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### Key Dates

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6 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
7 <sup>th</sup> January	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Term 3 for Pupils
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 10 University of Gloucester Trip
13 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 10 Mock Exams
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Dance Show
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Year 9 Parent / Carer Evening
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 11 Ice Skating Trip
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Intermediate Maths Challenge
30 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Year 10 Geography Field Trip
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> February	GCSE Spanish Mock Exam

5 <sup>th</sup> February	Harry Potter Night
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Bristol Beacon Music Performance
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Culture Week
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 11 Mock Exams
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Last Day of Term
24 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Term 3

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*JCA Routines: Maintaining Good Habits in Term 3*

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We hope the festive period allowed all students and families to rest and recharge. Term 3 will begin with an extended tutor time which focusses on JCA routines, which will remind students of standards and expectations. This always sets the tone for the rest of the term, as well as providing students with an opportunity to ask any questions to support them in maintaining standards.

We also want to start 2025 strongly with high student engagement and behaviours in lessons. Below is a reminder of our learning behaviours to support your child in being 'ready to learn' when they are in the academy.

Learning behaviour	Descriptor
“Quality audience”	Active listening from our students. Students ready to give feedback and ask questions
“Learning partners”	Students working in pairs – focussed talking and quiet voices. Respecting opinions of one another
“Group learning”	Equal participants in supporting group work. Focussed talking in a respectful way
“Individual learning”	Student working independently in a quiet focussed environment
“Exam conditions”	Students working in silence

We wish your child a positive Term 3!

Nathan Richardson  
**Assistant Principal**

## Intercommunity Results



### JCA Intercommunity Term 2- The Results



Well done to Year 7, 8 & 9 for the effort you put into the Term 2 Intercommunity

YEAR 7 Girls	Community	Points
1st	Green	50
2nd	Blue	30
3rd	Yellow	10

YEAR 8 Girls	Community	Points
1st	Green	50
2nd	Blue	30
3rd	Yellow	10

YEAR 9 Girls	Community	Points
1st	Green	50
2nd	Blue	30
3rd	Yellow	10

YEAR 7 Boys	Community	Points
1st	Blue	50
2nd	Yellow	30
3rd	Green	10

YEAR 8 Boys	Community	Points
1st	Green	50
2nd	Yellow	30
3rd	Blue	10

YEAR 9 Boys	Community	Points
1st	Yellow	50
2nd	Blue	30
3rd	Green	10



### JCA Inter Community 2-Points Running Total

Following the Year 7, 8 & 9 competitions so far the communities are positioned as follow:

	Community	Points
1 <sup>nd</sup>	Green	220
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Blue	180
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yellow	140




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*Performing Arts Stars of Term 2*

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***Performing Arts – Stars of Term 2***



**Year 7 Music**

Elsa Moore  
Saarah Awil

**Year 7 Drama**


Morris Bowen  
Mahdi Qurbani

**Year 8 Music**

Darius David  
Callum Iles Morrice

**Year 8 Drama**

Rocco Peacock  
Kai O' Brien



**Year 9 Music**

Nisa Tas Guta  
Melik

**Year 9 Drama**

Lola Rich  
Tiffany Chu

**Year 10 Music**

Elliot Penny  
Stanley Smart

**Year 10 Drama**

Ellamay Martin  
Stanley Smart

**Year 11 Music**

Valerie Huang  
Lexie Wilson

**Year 11 Drama**

Koen Atterton  
Alex Torkandam



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*Integrate Youth Conference – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December*

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We took a group of 43 students to the Integrate Youth Conference on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. 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!



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### *Attendance*

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Please remember to complete a term time leave request form for any absence, ideally 4 school weeks before the absence. These can be found either online <https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/wp-content/uploads/JCA-Leave-Request-Form-Sept2024.pdf> or can be obtained from our Reception.

Any absence which has not been agreed by the Principal will be marked as unauthorised and may result in a penalty notice (fine). All biological parents, any person who has parental responsibility for a child and any person who lives with and looks after a child may be subject to legal action for a child's unauthorised absence.

Unauthorised absence may result in one of the following:

1. First penalty notice (in a 3-year rolling period). The penalty is £80 per parent, per child, payable within 21 days, rising to £160 per parent, per child if paid between 22 and 28 days. (Failure to pay a penalty notice will usually result in prosecution.)

2. Second penalty notice (in a 3-year rolling period) The second time a penalty notice is issued to the same parent for the same child the amount will be £160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days). There is no reduction in the amount if the penalty is paid early. (Failure to pay will usually result in prosecution.)

3. Prosecution. Local authorities (LAs) cannot issue more than two penalty notices to the same parent for the same child, in a rolling 3-year period. Should a third offence of unauthorised absence for the same child be committed during the 3 years, the LA may prosecute the parent/carer(s). As penalty notices are an alternative to prosecution, the LA may decide to proceed straight to prosecution instead of issuing any penalty notice.

