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Key Dates

30 th January	Year 10 Mock Exams
30 th January	GCSE Music Trip to watch Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
1 st February	School partially closed due to Industrial Action
3 rd February	Anti-Bullying Workshop
6 th Feb – 3 rd March	Year 11 Mock Exams
8 th February	Tuck Shop at lunch time – cash only Year 9 Parents Evening online Harry Potter Night
10 th February	Last day of Term
20 th February	INSET Day, school closed to pupils
21 st February	First Day of Term 4

JCA Routines: Ready to Learn

In our classrooms and corridors, we use consistent boundaries and well understood routines called 'Ready to Learn'. We do this because students feel safe when they know what to expect/what is expected of them. If they feel safe, they feel able to learn, which is our focus in lesson time.

Our learning behaviours in the classroom are:

"Quality Audience"
"Exam Conditions"
"Group Learning"
"Learning Partner"

We use this language so it's clear to all what learning behaviours are expected of students for each section of learning they are in.

Being 'ready' for lessons:

Our next step in being ready to learn is ensuring all students take responsibility for their learning by being equipped and bringing a pen to every class. Over the next few weeks their teachers will be reminding them that bringing a pen is going to be an essential part of their routine in Term 4. We will be able to provide pens available to purchase via Scopay (collectible from our finance office, which is open to students across the day) but please do support your child(ren) in being equipped for school over the coming weeks.

Gemma Read
Vice Principal

1st February Industrial Action

Due to the national industrial action taking place on 2nd February the school will be running as below:

- JCA will only be open to Year 11 and a small group of students from years 7-10 who would benefit from being in school. Those that attend the academy on Wednesday will need to attend in full school uniform, for 8:40 as normal, but will leave slightly earlier at 14:40. The Street Canteen will be open from 9:30 - 9:50 and 12:10 - 12:40 for students to get food at break and lunch.
- Year 11s will attend normal lessons where their teachers are available, where this is not possible, they will be supervised in computer rooms to do independent revision, coursework and homework. We will not know until the day precisely which teachers are available to teach their Year 11 classes

- There is lots of homework available on Show My Homework for students not attending the academy, but there will not be live online learning. To see what your child is learning in every subject this current term, please view the Curriculum Maps on the JCA website: <https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/curriculum-statement/> You can then go to the Oak National Academy website for relevant online lessons <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage>
- Students who are in receipt of Free School Meals in years 7-10 will be able to collect a packed lunch from the canteen at the end of the day on Tuesday 31st January.

Level 2 Voc. H&C Practical Exams



Starting early next term, we have the first round of **Level 2 Voc. Hospitality & Catering practical exams** for our lovely year 11s. It is an opportunity to display their skill in a **JCA MasterChef** format.

Students will be off timetable for a full day; practical in the morning followed by theory in the afternoon.

The first exam is on **Wednesday 22nd February** (side A) and the second on **Wednesday 15th March** (side B). Students are aware of their group.

We have a very tight turn around between now and the first exam. Students have just **2 weeks** to fully complete their coursework projects *and* to print off the final section (2.4 - plan for production) for their exam itself.

Students are expected to provide their own ingredients for the exams, as they will be taking the final dishes home. Pupil Premium students will have ingredients provided.

We do have a wide selection of ambient ingredients e.g. herbs, flour that all students can use - free of charge. I will explain to them next week what we have available.

*If any student believes that they might be unable to cover the full cost of ingredients, then they should let me know before half term.

Best of luck!

Joanne Shipp

Food and Nutrition Teacher

GCSE Revision Clubs

Year 10 & 11 – Revision Clubs

Monday



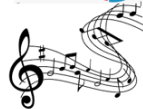
Year 11 Drama Coursework
GCSE Geography
Science Higher Tier Revision

Tuesday



GCSE Statistics
English Revision
History (Mixed with Thursday)
iMedia & Business

Wednesday



GCSE Music Rehearsals

Thursday



Drama Coursework
Music Coursework
GCSE Maths
GCSE Further Maths
GCSE Geography
Health & Social Care



