you!
[Charlotte Grierson](#)

Santas On The Run

