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Key Dates

18 th March	Year 9 MenACWY & Td/IPV Vaccinations
19 th – 21 st March	Academy Production of Hairspray
26 th March	Pride Club Theatre Trip
27 th March	Year 11 Parents Evening (Face to Face)
27 th – 28 th March	Year 10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
28 th March	Last Day of Term
15 th April	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice
16 th April	First Day of School

JCA Routines: Corridors and Social Areas

Ramadan has arrived and our community has made a really positive start to a time of self reflection and improvement. Across the rest of term 4, we are supporting our fasting community by ensuring we are using our corridors and social areas respectfully. We are ensuring that we only eat outside the street cafe, in our canteen or foyer, leaving social areas like the library, prayer room, the wings, hardcourt and astro/sports hall free from food.

We are focusing on our corridor behaviours, ensuring that we are all safe, calm and respectful of each other at all times. Our staff are on doors welcoming students into lessons to support punctuality and registers. If your child is in the corridor during lesson time, they can expect to be spoken to by every member of staff they meet; unless your child has a toilet pass or time out card supplied by us, they will not be allowed out of lessons for any reason.

<p>Routine 3: Punctuality & Registers</p>	<p>Period 1 to Tutor Time</p> <p><i>Less than 5 minutes late</i> Take register within 5 minutes. Mark L in register with minutes late.</p> <p><i>More than 5 minutes late</i> Send to SLR* Update register with a 1 Call home <i>*Unless they have a note on paper/SIMS</i></p>
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Stop and Search: A Guidance for Children

Avon and Somerset police have just released further stop and search guidance alongside a letter explaining how they have been and continue to support our South Gloucestershire community over the recent months. Please do take a moment to read the attached documents and be mindful of the impact on our young people as they move to and from school as well as how and when they choose to conduct themselves in the community when they are not in school; their safety is everyone's priority.

<https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/wp-content/uploads/Stop-Search-guidance-for-children.pdf>

Attendance

We would like to extend a **big thank you** to all our John Cabot Academy parents and carers for supporting your children to attend school and engage so well with their learning. We know that this reflects the value our families place on children learning in school every day.

At John Cabot Academy, we want and expect our students to attend school every day, unless they are really not well enough to.

We believe that children who attend regularly are more likely to feel settled in school, maintain friendships, keep up with their learning and gain the greatest benefit from their education. Students that attend more achieve more. Research shows a strong link between strong attendance and good outcomes and progress. This equips students for success in post year 11 provision.

Attending on time every day also helps students form good habits which can stay with them throughout their education and on into the workplace.

Ramadan Announcement



The poster features a glowing lantern in the foreground against a dark, starry night sky. In the background, there are silhouettes of people in prayer. The text is white and yellow, providing clear information about the start of Ramadan.

 **RAMADAN
ANNOUNCEMENT**
2024 / Bristol

Ramadan 2024 has been announced to start on:
Mon 11th March 2024 & Tues 12th March 2024.

Mon 11th March

Most Bristol Mosques will be starting Ramadan on Mon 11th March 2024.

Tues 12th March

Based on lack of local moonsighting, the following Mosques in Bristol will begin Ramadan on Tues 12th March 2024.

Bristol Jamia Mosque | Easton Jamia Masjid
Faizan e Madina | Greenbank Mosque
Hazrat Bilal Centre | Madani Jamia Masjid

Please note all mosques have come to their decisions based on valid difference of opinion around sighting of moon for Ramadan and discussion amongst themselves. We should be respectful of this.

 BristolMuslimCulturalSociety  Please do like our FB page!

 Please Share

Designed by Rizwan Ahmed  riz1.ahmed  riz161@gmail.com

A reminder that if your child is fasting but also receives Free School Meals, they can choose their food during their lunchtime as usual; John Cabot will store this for them during the day and they can collect it to take home with them at 15:00 from the main foyer doors.

School Production

Tickets are now live on ScoPay and can be bought in person from the music and drama department. Reservations through JCAinfo@clf.uk.

Adults £6, Concession £4 (over 65/under 18)

**JOHN CABOT ACADEMY
PRESENTS**

HAIRSPRAY



**19th, 20th, 21st March
7pm, Main Hall**

TICKETS FROM SCOPAY & MUSIC DEPARTMENT
£6 ADULT / £4 CONCESSION
INTERVAL REFRESHMENTS

Careers Week

We had a busy and informative week for Careers Week, with lots of events, culminating in our largest ever Careers Fair for all students in Years 10 and 11.