Extracurricular Clubs



ENRICHMENT CLUBS TERM 3

Year	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Year 7	Choir Dungeons & Dragons Club	School Production Warhammer Club	Environment Club	Drama LGBT+ Race Equalities Group	Choir Student Council
Year 8	Choir Dungeons & Dragons Club	School Production Warhammer Club	Environment Club	Drama LGBT+ Race Equalities Group	Choir Student Council
Year 9	Choir Dungeons & Dragons Club	School Production Warhammer Club	Environment Club	LGBT+ Race Equalities Group	Choir Student Council
Year 10	Choir Dungeons & Dragons Club	School Production Warhammer Club	Environment Club	LGBT+ Race Equalities Group	Choir Student Council
Year 11	Choir Dungeons & Dragons Club	School Production Warhammer Club	Environment Club	LGBT+ Race Equalities Group	Choir Student Council





SPORTS CLUBS TERM 3

Year	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Year 7	Climbing* Netball*	Fitness Boys Football Benchball		Basketball*	
Year 8	Climbing* Netball*	Fitness Benchball		Basketball* Boys Football	
Year 9	Climbing* Netball	Fitness Benchball		Basketball*	
Year 10	Climbing* Netball*	Fitness Boys Football		H & S Care Sports Science	
Year 11	Climbing* Badminton Sports Science Netball*	Fitness		H & S Care	

Note: Please meet for clubs outside the Sports hall.

Unless stated, clubs are boys and girl

*** Netball, basketball & climbing club will start in week 4.**

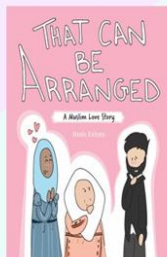
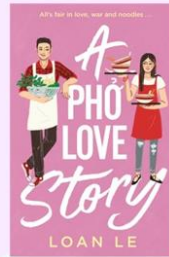
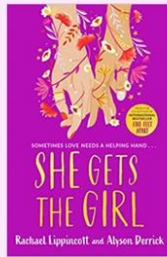
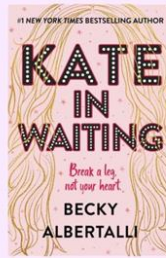
*** For Climbing & basketball club , please sign up due to limited spaces.**

