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Key Dates

21 st – 23 rd March	Annie Performance 7pm
24 th March	Anti-Bullying Workshop 10:45 – 11:45
29 th March	Year 11 Parents Evening
31 st March	Last Day of Term
17 th April	First day of Term 5

JCA Routines – PE Days

As a reminder, students should only be arriving in school in their PE kit on their timetabled PE days. The only exceptions are those students studying Sport Studies at GCSE who may need their kit for those days as well. Students who attend sports clubs afterschool may bring in their kit to change into.

We have noticed a rise in the number of students wearing black leggings instead of tailored trousers- please do remember we have our uniform shop in Reception for any pieces you may need to restock/find alternative sizes in.

PE Days

- Year 7: Thursday
Friday
- Year 8: Y Monday
X Wednesday
All Friday
- Year 9: X Monday
Y Wednesday
All Tuesday
- Year 10: Tuesday
Thursday
- Year 11: X Monday
Y Wednesday

Gemma Read
Vice Principal

Uniform Update – New Ankle Length Skirts Available Soon

Part of our vision for our academy is for our students to leave us with the *agency* to fulfil their potential. One of the ways in which we empower them to do this is to use our student council to bring about change in our school.

A number of students wanted the option of a longer skirt for modesty reasons. They were very clear they wanted this in the same pattern as our current school skirt. I am pleased to tell you now that our uniform

provider, