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Key Dates

14th December	Winter concert 6:30pm - cancelled. Performances will be available on YouTube instead.
15th December	Christmas Lunch Year 11 Online Parents / Carers Evening
17th December	Last day of term 2 Year 8 & 11 leave at 13:10 Years 7, 9 & 10 leave at 13:40
4th January	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
5th January	First day of term 3 - Covid testing. Separate letter with details to follow later this week.

JCA Routines

JCA has consistent boundaries and well-understood routines that everyone knows and understands. This consistency is the key to students' feeling safe – and the feeling of safety and security will enable every person in our community to explore, develop and express their individual identities.

As we move back as a community into mask wearing in public spaces, we want to thank our families to supporting us not only in uniform but in mask wearing; all our young people arrive to school wearing their masks, although they often need reminding to do so throughout the day. We also have fewer than 20 late arrivals each day, which is so much better- please do keep this routine going- we know waking teenagers is not always easy!

In Term 2, it has become noticeable to many that we have a few more students in corridors during lesson time. Students wandering around our school means they are not in our lessons, learning. We are not safeguarding them effectively as they are not supervised by staff.

In response to this, our staff are focusing on punctuality and registers; unless your child has a time out card or toilet pass they will not be permitted to leave their lesson. (We do however also allow teacher



discretion here and if a child is clearly in need of the toilet, the teacher will let them go). Please do check the Insight app and see what lesson scores your child has to get a good picture of their day.

Thanks

Mrs Gemma Read
Vice Principal

Pupil Behaviour – Restore Conversations

The use of restore conversations at the end of the day in response to lateness or poor behaviour has been highly successful. We are seeing a reduction in lateness and an improvement in positive behaviours for learning.

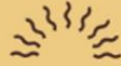
This has resulting a much reduced numbers of students missing lessons due to referral to the Separated Learning Room (SLR). From Monday December 13th we will be expecting all students to remain in the school until 3.15pm if they have been referred to the SLR.

This will provide a greater amount of time for quality restore conversations to take place, and will ensure that students are treated fairly where a member of staff has more than 1 student to talk with. KS3 students will have their restore conversations in the library, KS4 students in the SLR.

The Halo Code

The wonderful JCA equalities council and I have been working together to update the JCA uniform policy. As a result, I am very proud to say that JCA is signing up to the Halo Code. We are making this commitment to our students:





The Halo Code

Our school champions the right of staff and students to embrace all Afro-hairstyles. We acknowledge that Afro-textured hair is an important part of our Black staff and students' racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious identities, and requires specific styling for hair health and maintenance.

We welcome Afro-textured hair worn in all styles including, but not limited to, afros, locs, twists, braids, cornrows, fades, hair straightened through the application of heat or chemicals, weaves, wigs, headscarves, and wraps.

At this school, we recognise and celebrate our staff and students' identities. We are a community built on an ethos of equality and respect where hair texture and style have no bearing on anyone's ability to succeed.

If you want to read more about the Halo Code, please do read their website:

<https://halocollective.co.uk/>

Our [uniform policy](#) has been updated to reflect this change.

Part of the JCA ethos is that we will celebrate the diversity of the members our community by enabling them to learn from each other. It has been a privilege to work with our equalities council to bring about this change, I have certainly learnt from them and I am immensely proud of them. In engaging in this work, they have shown their sense of self and place and most importantly the agency to bring about change.

Kate Willis
Principal



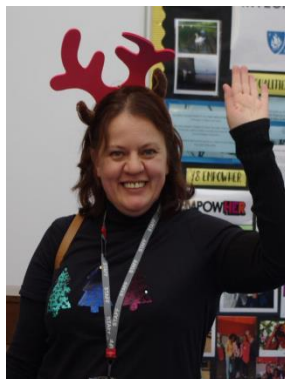
Year 11 Parents Evening

The parents / carers evening will be held virtually. Please ensure you have downloaded the Microsoft Teams app to a device before the 15.12.2021, your child will be familiar with this and able to help you.

A schedule with links to each teacher meeting will be sent via email, If you have not received your schedule with the links by TUESDAY 3pm, please email JCAinfo@clf.uk.

Festive Jumper Day

Friday 10th December saw the school halls filled with Festive jumpers, hats, accessories and tinsel in aid of Save the Children. The donation total is still being added up, but we have loved all the festive spirit shown





Rugby Triangular Tournament Year 7 Match Report

On 8th December JCA year 7 rugby team had their second tournament. A friendly triangular vs SBL and Hanham. In the previous week's tournament we set targets every game. Slowly but surely making progress. Today was a continuation of target setting and progress making and the boys were incredible.

Game 1 vs Hanham A's. Target = run forwards when you have the ball and try to set up rucks at the break down... result TICK! Although we lost the game we didn't run sideways and off the pitch to touch, we ran forwards getting low in tackle. It was fantastic. However, running straight also got mistaken for 'every time you get the ball run straight at them and get tackled'. There was some powerful running, lines broken and meters gained but essentially a team of individuals.

Game 2 vs Hanham B's. Target = If tackled ruck over and protect that ball but if possible pass the ball before being tackled to a team mate... Tick! We managed to gain ground running forwards, we offloaded and passed the ball a few times to runners coming on and the basics of rugby were genuinely seen for the first time with the start of structured play and recycling the ball.

Game 3 vs SBL. Target = over 20 completed passes without fumble, each one to a player running on at pace. WOW WOW WOW... I have no idea what lit the spark but the progression was incredible. We were having 5/6 passes in one phase of play, each player making ground, avoiding tackles or if tackled team mates coming in and rucking immediately to protect the ball and recycle. In experienced players calling for the ball with hands up as a target, encouragement and support from peers. It was honestly one of the biggest step ups in performance I can remember in a sport. We scored some tries which involved 4/5 passes in fluid movement working the ball down the line then back, everyone running forward. It was incredible!



We left having smashed it! We also left with a target, each player set a target for themselves to improve. A target to focus on for next time, from tackling lower to offloading earlier, getting to the breakdown quicker or hands up ready to catch and call sooner... This progress if adopted into other sports will make this year group a real force for the future!

A massive well done to the following students.

Dylan Edmond
Harry Olsen
Jabir Dabir
Yunusu Deme
Leo Franklin
Ryszard Mitute
Xavier Bayliss
Oscar Brown
Aliriza Housain

Well done lads, great effort, and with great effort comes huge improvement!!!

Joe Thomas
PE

Netball Tournament

On 1st December 2021, Year 8 girls; Maria, Zahra, Asiah, Felicity, Thalia, Lara, Mia, Ashley, Courtney, Poppy, Leah and Riza played a netball tournament at Abbey Wood. They did extremely well and gave it their best, and they used all the techniques and skills they had been taught by their teachers. It was a lot of fun and a very competitive tournament, but they were amazing and came 2nd out of 6 other schools. Well done Year 8 girls.

Maria Marinescu
Year 8 Student

Holiday Activities and Food Programme



South Gloucs Council are offering DfE funded holiday activities and food clubs for pupils age 5-16 who live in South Gloucs. Places are free for children who get benefits-related free school meals. Parents & carers may also be able to pay for your child to attend if they do not get free school meals.

The link to the webpage with further details is [Supporting families in school holidays | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council \(southglos.gov.uk\)](https://www.southglos.gov.uk/Supporting-families-in-school-holidays-BETA)

Caring in Bristol Donation list



We would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who donated goods to Caring at Bristol. This was dropped off yesterday

Post-16 & Careers



A newsletter has been sent to the parents / carers of all Year 11 students, but to see this information, please click on the link below

[Post 16 & Careers Newsletter](#)

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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:

- 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.

