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Key Dates

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
31 st March	Eid Al-Fitr
2 nd March	Parent / Carer Coffee Morning
2 nd – 3 rd April	GCSE Speaking Exams
4 th April	Non-Uniform Day and Cake Sale End of Term 4

22nd April

Start of Term 5

JCA Routines – Phones and Earphones

As we enter week 4 of term 4, we would like to take the opportunity to remind families of student expectations surrounding phones and earphones.

We ask that mobile phones and earphones are not visible between 8:40 - 3pm. In instances where mobile phones or earphones are confiscated, they will be able to collect them from the front office at 3pm (or 3:15pm after any restoratives).

We advise students not to bring valuables to school to avoid items getting lost and where the focus can remain on learning. If you ever need to contact your child during the school day, please contact the school reception. Likewise, if your child needs to contact you they can ask staff in their year team offices who will be happy to help.

Nathan Richardson
Assistant Principal

Iftar Monday 10th March

On Monday 10th March we hosted our first ever Iftar in JCA Main Hall. The evening meal that marks the end of daily fasting in Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar.

During the day staff fasted alongside students to gain a greater understanding of Ramadan and to show solidarity with their students. As part of this, students from the Equalities Council made those who fasted an offering of a bottle of water, a small cake and dates to open their fast with at sunset.

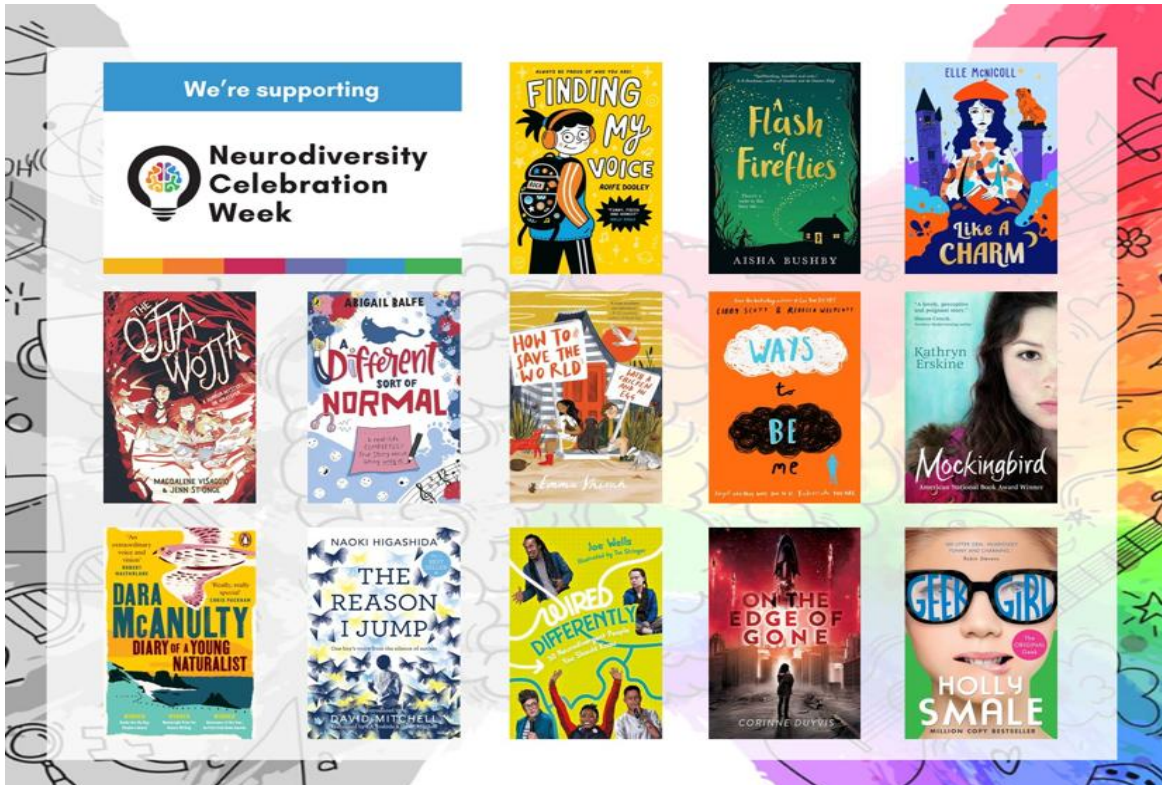
Many of these staff attended the Iftar along with students and their families too and it was an incredibly social event. We were fortunate to welcome a local Imam to this special evening who gave a recitation from the Qur'an and led prayer for those wishing to do so.

It was wonderful to students, families and staff from all backgrounds coming together to eat a delicious meal prepared by JCA staff.