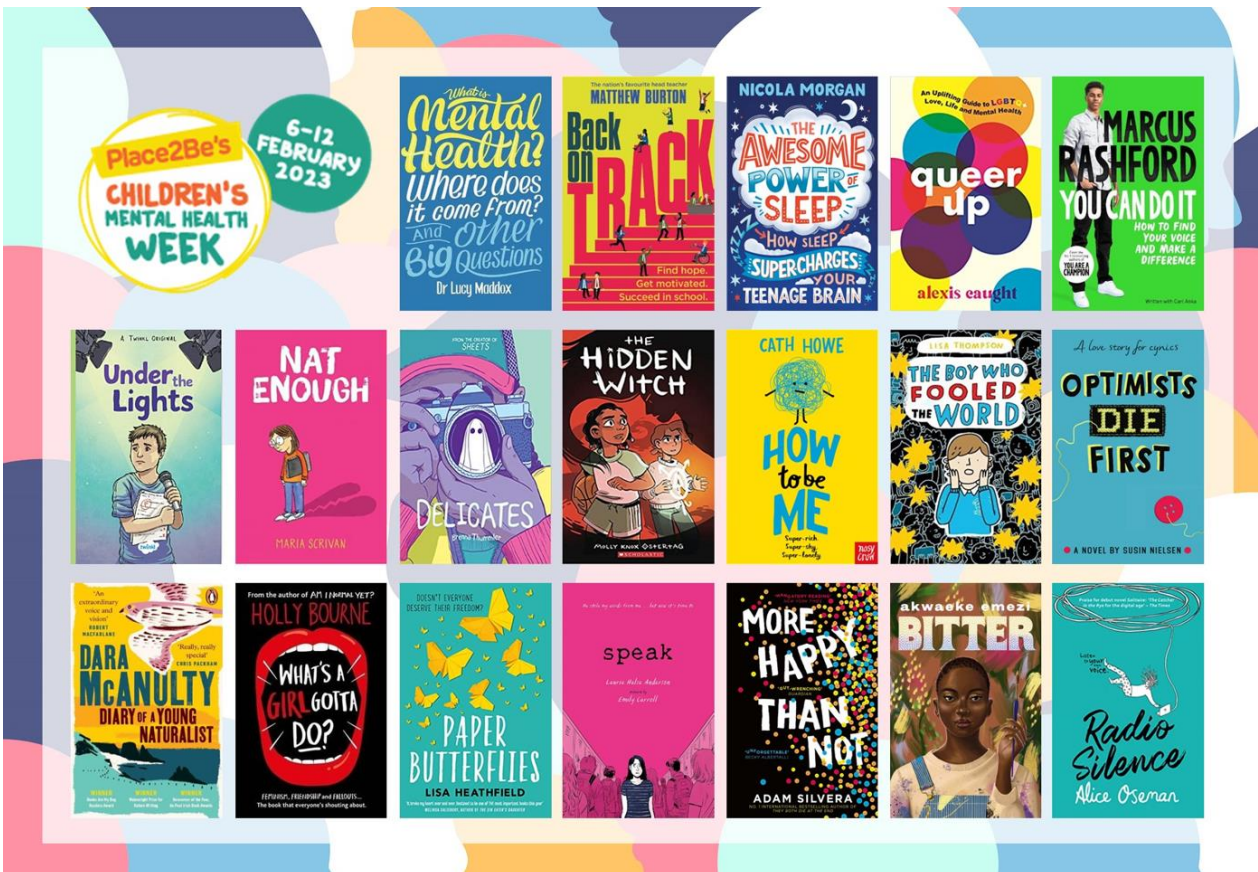
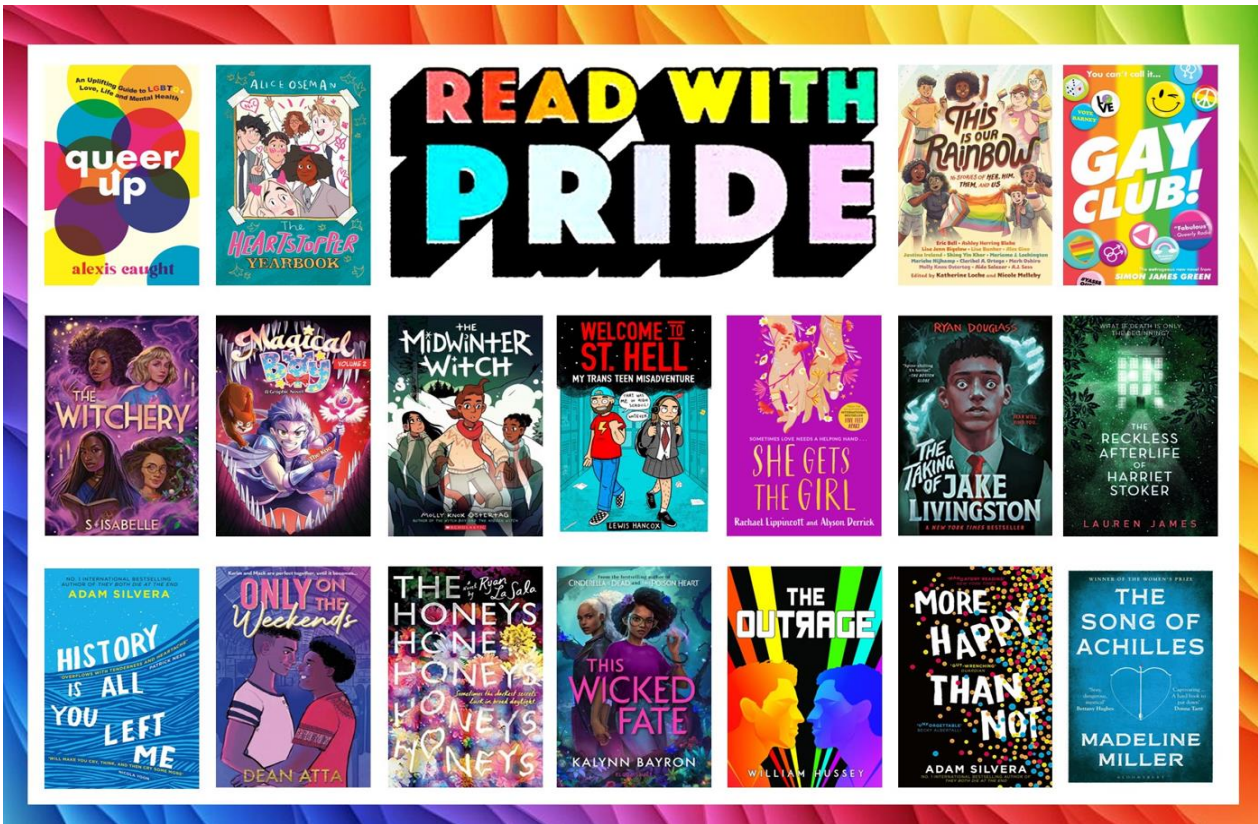
The sign-up sheet will be in the PE office.



