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Key Dates

17 th December	Winter Concert
18 th December	Christmas Lunch
20 th December	Final Day of Term – School Closes 13:20
6 th January	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
7 th January	1 st Day of Term 3 for Pupils

JCA Routines: Empowering the Student Community

It was lovely to see students representing themselves through their outerwear on Cultural dress & festive jumper day. As always, we feel privileged to represent such a diversely rich student cohort at JCA. With the festive period fast approaching, it also serves as a great reminder that the school holidays can be a tricky time for some students and families.

This week, our routine focusses on *empowering the student community*, through being kind and considerate to each other. It is important that students:

- Respect themselves and to the rest of the JCA community (both students and staff)
- Respect, acknowledge and celebrate different cultures, belief systems, identities and needs
- Celebrate the successes and achievements of their peers
- Be allies for their peers

We hope this can support all of our students and families going into the festive period. Thanks once again to families for their support in helping maintain high standards at JCA throughout 2024.

Nathan Richardson
Assistant Principal

Year 7 Pantomime Trip

On Thursday our Year 7 students had an amazing trip to the Bristol Hippodrome to watch Goldilocks and the Three Bears. It was a first Pantomime experience for many of the students and they all got into the spirit of the show, cheering and singing along.



Festive Jumper & Cultural Dress Day

A big thank you to all who supported the Festive Jumper and Cultural Dress Day. It was lovely to see all the different outfits and to be able to fundraise for Save The Children and the School Culture Week.



Year 7 Rugby Team

On Monday the 9th of December the year 7 rugby team went over to BBA to play in a friendly. The boys played really well and took a 2-0 lead, unfortunately we ran out of steam and the opposition made a comeback and won the game 4-2.

Everyone in the team played really well and are keen for more fixtures next year.

Integrate Youth Conference – Friday 13th December

We took a group of 43 students to the Integrate Youth Conference on Friday last week. This was a brilliant day of youth activism and an opportunity for students to see the premiere of two new educational films, highlighting rising concerns of youth violence and colourism.

Our students were highly impressed with the new film resources and look forward to learning about these in Integrate's Project Fearless sessions that they lead, weekly, at JCA.

We also had the pleasure of listening to key notes speeches from several of our very own JCA students, who were advocating for changes to the secondary school curriculums across the UK with greater representation for all students, and a knowledge and understanding of knife crime and colourism, and how to support young people with these key issues.

A huge well done to Rusharn (Year 10), Arjan (Year 9), Iqra (Year 10) and Kardi (Year 10). We were thoroughly impressed and proud of their speeches in the conference. A huge well done!

Winter Concert 17th December



JOHN CABOT ACADEMY
PRESENTS

WINTER CONCERT

TUESDAY 17th DECEMBER

JCA MAIN HALL 6.30PM

**£2 ADULTS
£1 CONCESSION**

Tickets on ScoPay
or from Music Dept

Refreshments at Interval

Festive Christmas Menu- Wednesday 18th December



Let the
"feastivities"
begin! 

18 December

Roast Turkey and Stuffing

or

**Cheesy Cauliflower & Leek
Puff Pastry Wreath **

with

**Roasties, Vegetable Medley,
Gravy and Yorkshire Pudding**

and

Snowy White Chocolate Blondie

or

Mince Pie Crumble Bar

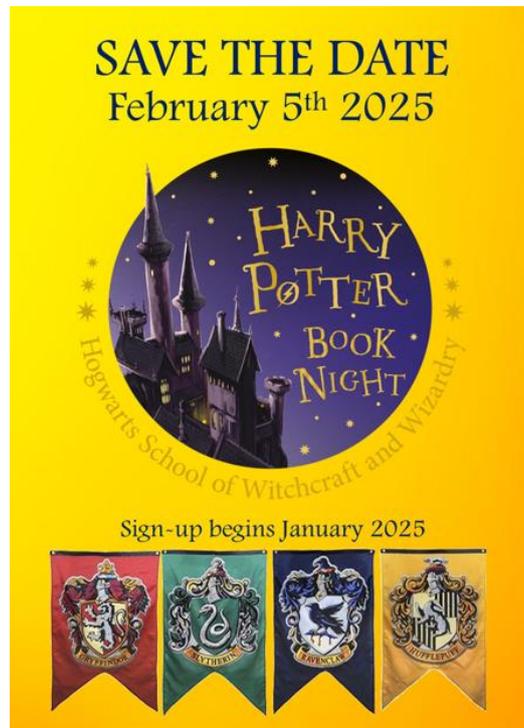
Harry Potter Art Competition



HARRY POTTER ART COMPETITION

In the run up to Harry Potter Book Night on 5th February 2025 the Library is running an art competition. This year's book night will feature *The Order of the Phoenix*. Your challenge is to summon up a spellbinding piece of original artwork featuring 12 Grimmauld Place, the home of Sirius Black. Your artwork must be completed and handed in to Mrs Harnell in the Library by 8th January 2025.





New Library Books



Compass Holiday Support

The Christmas holidays are fast approaching, and for some families this could bring about some worries due to the pressures of finances, keeping the children entertained and occupied so we have shared some links and resources to pass onto families ahead of this time.

Resources

- [Financial support for residents | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council.](#)
- [Community welcome spaces | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council.](#)
- [School holiday activities and food programme | South Gloucestershire .](#)
- Libraries offer warm spaces as well as activities and events, [Libraries | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council.](#)
- Foodbanks - [Get emergency food | Trussell.](#)
- [inourplace | Solihull Approach – South Gloucestershire | inourplace](#) - free online courses (e-modules) for all parents, carers, grandparents and teens, nurturing emotional health and wellbeing from bump to 19+ years. **This is an online self-navigation parenting course, which can be accessed via this link.*

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Compass:

providing early help to families & the professionals supporting them
- navigating you to the *right help, in the right way at the right time.*

🌐 www.southglos.gov.uk/find-information-for-adults-children-families



Cost of Living support in South Gloucestershire



Money saving tips

Access to benefits

Food support

Community Welcome Spaces

Freephone 0800 953 7778

www.southglos.gov.uk/CostofLiving

South Gloucestershire Council

Delivering for you

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

The **Holiday activities and Food (HAF) programme** is running again during the winter holidays for children and young people in South Glos.

Dates are generally between Monday 23 December 2024 and Friday 3 January 2025 but will vary by provider. The HAF programme is for **children and young people aged 5 to 16 who receive benefits-related free school meals**. Before booking funded HAF places, you need to have successfully applied for free school meals at www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Children receiving universal free school meals, automatically offered in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 without needing to apply, do not qualify for funded HAF places unless they have completed a successful application.

Please follow these steps:

- Visit www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF for full information on the HAF programme and further support available to families.
- Click on **'book a space for your child now'** – this will take you directly to our booking platform with full listings of all the available activities and clubs.
- You will need to **register your child on this system** unless they have previously attended a HAF programme– in which case you will already have an account, so you will simply need to book the dates.
- The system will run an eligibility check to ensure that your child is registered on our benefits-related free school meals list. The list is kept up to date on a weekly basis, so it's best to build in time to apply for benefits-related free school meals ahead of booking HAF places.
- The booking system is mobile friendly so should be accessible to most families.

If you do not have online access, you will need to contact the HAF club provider directly to book places for you.