Clubs and Enrichment Term 3



**SPORTS CLUBS TERM 3**  
**3:15 – 4:00**

Year	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>Year 7</b>	Boys' Football	Netball Running		Dance Invitation Indoor cricket	
<b>Year 8</b>	Boys' Football	Netball Running		Invitation Indoor cricket	Dance
<b>Year 9</b>		Boys' Football Netball Running		Invitation Indoor cricket	Dance
<b>Year 10</b>		Boys' Football Netball Running			Dance
<b>Year 11</b>		Boys' Football Netball Running			

**Note: Please meet for clubs outside the Sports hall.  
Unless stated, clubs are boys and girls  
Please change for clubs on non-PE days in the changing rooms**



## ENRICHMENT CLUBS TERM 3

Year	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Year 7	Production Whole Cast Rehearsal Dungeons & Dragons Club	Feminist Club Drama Club Warhammer Club Movie Club	Book Club Art Club	Production Principal Roles Rehearsal LGBT+	Choir
Year 8	Production Whole Cast Rehearsal Dungeons & Dragons Club	Feminist Club Drama Club Warhammer Club Movie Club	Book Club	Production Principal Roles Rehearsal LGBT+	Choir
Year 9	Production Whole Cast Rehearsal Dungeons & Dragons Club	Feminist Club Drama Club Warhammer Club Movie Club	Book Club	Production Principal Roles Rehearsal LGBT+	Choir
Year 10	Production Whole Cast Rehearsal Dungeons & Dragons Club	Feminist Club Warhammer Club	Book Club	Production Principal Roles Rehearsal LGBT+ Further <u>Maths</u>	Choir
Year 11	Production Whole Cast Rehearsal Dungeons & Dragons Club	Feminist Club Warhammer Club	Book Club	Production Principal Roles Rehearsal LGBT+	Choir





## YEAR 11 REVISION

Day	Subject	Location
<b>Monday</b>	English	AG4 & AG1
	History	AF10
	Maths (foundation) and Statistics	AF3
	Music	AG10
	RP	TF1
<b>Tuesday</b>	Drama	TF4
	Business	TF4
	Further Maths	TF6
	Geography	TF2
	Music	AG10
<b>Wednesday</b> (Depending on staff meetings)	Art / Photo / Food	B Wing
<b>Thursday</b>	Music	AG10
	Spanish	AF1
	Sport Science	DC1
	Music	AG10
<b>Friday</b>	Maths (higher)	TF5

### Y11 academic club timetable

Sessions run from 3:15-4pm

**You are there to work hard**

**Your teachers will be delighted to see you attend – every club you attend and try your best in moves you up the line of 750,000 Y11 students**

#### Club Rules

**Be on time    Work hard    You will be politely asked to leave if you are treating the club as a social event**

### *Film Club*

The Film Club will be running on Tuesdays, from 15:15 – 16:15 for KS3.

We aim to show some of these films to students as part of film club. We will use student voice to determine which of these we use. Your child's attendance to film club will be taken as your permission for them to view the below. Should we change any film selections based on student voice, we will inform parents at

least one week prior.

[Coco \(2017\) - IMDb](#) (PG)

[Wonder \(2017\) - IMDb](#) (PG)

[A Monster Calls \(2016\) - IMDb](#) (12A - moderate threat, scenes of emotional distress)

[Klaus \(2019\) - IMDb](#) (PG)

[Life of Pi \(2012\) - IMDb](#) (PG)

[Wonder Woman \(2017\) - IMDb](#) (12A - contains moderate violence)

[The Book Thief \(2013\) - IMDb](#) (12A - scenes of emotional distress, moderate threat)

[Sonic the Hedgehog \(2020\) - IMDb](#) (PG)

[Paddington 2 \(2017\) - IMDb](#) (PG)

[Bridge to Terabithia \(2007\) - IMDb](#) (PG)

[Fantastic Mr. Fox \(2009\) - IMDb](#) (PG)

[Zarafa \(2012\) - IMDb](#) (PG)

[Nimona \(2023\) - IMDb](#) (PG)

Jake Deakin

**Teacher of English**

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*Harry Potter Art Competition*

