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### Key Dates

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10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 10 and 11 exams
10 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> January	KS3 Assessments in class
12 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 11 Geography field trip
13 <sup>th</sup> January	2 <sup>nd</sup> Languages meeting
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 11 Geography field trip
25 – 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 10 and 11 London trip
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 8 Inter Community
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 9 Inter Community
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 8 Inter Community
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term 3
28 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of term 4

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### Year 10 and 11 - Second Languages

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Dear parents / carers of year 10 and 11 students

If your child can speak and write one of the languages below, we may be able to enter them for the GCSE in that language, so they could get themselves an extra qualification.

Their speaking, writing, reading and listening don't need to be perfect. They do need to be able to speak, write and understand a variety of topics, including family, hobbies, technology, home and town, the environment, school and future jobs. They need to be able to refer to the past, present and future



tenses.

If you would like to find out more, or to enter your child for the exam, there will be a meeting for all interested students at 15.05-15.30 in the main hall in school on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of January, with Ms Searle (Assistant Principal and Head of Languages) and Mr Church (Head of Key Stage 4).

French

German

Spanish

Chinese (Cantonese/Mandarin)

Italian

Polish

Bengali

Persian

Turkish

Panjabi

Russian

Arabic

Greek

Japanese

Urdu

Portuguese

Gujurati

Biblical Hebrew

Modern Hebrew

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### *Photography*

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Ruby Adams, one of our year 11 pupils has done some amazing work, which has been entered in a photography competition. She is 1 of 10 students shortlisted across Bristol, which means she has now got her work exhibited at We The Curious.

The competition was to photograph the Bristol they say in response to the theme "This can change"

Congratulations Ruby!





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### *Pantomime*

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We took all of Year 7 to watch Snow White pantomime at the Bristol Hippodrome. The trip was a huge success, and the students were brilliant at audience participation! One year 7 commented: 'Miss, I can't believe how amazing the lights and costumes are. I have never been to the theatre, this is awesome!'



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### *JCA Winter Concert*

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Students from Y7-13 participated in a virtual concert available to students and families to watch. We were so pleased we were able to proceed with the recording of amazing student performances and hope you can enjoy them too!

**YouTube link:** <https://youtu.be/PfDkCTe8ZLk>

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### *Parental Controls Advice from Internet Matters.org*

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*Give your child a safe space to explore their curiosity online.*

*Our step by step guides will help you to set up the right controls and privacy settings on the networks, gadgets, apps, and sites they use to give them a safer online experience.*

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>



### Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides - Internet Matters

Parental Controls Give your child a safe space to explore their curiosity online. Our step by step guides will help you to set up the right controls and privacy settings on the networks, gadgets, apps, and sites they use to give them a safer online experience.

[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)



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## Summer 2022 NCS Experience

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# Summer 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to be working with your teen's school/college this year to deliver an unforgettable summer experience for students in year 11 and 12. And this year, it's your teen's turn!

The NCS programme offers young people, aged 16-17, a once in a lifetime opportunity to do something meaningful with their summer break, as well as a chance to develop new skills and take on new challenges that will set them up for adult life. They'll also do something good for their local community, carrying out a social action project to support a cause they care about. We've seen first-hand what an amazing feeling of accomplishment and increased confidence this brings, and over 600,000 young people have already taken part in the experience since it began.

Over a period of 2 weeks, they will:

- Meet new people
- Stay away from home for 5 days
- Give back to their local community through voluntary action
- Take on new challenges
- Develop the skills and confidence to take on their next steps
- Generate experience for their university application, job/apprenticeship interview or CV and more!

**What does the NCS experience look like?**

**Week 1**

- 4 night residential (at Adventure Bristol from Monday – Friday)
- 2 days of exhilarating outdoor activities
- 3 days of skills workshops designed to set teens up for future life.

