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Key Dates

10 th - 14 th March	Careers Week
11 th March	Year 8 Vaccine
14 th – 16 th March	Netball Tour
19 th March	Year 11 Parent / Carer Evening
26 th March	Year 9 Men/ACW Vaccine
25 th – 27 th March	Academy Production
27 th March	Year 9 Future Brunel Trip
28 th – 30 th March	Football Tour
2 nd – 3 rd April	GCSE Speaking Exams
4 th April	End of Term 4

22nd April

Start of Term 5

JCA Routines – Punctuality to School and Lessons

JCA continues to be a leading school for student attendance across the CLF. Thank you for supporting your child in coming to school each day.

This week, we would like to remind families about their children being punctual to school and lessons each day.

The school gate opens at 8:20am, where students are greeted by our leadership and pastoral teams. Both teams are also available to support students if they need help with their organisation or any pastoral needs.

Your child should be outside their period 1 lesson by 8:40am. Students who arrive later than 8:45am (or more than 5 minutes late to any other lesson) will be placed in the SLR (separated learning room). Being on time limits disruptions to the learning of others and ensures students maximise their learning experiences with their subject teacher. Families are also now able to monitor attendance and punctuality to lessons via their child's MCAS account.

If your child is ever too unwell to attend school, please call the JCA switchboard number before the start of the school day. Please also contact your child's pastoral year team if they need any support with coming into school.

Nathan Richardson
Assistant Principal

Abayas & Thobes During Ramadan

Our Muslim children have been asking if they can wear Abayas and Thobes during Ramadan. We are happy to support that on two conditions:

- The Abayas and Thobes need to be in school colours: black, blue, grey, white.
- Their school uniform is clearly visible beneath it.

In a school where we share our site with P16 students, our JCA children need to be clearly identifiable.

Please note this will be for the duration for Ramadan only.

Kate Willis
Principal

New Scholastic Book Club

Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/john-cabot/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online by March 14th, 2025.**

Safer Internet Day 2025 Tuesday 11th February

Last month, John Cabot explored the theme of 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online' via Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety.

Each year they cover an online issue or theme that speaks about the things young people are seeing and experiencing online.

This year's Safer Internet Day will also consider the future of scams, answering questions such as:

- How is changing technology like generative AI going to impact the approach of scammers?
- What role can the government and internet industry take to tackle this threat?
- What changes would young people like to see to help protect themselves moving forward?

Please use the link below to explore the age-appropriate quizzes available- these would be great for you and your child/children to explore together to check their understanding of online scams.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/2025-sid-quiz>

Gemma Read
VicePrincipal

Behind the Screen - Childline

At John Cabot, we are aware that many boys or young men may not always reach out for support / to raise concerns. Below is a new resource from childline that supports parents / carers in identifying and supporting someone who may be being extorted (including how to report any concerns).

Childline's new 'Behind the Screen' campaign, seeks to raise awareness of the sexually coerced extortion of boys and young men. In particular it seeks to address the extortion of nudes from this group via blackmail, in relation to nudes exchanged and then saved by the extorter.

All young people should be able to feel safe to seek support for whatever afflicts them. Childline seeks to provide that service, and to act as a conduit for advice and support. The campaign has specifically been designed for boys and young men, to let them know its ok to reach out and that a place for their concerns exists at Childline. In line with this aim, they have produced a supporting guide to accompany their 'Behind the Screen' campaign. If interested please follow the link below:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/sfzndfng/childline-behind-the-screen-pdf-guide.pdf>

Gemma Read
Vice Principal

JCA Production of 'Wizard of Oz'

"Follow the yellow brick road..."