CLF Trustee, Zarah Morwood, said "Thank you so much for inviting us to your lovely Iftar event, it was a pleasure to be able to 'break' our fast with you all. My family and I had a fantastic time." We hope that all who attended had an enjoyable evening and we look forward to hosting this again in the future.



Neurodiversity Reading List



World Book Day Winner



Maths Feast at JCA

On Tuesday 3rd March John Cabot Academy hosted a Year 10 Maths Feast challenge. Organised by the AMSP (Advanced Maths Skills Programme), the challenge comprises four rounds testing different

mathematical skills from 'Would I lie to you?' to 'Broken Calculator'.

The event saw 16 teams from schools across the Bristol region compete in teams of 4. JCA invited two teams who did really well with these challenging problems against tough competition. Well done to the students who took part.



Amelia Walton
Head of Maths

Active Travel Ambassadors

Firstly, What an event! Your Active Travel Ambassadors (ATAs) were brilliant and should be really proud of themselves. They spoke eloquently and communicated confidently during the pitch and while answering the experts' questions. Not only that, but winning an additional £50 is a fantastic achievement, especially when you know their first full run through was minutes before presenting! Please share this success with their parents/carers, staff and the entire school community!

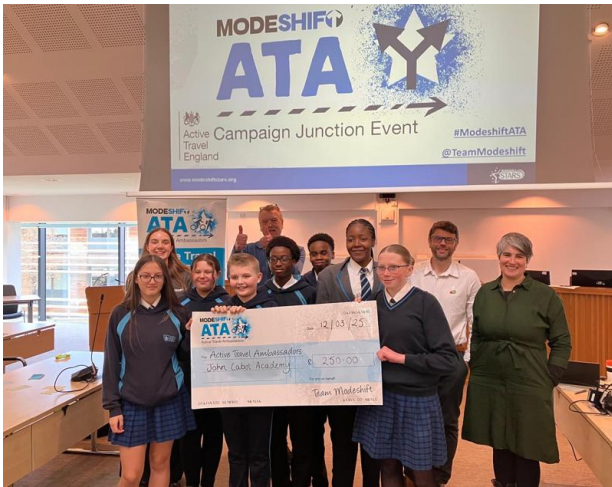
Here are some quotes from your ATAs

"I loved the opportunity to develop my public speaking skills and represent my school"

"I liked getting the feedback so we can improve on what we have done so far and to promote active travel"

"I found it really fun, and it was really interesting to hear everyone's ideas about active travel"

"I really liked the free stuff and stealing ideas from the other school"



Stephanie Lake
Active Travel Ambassador Coordinator (South West)
Web: www.modeshiftstars.org / www.modeshift.org.uk

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



How Safe is WhatsApp for Children - NSPCC

John Cabot are aware that many peer to peer conflicts begin online through apps such as Snapchat and WhatsApp. Please use the link below for understanding why you should be 13 to use WhatsApp and how you can support your child if they are using the platform.

WhatsApp is one of the most popular instant messaging apps, used by over 2 billion people in 180 countries. It allows you to send and receive messages, as well as make voice and video calls. You can connect with people individually or join group chats where lots of people can contribute. All you need to set up a WhatsApp account is a phone number. However, children and young people can easily subvert the restrictions placed on its access.