We had a large focus on Green and Sustainable Careers and more information on Green Careers, and wider careers, please see Careerpilot: [Careerpilot : Green jobs](#)

For any further information on the events from last week, please email JCAinfo@clf.uk FAo: Ms Williams, Careers Co-ordinator.

Spring Fair

The Silver Duke of Edinburgh students are holding a spring fair, here at John Cabot Academy, on Saturday 18th May from 10am – 1pm

If you are interested in renting a table for this event, please email JCAinfo@clf.uk for more information.



Year 9 Vaccines

All Year 9 children are being offered Meningococcal ACWY vaccination and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccination in school and information has been sent to parents / carers and pupils.

Please complete the consent form at the link below:

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/dtp/2023/consent?v=2>

It is important that you complete the consent form even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccinations; you are able to consent for none, either or both vaccinations.

Job Vacancy

We are looking for a Student Support Leader to join our supportive and talented team at John Cabot Academy. This is a permanent, Full Time role, working term time only, plus Inset days. Full information can be found [Student Support Leader Role](#)

Post 16

Applications are still open to join CLF Post 16 in September 2024! To apply, visit clfp16.applicaa.com/year12

Our team will be coming to visit your academy to offer guidance meetings to students towards the end of this term. If you are undecided about your next steps or which courses are right for you, please talk to your Careers Lead or Head of Year to book a slot with us.



The poster features a main image of three students looking at a document. Text on the poster includes: 'Your future starts here...', 'CLF Post 16', 'Applications are still open to join us in September 2024.', 'To apply, visit clfp16.applicaa.com/year12', 'Guidance meetings taking place in CLF academies in March. Talk to your Careers Lead or Head of Year to book a slot.', 'We CARE about you', 'We BELIEVE in you', 'We ACHIEVE with you', and contact information: 'www.post16.clf.uk', 'Woodside Rd, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 8BD'. There are also social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Update to School Uniform Supply



Dear Customer,

We are writing to let you know about several improvements we have made to our online school uniform service for 2024.

Apple Pay

We are now able to take payments via Apple Pay which will allow for faster and easier checkout for those parents who have this facility. The usual credit / debit card, PayPal and Klarna (split in 3 interest free payments) also remain available.

Returns

By moving to DPD for our returns courier service, we have been able to make significant improvements to processing with over 90% of refunds now processed within 5 working days.

As a result of these improvements, from 1st April 2024, we will no longer offer product exchanges and will ask customers to return their order for a refund and place a new order for their chosen product instead.

NEW Sizing App

We are pleased to announce we have just launched a new & improved sizing app, which will help give customers more accurate guidance of what size they should purchase. Customers can simply input two basic measurements and an appropriate size will be recommended across the full product range. Making it easier and quicker for customers to find their appropriate size.

20% OFF ALL Plain Items

As Trutex Direct customers, all your parents will automatically benefit from 20% off any plain uniform items (once they have logged into our site). This includes our full catalogue of uniform, PE items and accessories.

We continue to invest in new technologies and service improvements for our TD customers. We also welcome any feedback on the service, which you can send an email to marketing@trutex.com.

Kind regards,



Tom Morley
Group Sales Director

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

The **Holiday activities and Food (HAF) programme** is running again during the Easter holidays for children and young people in South Glos.

Dates are generally between Tuesday 2 April and Friday 12 April but will vary by provider.

The HAF programme is for **children and young people aged 5 to 16 who receive benefits-related free school meals**. Before booking funded HAF places, you need to have successfully applied for free school meals at www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Children receiving universal free school meals, automatically offered in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 without needing to apply, do not qualify for funded HAF place unless they have completed a successful application.

Please follow these steps:

- Visit www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF for full information on the HAF programme and further support available to families.
- Click on **'book a space for your child now'** – this will take you directly to our booking platform with full listings of all the available activities and clubs.

- You will need to **register your child on this system** unless they attended a HAF programme over the summer holidays – in which case you will already have an account, so you will simply need to book the dates.
- The system will run an eligibility check to ensure that your child is registered on our benefits-related free school meals list. The list is kept up to date on a weekly basis, so it's best to build in time to apply for benefits-related free school meals ahead of booking HAF places.
- The booking system is mobile friendly so should be accessible to most families.

If you do not have online access, you will need to contact the HAF club provider directly to book places for you.

Kind regards,

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