**Week 2**

- Non-residential (meeting up in local area Monday – Friday)
- 5 days of planning and delivering a social action project to benefit the local community

**Start Dates**

This summer, we've got a few dates that you can choose from:

4th July – 15th July  
18th July – 29th July  
1st August – 12th August  
15th August – 26th August

National Citizen Service Trust is a not-for-profit organisation incorporated by Royal Charter and established to shape, support, champion and lead a thriving National Citizen Service. National Citizen Service Trust is registered in England and Wales with Royal Charter Body number RC000894.







#### **Cost**

Each place on NCS is worth around £1200. Thanks to government funding, we only ask for a contribution of £50, which covers everything for their 2 week experience. However, we want to ensure that everyone can access an NCS experience and so there are bursaries available if you need some help to cover the cost. Bursaries are available to those who are young carers, eligible for free school meals, on an EHCP, pupil premium, or are in/have recently left care. With a bursary, the total cost of NCS is reduced to just £10.

#### **How to sign up**

To sign up online and make your £50 contribution, please go to [wearencs.com](http://wearencs.com) and follow the 'register now' button. Please call 0800 197 8010 if you would like to access a bursary or would like to sign up over the phone.

#### **More Information**

More information can be found on our website, and frequently asked questions can be found at [wearencs.com/faqs](http://wearencs.com/faqs). Alternatively, if you have any other questions, give us a call and we'll do our best to help you out 0800 197 8010.

#### **Virtual Information Evenings**

We will be running virtual information evenings, where you can find out more about NCS and the experience that we can offer to your young person. If you would like to attend, please register at [EventBrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). This will provide you with a Google Meet link, for your preferred date of Monday 7th February 6:30pm or Thursday 14th April 6:30pm.

If your young person chooses to express their interest in one of our programmes after we speak to them at school/college, we will ask them to share your contact details. This is so that we can complete the administrative process required to get them signed up to a programme date. When they let us know they're interested, we'll be in touch with you by email or phone to run through the steps we need to complete their booking.

We look forward to welcoming your teen on NCS this summer!

Warm wishes,  
The Bristol & Bath NCS Team



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*Financial Support Available*

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Please find the below information from the South Gloucestershire Council



**New financial support available**

South Gloucestershire Council  
Delivering for you

There are many reasons why you may be finding it difficult to cope financially.

You can apply for immediate and ongoing advice and financial support around essential outgoings such as:

water food energy housing costs and other essentials such as warm clothing and fuel.

We have a range of support options available to help customers who are struggling financially. This could be for a number of reasons:

- being made redundant
- a cut in working hours
- owning a business that has been closed due to lockdown
- increased living costs
- a cut in income.

[www.southglos.gov.uk/financial-support-for-residents](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/financial-support-for-residents)





### This support is flexible and can give you support for your immediate or long-term needs

To apply for support you must:

- live in South Gloucestershire
- be over the age of 16

The fund is only available until 📅 31 March 2022.

### How to apply

Complete the form online at:

🌐 [www.southglos.gov.uk/  
financial-support-for-residents](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/financial-support-for-residents)

Email:

✉ [OSSAppointments@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:OSSAppointments@southglos.gov.uk)

In person:

👤 South Gloucestershire Council One Stop Shop  
in Kingswood, Yate or Patchway, see  
[www.southglos.gov.uk/contactus](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/contactus) for details  
or call the number above.



### What happens next?

We will review your application and seek supporting evidence to help us assess your claim.

After you apply you will hear from us within two working days for immediate support and five working days for long term support.

If you would like this information in a different format, for example: Braille, audio format, large print, computer file or a language other than English, please contact: Tel 01454 868009.

[www.southglos.gov.uk/financial-support-for-residents](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/financial-support-for-residents)

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## Finance

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### **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](mailto:donotreply@scopay.com) or from [JCAFinance@clf.uk](mailto: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](mailto:JCAFinance@clf.uk). Alternatively, if you have received an email from [donotreply@scopay.com](mailto:donotreply@scopay.com) and need to respond or query it with the Finance Office, please email [JCAFinance@clf.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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>



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### *Purchase of School Uniform*

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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

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### *Purchases of School Ties*

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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.

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### *Purchases of Calculators*

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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

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### *Purchase of Memory Cards for GCSE Photography*

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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.