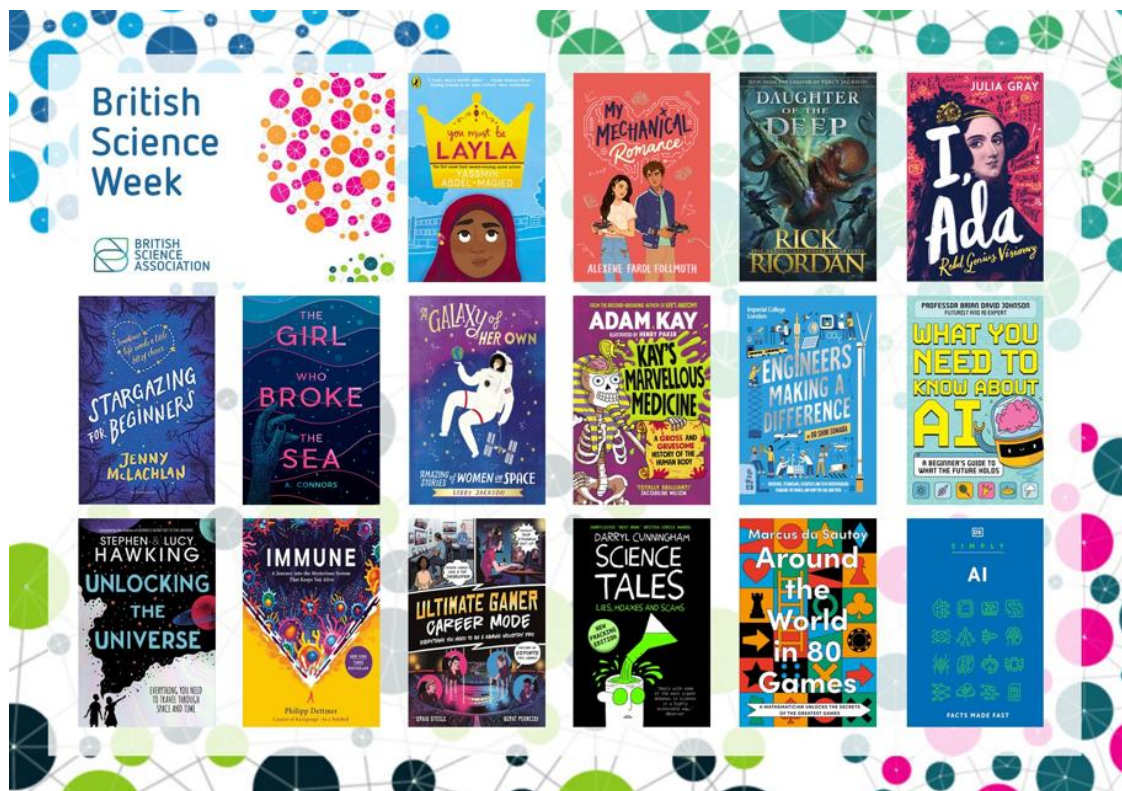
Although rated at 16+, all that is required is a phone number. All it takes is one child in a class to be on WhatsApp, and all the others will wish to join. This can lead to increased vulnerabilities for child users. The

NSPCC has released its own analysis about the dangers of the app. If interested, please follow the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

Gemma Read
Vice Principal

British Science Week Reading List



Free Music Masterclass

We have fantastic free events coming up and would be very appreciative if you could share the below with your music teachers and students. All our events are free and open to school-aged musicians.

GALSI Masterclass
16/3/25 - 16.00-17.30 - Zoom

Join us for an insightful and hands-on masterclass with the GALSI leaders Beth Higham-Edwards and Rebecca Celebuski. We'll explore the fantastic work of the organisation they have created as well as learning about their careers. Beth is currently on tour with Come From Away and Rebecca is the Section Leader Percussionist of the National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland. With an interactive percussion section and a Q&A this is your chance to learn from two industry leaders. This masterclass is **free** and open to all school aged musicians. To RSVP for free, visit: percworks.co.uk/
To find out more about GALSI please visit: <https://www.largeandshiny.com/>

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PercWorks Percussion E-nsemble

Continues Sundays in Term Time - Zoom

Our flagship digital percussion ensemble, rehearsing weekly & working on all areas of repertoire, technique & musicianship and currently preparing for a performance at the Royal College of Music! If you're aged 11-18 and Grade 5+ standard please email us to join! Our next rehearsal is 23/3/25, 15.00-16.00. Email: director@percworks.co.uk & find out more here: <https://www.percworks.co.uk/digitaldrumline>

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PercWorks Digital Drumline

Continues Sundays in Term Time

Our flagship digital Drumline, rehearsing weekly & working on all areas of repertoire, technique & musicianship! Open to drummers & percussionists and currently preparing for a performance at the Royal College of Music! If you're aged 11-18 and Grade 5+ standard please email us to join! Our next rehearsal is 23/3/25, 16.00-17.00. Email: director@percworks.co.uk & find out more here: <https://www.percworks.co.uk/percensemble>

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Trailblazer Digital Masterclass Series

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This series shares our love of music & percussion in an accessible, exciting & musically challenging way. The masterclasses start with an introduction to body percussion & beginner Drumline, move through to full Drumline play alongs & stick tricks & finally the Subdivision Workout trio, a brainteaser for even the most proficient musician. These digital workshops have been Supported by the Royal Philharmonic Society's Enterprise Fund in association with Harriet's Trust & we want to send them a huge thank you! To join the masterclasses, head over to our website: <https://www.percworks.co.uk/trailblazer>

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Free Play Alongs Duet Videos & Sheet Music

We're so excited to share with you a video series we've created with Black Swamp Percussion. Each video features a newly composed duet performance, how-to play alongs and interactive sheet music. Featuring snare drum, tambourine, triangle, castanets, wood blocks and more these are an invaluable resource for teachers and students alike. You can access the duets here:

[Tamba 2](#)

[Fundango](#)

[Snare-E-Zade](#)

[Blockchain](#)

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[All the best,](#)

[Will, Kizzy & Meadow](#)

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