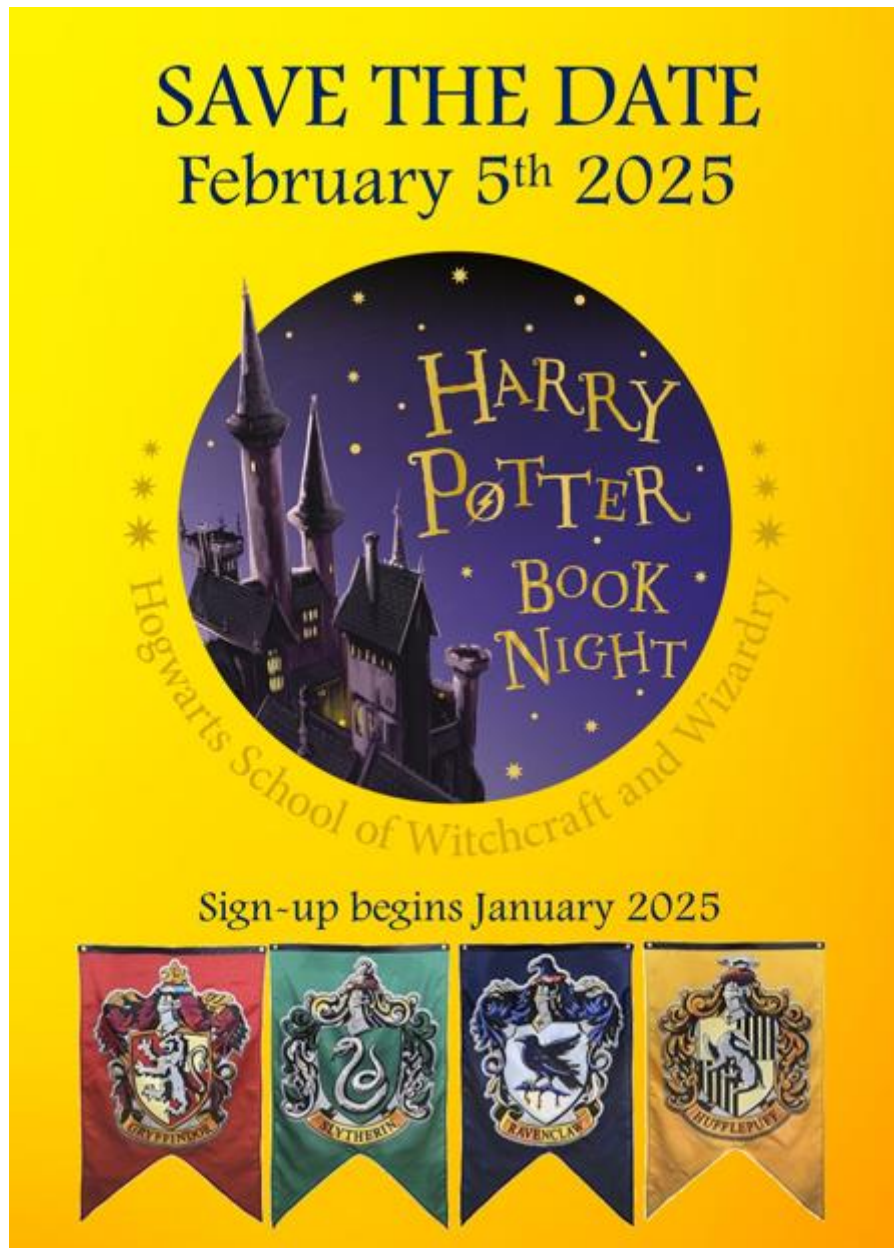
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## HARRY POTTER ART COMPETITION

In the run up to Harry Potter Book Night on 5<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025.





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*New Community Learning Courses Starting January 2025*

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Please find below our flyers for FREE courses for January - July 2025, covering all areas of South Gloucestershire, or you can access all our forthcoming courses online via our App: <https://acl-south-glos.glideapp.io/> Also, Facebook is updated regularly with course info if that is easier for Facebook users: [www.facebook.com/sgloslearning](http://www.facebook.com/sgloslearning)




## \*FREE Courses

### \*Free courses-January – July 2025 Kingswood, Cadbury Heath and Hanham

Course Name	Start date	Times	Venue
ESOL Skills for Life Part 2 – 11 weeks	Wed/Thurs 13.1.25	10.00 – 12.00	Kingswood Job Centre
ESOL Skills for Life Part 2 – 11 weeks	Wed/Fri 15.1.25	10.00 - 12.00	Kingswood Skills Hub
Functional Skills English– 20 weeks	Wed 15.1.25	19.00 - 21.00	Online
Functional Skills English – Part 2	Thurs 16.1.25	1.00 – 3.00pm	Kingsmeadow Centre
Functional Skills English– 20 weeks	Wed 15.1.25	10.00 - 12.00	Kingsmeadow Centre
Functional Skills maths – 20 weeks	Mon 13.1.25	9.45 – 11.45am	Kingswood Skills Hub
Functional Skills maths – 20 weeks	Tues 14.1.25	9.30 - 11.30am	Kingsmeadow Centre
Intro to Admin Skills – 10 weeks	Mon 13.1.25	12.30 - 2.30pm	Kingswood Skills Hub
Improvers IT – 10 weeks	Mon 13.1.25	10.00 – 12.00	The Park Centre, Kingswood
DFSQ-20 weeks	Mon 13.1.25	1.00 – 3.00pm	The Park Centre, Kingswood
Creative Writing for Wellbeing – 10 weeks	Mon 13.1.25	9.30 – 11.30am	Cadbury Heath Hall
Scrapbooking and Writing – 10 weeks	Fri 17.1.25	1.00 - 3.00pm	Kingswood Leisure Centre
Upcycling for the Environment – 10 weeks	Mon 13.1.25	9.30 – 11.30pm	Hanham Community Centre
Developing Reading Skills – 10 weeks	Wed 15.1.25	1.00 - 3.00pm	Kingswood Skills Hub
Enrolment Session	Tues 19.12.24	2.00-4.00pm	Kingswood Skills Hub
Enrolment Session	Tues 7.1.25	10.00-11.30pm	Cadbury Heath Hall
Enrolment Session	Tues 7.1.25	1.00-3.30pm	Kingswood Skills Hub

