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Key Dates

13 th – 20 th January	Year 10 Mock Exams
21 st January	Dance Show
22 nd January	Year 9 Parent / Carer Evening
28 th January	Year 11 Ice Skating Trip
29 th January	Intermediate Maths Challenge
30 th & 31 st January	Year 10 Geography Field Trip
3 rd & 4 th February	GCSE Spanish Mock Exam
5 th February	Harry Potter Night
7 th February	Bristol Beacon Music Performance
10 th – 14 th February	Culture Week
10 th – 14 th February	Year 11 Mock Exams

14 th February	Last Day of Term
24 th February	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
25 th February	Start of Term 3

OFSTED Report

[-John-Cabot-Academy- OFSTED Report](#)

I am delighted to be able to share with you the Ofsted report from the inspection that took place in November 2024. We are officially Good in all areas and Post-16 is Outstanding. The report is a wonderful description of our 'welcoming' school to which 'pupils feel a strong sense of belonging'.

We talk about the vision for JCA a lot and I am thrilled that Ofsted have seen much of our vision realised. The bits of the report which particularly stand out to me are:

Nurture the Individual

'Pupils are safe'

'The school is committed to ensuring the pupils are successful, especially those with SEND and disadvantaged pupils'.

'The pastoral care provided by the school is a strength'

'The school has high expectations for pupil's behaviour and conduct....consequently pupils behave well in lessons and around school'.

Inspire through learning

'They receive a high quality education' 'as a result they achieve very well in GCSE examinations'.

'JCA has an ambitious curriculum '

Raise our community

'Students are proud of their diverse community' 'The school.....celebrates differences'

'They show very high levels of respect for the views and lives of others'.

'Relationships between staff and students are warm'

Thank you for all your support for John Cabot Academy, it means, your children, our students, are thriving academically; flourishing and growing as young people. However we need to keep improving; one of our targets is to create a culture where students read widely for pleasure, we will definitely have to work together over the coming years to bring this about.

Kate Willis
Principal

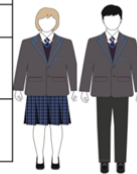
JCA Routines – Uniform Expectations

The start to Term 3 represents a great time for students to set the tone with their school uniform. On the first day back, tutors went through our JCA routines and expectations with all students, which included our uniform standards.

Please re-familiarise yourselves with our uniform policy below. If your child comes to school in incorrect uniform, we *may* be able to offer them a replacement, or will call you to bring in the right uniform, or they may be sent to the SLR.

Uniform

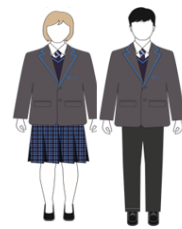
Tie*	JCA clip-on tie.
Jumper*	Dark blue, V-neck, with blue piping at the neck.
Trousers	Formal black tailored trousers with a crease, reaching to the ankle. Jeans and other fashion styles are not permitted.
Shirt	White, long or short sleeve, buttoning to the neck to be worn with a tie.
Tights	Black, grey or neutral.
Socks	White, black, grey or neutral.
Shorts	Black, tailored, loose fitting shorts (not denim or sports shorts).
School shoes	Black, leather, substantial (not trainers, daps or boots). See guidance below on acceptable styles of shoe.



Your child can wear their PE kit to school on the day they have their PE lesson. We must also add that your child will be asked to change into school uniform if they arrive at school in PE kit on a non-PE day. The pastoral team will also contact home for students who come into school with incorrect uniform. Please also see the optional uniform items below:

Uniform – Optional items

Skirt*	Blue, tartan skirt. Can be worn instead of trousers.
Blazer*	Grey, blue piping to lapels with school badge embroidered onto pocket.
Belt	Plain black with a discreet plain buckle or clasp.
Hijabs & Head Scarves	White, black, blue or grey if worn.
Durags, Bonnets & Head wraps	White, black, blue or grey if worn.



Equipment:

Please also ensure your child comes to school fully equipped for learning.

This includes:

- A blue or black pen (more than one)
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Eraser

Students are also able to purchase a pen for 5p at the finance office.

Nathan Richardson
Assistant Principal

Severe Weather Warnings

Following the recent severe weather warnings recently, our priority is the safety of our students and staff and there are a number of things we have to consider to ensure everyone is able to return home safely or attend school safely in the event of significant snow fall or dangerous/icy conditions.

Our intention is for the Academy to be open as usual. We assess early in the morning if the conditions are such that it is not safe to open the Academy. A decision would be taken by 7:15am at the very latest, in all likelihood much earlier. You will be notified by text, email, a notice on the website and on our social media.

If there is very significant snow fall or a deterioration in conditions during the day which mean staying

open until 3pm would risk the safety of our staff or students, we may decide to finish the school day early. If this were to happen, we would email and text you and put a notice on the website, advising you of the early closure time. Please can you let Reception know if your child can **not** leave the site early.

Thank you for your understanding,

Kate Willis
Principal

Canteen Theme Meals



**ASIAN
GOES TO
KOREA**

16th January

Korean Spicy Chicken Burger
with Gochujang Sesame Slaw

Korean Veggie Bibimbap Rice
Bowl

Pa Michim
(Green Onion Salad)

Hotteok Korean Sweet
Pancakes

Deli Kitchen
Korean Budak Fire Wings

Aspens

Winter Concert

A fantastic evening full of performances from Year 7 to Year 11, from rock to pop and everything in-between. It was brilliant to see a packed main hall with supporters coming along to clap along to festive numbers and enjoy the array of musical talent from John Cabot.

All money raised from ticket sales and the tuck shop will go into purchasing some new exciting equipment for the Music Department at JCA. Thank you to those who attended, but if you were unable to attend but would like to watch the concert from the comfort of your own home, please find the link here:

<https://youtu.be/HYXI3SgACeA?si=DN2uZUz61RJA9s0D>

Change to Clubs for Term 3



There will be limited sports clubs this term due to freezing conditions, no exam hall and large amount of fixtures

*****CLUBS THIS TERM*****

DANCE

Year 7 – Thursday

Year 8 to 10 – Friday

This will run up until the dance show

NETBALL

Netball will run weeks 4 and 5 of this term on a Tuesday

BASKETBALL

Basketball will run weeks 4 and 5 of this term on a Monday for boys and a Wednesday for girls

Speak to any member of the PE team if you have any questions.



Dance Show

DANCE SHOW 2025
Tue 21st January 6.00pm



John Cabot Academy

Tickets : **£3** (adult) & **£2** (senior citizens & students)

Purchase tickets online through **SCOPAY** or in person at the door

