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Key Dates

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| 14 th December | Christmas Lunch |
| 15 th December | Last Day of Term |
| 2 nd January | INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils |
| 3 rd January | First Day of Term |

Routine: Uniforms

Welcome to the final week of Term 2. As we look forward to welcoming students back in 2024, please support a smooth start to the year by ensuring they have the correct uniform (particularly appropriate shoes and jumpers at this time of year). JCA do sell brand new ties, which can be purchased via Scopay and we have second hand uniform available to purchase for a nominal fee behind the reception (no fee at all for those who receive free school meals).

Before purchasing uniform, please do check our website to ensure your purchases will be useable:

<https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/our-academy/uniform-2/>

Exams and Assessment Updates

Exams and assessments update:

Y11 students have just completed their first set of mock exams this year. Most of our students have worked incredibly hard and are starting to see some reward for their work. Our Y11 students currently have the **best attendance** and **best mock exam results** of any CLF secondary school - we are very proud of what they are achieving this year!

On Tuesday 5th December we emailed a progress report to the first priority contact of each Y11 student - please email jcainfo@clf.uk if you have any issues accessing your child's report.

The next set of mock exams for Y11 students start on Monday 5th February. We often see a big jump in grades between November and February for students with brilliant attendance and homework completion - the message for your child is to keep going, their perseverance will pay off!

Y10 students have English, Maths, and Science exams in January. This will be their first experience of proper KS4 exams sat in the Sports Hall. They will receive clear instructions from their teachers about how to best revise for these assessments.

The dates are:

Thursday 11th January: English Literature 9am, Math's non-calculator 1pm

Wednesday 17th January: Science 9am, English Language 1pm

Friday 19th January: Math's calculator 1pm

Y7, Y8 and Y9 students have their first DOOYA assessments of the year in every subject, running currently until Friday 19th January. For all year groups, when students attend, work hard in lessons, and complete their homework, they are able to show us fantastic progress in their assessments.

Harry Potter Book Night 2024


The sign up for the Harry Potter Book Night will open in January 2024. In the run-up to the event, we are also running an art competition open to all students. Artwork featuring a Triwizard task must be submitted to JCA Library by the 10th of January 2024, to be in with a chance to win a bundle of art supplies. Please speak with Mrs. Harnell in the library for more information.



HARRY POTTER ART COMPETITION

In the run up to Harry Potter Book Night on 7th February 2024 the Library is running an art competition. This year's book night will feature *The Goblet of Fire*. Your challenge is to summon up a spellbinding piece of original artwork featuring a dragon or a mer-person for you to face in your own Triwizard task.

Your artwork must be completed and handed in to Mrs Harnell in the Library by 10th January 2024.



SAVE THE DATE

February 7th 2024



Sign-up begins January 2024



A Message from the CLF Governance Team

If you have ever considered volunteering within your community, working with and contributing to one of our CLF Academies as a Councillor (Governor) could be one of the most rewarding things you ever do. If you have the desire to improve children's lives and outcomes, are passionate about the importance of education to change lives for the better then this could be the role for you.

Academy Councillor:

"I cherish the role I play in children's education; I live and work within my local community and feel everyone's contributions, no matter how small, can make a real difference to a child's life. As a Councillor I have the opportunity to shape the lives of children and therefore shape the community and society I live within. It is a really rewarding role.

Education is not just about the academic work that children undertake; it is a time when children develop their life skills creating the young adults that join our society; as Councillors we have a chance to help shape their lives and give them opportunities they may otherwise never have.

If you have an enquiring and challenging mind, put it to use and help shape the educational direction of the academy.

As a Councillor, I have had the opportunity to undertake professional roles outside of my own everyday remit and develop a diverse range of skills that are transferable to other areas of my professional life. I would highly recommend a role as an Academy Councillor within the Cabot Learning Federation; the training and opportunities are invaluable, joining really can make a difference."

If you are interested, please email charlotte.seavill@clf.uk

Winter Concert

Tickets for the winter concert are Available on SCOPAY until Monday the 11th of December until 3pm, then in person until the start of the event.



JOHN CABOT ACADEMY PRESENTS

Winter CONCERT

Thursday 14th December
6.30pm
JCA Main Hall

LIVE MUSIC
RAFFLE
TUCK SHOP

£2 ADULT
£1 CONCESSION

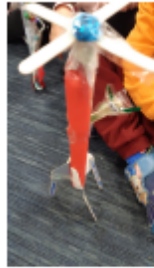
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM MUSIC / ON SCOPAY

STEM Workshops

Christmas Engineering Club

**Monday 18th December at The
Park Centre
Kingswood BS15 4AR**

**Looking for a fun and creative holiday activity?
Join us for hands-on activities exploring science and
engineering with a Christmas theme.**



**Who can build
the fastest car
and the slowest
parachute?**



Educational fun for all the family.