**How to book: Contact Anthony:**

	Book	Phone: 07522 218409 or email: <a href="mailto:anthony.hill@southglos.gov.uk">anthony.hill@southglos.gov.uk</a>
	More info:	<a href="http://www.southglos.gov.uk/communitylearning">www.southglos.gov.uk/communitylearning</a> Or  @sgloslearning
	Course	<a href="https://acl-south-glos.glideapp.io">https://acl-south-glos.glideapp.io</a> (or scan the QR code opposite)



\*For adults aged 19+ with few or no qualifications; or experiencing other barriers to work. We will also need to see evidence of identity and eligibility for this course. Please contact us for further details

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## \*FREE Courses in Staple Hill

### \*Free courses from January 2025 – Staple Hill, Downend, Mangotsfield and Lyde Green

Course Name	Start date	Times	Venue
ENROLMENT SESSION – PLEASE BRING ID	Tues 17 Dec 2024	10.00 - 12.00pm	Staple Hill library
ENROLMENT SESSION – PLEASE BRING ID	Thurs 9 Jan 2025	10.30 - 1.00pm	Staple Hill library
ESOL Skills for Life Part 2 – 11 weeks	Tues/Thurs 14.1.25	9.30 - 11.30am	Staple Hill Methodist Church
Functional Skills maths – 20 weeks	Thurs 16.1.25	12.30 - 2.30pm	Staple Hill Methodist Church
Functional Skills English – 20 weeks	Friday 18.1.25	9.30 - 11.30am	Staple Hill Methodist Church
Word & Excel IT Skills – 10 weeks	Thurs 16.1.25	9.30 - 11.30am	Christ Church, Downend
Overcoming Anxiety – 5 weeks	Tues 14.1.25	9.45 - 11.45am	Staple Hill library
Creative Writing on local area – 10 weeks	Wed 15.1.25	9.30 - 11.30am	Staple Hill library
Make your Hobby Pay – 5 weeks	Tues 14.1.25	12.30 - 2.30pm	Staple Hill library
Living a Greener Life – 6 weeks	Tues 25.2.25	12.30 - 2.30pm	Staple Hill library
Intro to working in Horticulture – 10 weeks	Mon 24.2.25	12.30 - 2.30pm	Page Park, The Nest
Spring Crafts for Families – workshop	Fri 21.2.25	1.00 - 3.00pm	Lyde Green Community Ctre
Steps to Work – 6 weeks	Tues 25.2.25	9.45 - 11.45am	Staple Hill library
Food and Mood Wellbeing – 10 weeks	Wed 23.4.25	9.30 - 11.30am	Staple Hill Methodist Church
Understanding Children's Challenging Behaviour – 5 weeks	Tues 22.4.25	9.45 - 11.45am	Staple Hill library
Excel Skills – 5 weeks	Thurs 24.4.25	9.30 - 11.30am	Christ Church, Downend
Knitting for Wellbeing – 10 weeks	Wed 23.4.25	9.30 - 11.30am	Staple Hill library
Story Book Crafts for Families - workshop	Fri 30.5.25	9.30 - 11.30am	Staple Hill Methodist Church
Staying Safe Online – 3 weeks	Thurs 5.6.25	9.30 - 11.30am	Christ Church, Downend

**How to book: Contact Sam Jones for further info or to book:**

	<b>Book</b> Phone: 07768 293842 or email: <a href="mailto:samantha.jones1@southglos.gov.uk">samantha.jones1@southglos.gov.uk</a>
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## Careers

# Looking for an Apprenticeship in Engineering?

**Not sure if it is the career for you?**

**Come to our Open Evening on Wednesday  
12<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 from 4:30pm – 7:00pm**  
Meet apprentices, employers and the team to find out more

**Reserve a place now, go to our website or scan the QR code**



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