Tickets are now on sale on ScoPay or Music Dept.
Book early to avoid disappointment.
Performances on Tues 25, Wed 26 and Thurs 27 March.
Any questions, please get in touch with Ms Grierson 🎵

Charlotte Grierson
Head of Performing Arts

John Cabot Academy presents



25th, 26th, 27th March
7pm Main hall

Tickets from Scopay & Music Dept.
£6 adult / £4 concession
Refreshments at Interval

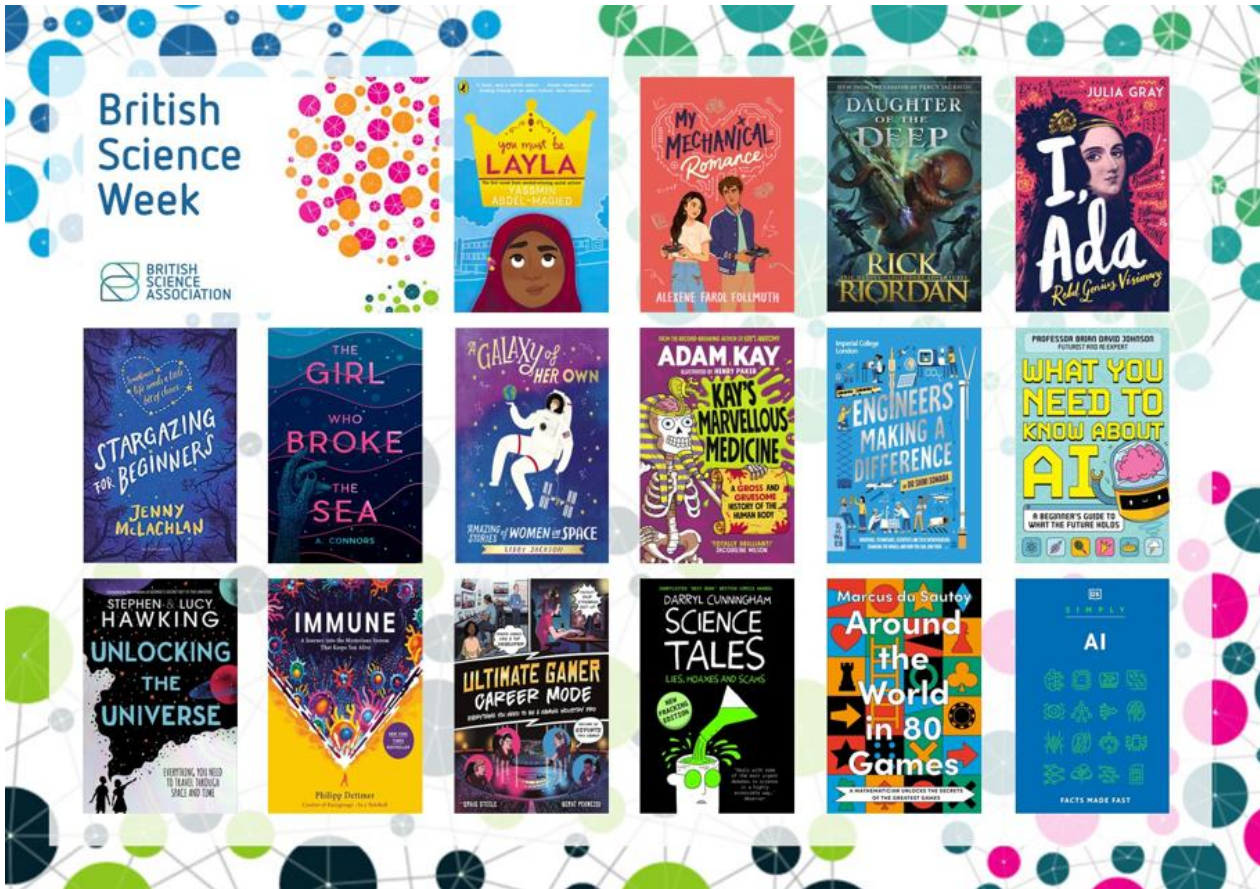
The 2025 Library Chess Tournament

The 2025 Library Chess Tournament will be starting later this term. The tournament is open to all students, regardless of experience.

If you enjoy chess and would like to take part, come by the library to sign up and find out if you can be this year's champion.



British Science Week Reading List



Ramadan and Islam Reading List