**Using a variety of materials we will build cars, planes
and parachutes to see how they move through the
air.**



10 am - 12 pm

12 pm - 2 pm

**You can book for the morning,
afternoon or both sessions.**



**The club is for children aged 5 upwards.
Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Fully funded for children eligible for free school meals.
(Usually £15 per child, per session). Adults free.**



**Lunch provided for children.
Free light refreshments for parents.**

**To book a place please visit:
<https://eequ.org/experience/5528>**

**Contact for more information:
accounts@bloodhoundeducation.com**

Christmas Engineering Club

Friday 22nd December at The
St Mary's Church Hall
Thornbury BS35 1DR

Looking for a fun and creative holiday activity?
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**To book a place please visit:
<https://eequ.org/experience/5598>**

**Contact for more information:
accounts@bloodhoundeducation.com**

Christmas Engineering Club

Wednesday 20th December at
The Little Stoke Community Hall
Little Stoke BS34 6HR

Looking for a fun and creative holiday activity?
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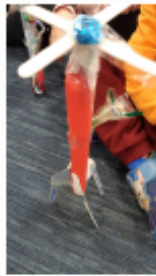
**To book a place please visit:
<https://eequ.org/experience/5562>**

**Contact for more information:
accounts@bloodhoundeducation.com**

Christmas Engineering Club

**Tuesday 19th December at
St Nicholas Youth Centre
Yate BS37 4LG**

Looking for a fun and creative holiday activity?
Join us for hands-on activities exploring science and
engineering with a Christmas theme.



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**To book a place please visit:
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**Contact for more information:
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E-Scooters and the Law



Dear Parents/Carers

As we go into the festive period, we would like to remind you about the law regarding electric scooters. It has become apparent that some young people have already acquired or are in the process of acquiring electric scooters for their own use.

The only electric scooters that can only be used on public roads are those that are hired as part of the government-backed trials. We would also remind you that to use these trial scooters you must be at least 18 years old and hold a full or provisional driving licence. Private e-scooters can only be used on private land (with the landowner's permission) and not on public roads, cycle lanes or pavements.

Electric scooters are classed as powered transporters and fall within the legal definition of a motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1998. This means that the same rules that apply to motor vehicles, apply to e-scooters. This includes, but isn't limited to:

- Driving with a licence
- Driving/riding with insurance
- Driving/riding other than on a road

It is not currently possible to get appropriate insurance for privately owned e-scooters meaning that it is illegal to use them on roads or public spaces. If a child or adult is found riding a private e-scooter on a public road or land the scooter may be seized, and the person, including children could be liable for prosecution for driving without insurance. If the child or adult doesn't hold a provisional or full licence and is stopped riding an e-scooter, they could be prosecuted for driving other than in accordance than with a licence, as well as having no insurance. Penalty points can still be issued where a licence isn't held. These points would take effect when the child or person applies for a driving license.

Our aim is to keep children safe and out of the criminal justice system. We want to keep you informed so that we can work together to do this.

If you need to report an incident involving an electric scooter you can call 101 or report online: [Report anti-social driving | Avon and Somerset Police](#)

If you need to know anymore information please contact your local neighbourhood policing team: [Your area | Avon and Somerset Police](#)



Larisa Hunt

Chief Inspector

Early Intervention, Crime Prevention and Licensing



Avon and Somerset Police **ROADS POLICING**

E-SCOOTERS AND THE LAW

It is against the law to ride a privately-owned electric scooter (e-scooter) on a public road or pavement.

We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can buy them from many popular retailers.

Current law

You can buy an e-scooter, but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place those e-scooters can be used is on private land with the landowner's permission.

Further information

Further details can be found on the following government website:
Powered transporters - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

What happens if I'm stopped by the police?

The police will advise you of the current law on using an e-scooter legally and have the powers to seize it. Alongside this you could face a fine and/or points on your driving licence as anyone riding an e-scooter, must adhere to the normal traffic laws when on the road. Once seized the e-scooter is destroyed.



Regent Street Scheme

Good morning

I am Community Engagement officer for South Glos council, I am working on the Regent Street scheme.

You may have heard that there have been discussions about pedestrianisation, this is not the only option.

A platform called Common place is being used to gather the views of people who live, work or visit Kingswood, it is vital that young people also have the opportunity to share their views.

Would you be able to share this link to students, staff and parents?

[Have Your Say Today - Kingswood - Regent Street scheme - Kingswood Town Centre Improvements \(commonplace.is\)](#)

Best wishes

Alison Finn

Community Engagement Officer (Major Schemes).