February Reading Lists

Books to Swoon Over





Online Safety – Child Safety and the Metaverse



Christmas has now come to a close and a new year has begun. As pupils and staff return to school, the annual playground inquisition will begin. Among their peer group young people will begin to discuss what they got for Christmas. For many the answer will almost certainly be ‘a Fortnite battle pass, a new PC, a PlayStation 5 etc’.

All devices which allow both unfettered access to the internet and expose children to voice chat, text chat and photo sharing with complete strangers. This year presents an acceleration of vulnerability window as, VR headsets, connected to Facebook’s Metaverse have been released onto the marketplace. The Metaverse seeks to link users to the internet as a Virtual Entity through the use of Virtual Reality Headsets. This amplifies the danger children are exposed to online.

To help you understand this new, fast changing issue the NSPCC has published a guide to both the Metaverse and VR headsets. To find out more please follow the link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2022/christmas-vr-safety-advice-for-parents-metaverse/>

Free School Meals

Who qualifies for free school meals?

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods, and your monthly average income over three assessment periods should be no more than £616.67)
- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit

- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child might also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the [compulsory age for starting school](#)
- in full-time education

How to apply for free school meals

- The user should visit www.southglos.gov.uk and click on "Apply Online" – **whether you live in Bristol, South Glos, Banes or any other local authority all applications for Free School Meals have to be applied for in this way**
- From the list supplied choose "Free School Meals"
- You will be taken to the Home Page for Free School Meals. If the user does not already have a Citizen Portal account, they will need to click "Register" and follow the on screen instructions. If the user already has a Citizen Portal account (e.g. they have applied for a School Place in the past) the user will need to log in by entering their Email Address or Password as below. If the user has forgotten their password they can click "Forgotten your password?" to be sent a new password
- The user should click on "Free School Meals"
- Scroll down the page to "Apply for free school meals" and follow the instructions given
- The user is told after completing all the information if they are eligible for Free School Meals or not and the claim is assigned an Application Reference. The user should then press Finish to complete the form
- If you are eligible for Free School Meals John Cabot Academy will be notified

Any further questions or if you require help with completing the online application, please contact Sharon Bracey at John Cabot Academy.

Kingswood Community Forum



As you might know, **Kingswood is identified as a priority neighbourhood domain whereby deprivation of the following areas: income, employment, health & disability, crime and education are identified as within the top quintile (20%) in terms of their relative national deprivation position.** King's Oak Academy is an All-Through (Reception - Year 11) school which is also situated within the heart of our Kingswood community. Beyond educating children and families, at King's Oak we understand that that following a global pandemic and in light of the rapidly increasing rate of community hardship, we have a civic responsibility to support our local community, beyond our remit within education, to develop mechanisms for bringing multi-agency services together and provide bespoke services for the families and children who need our support within our community so that it can continue to grow and flourish.

To mark our centenary anniversary as a school and further our commitment to supporting the growth, development, and legacy of the Kingswood community, **we are building a Family Hub that can become local asset for the community**, that lasts for decades and adapts as the needs of society changes. Our Family Hub is designed as somewhere that offers not only help for young people and their families – be that through parenting classes or mental health support – but is knitted into the education system as a place that offers services such as; access into employment, adult literacy/numeracy programmes/ basic cookery courses/life skills/warm or food banks so that individuals or families who are just about managing can be supported in a way that is inclusive, nurturing and culturally sensitive, whilst always remaining relentlessly positive about encouraging success and high aspiration. In addition to the development of a Family Hub, **we would like to be able to work with members of the Kingswood community to create a forum for local voice so that we can work together, as a team to create positive change and opportunity for the local area.**

This project highlights the outstanding work that community partnerships can do and with this in mind, I am writing to ask whether you would be able to share our information about **our first Kingswood Community Meeting** where we (King's Oak and existing community organisers within our local area) can meet, listen to residents and members within our community about the

challenges/pressures we are facing and together start to identify projects or actions that we can work on to support and develop our local area. The first meeting will be on **Thursday 2nd February (5-7pm) at King's Oak Academy.**

We are really looking forward to meeting and working with residents and local businesses in our community and would like to thank you in advance for your time and support of the Kingswood Community Meeting.

If you have any questions about the upcoming event, please email koa.office@clf.uk or call 01179 927127.

Kind regards

Katherine Ogden
Principal – Kings Oak Academy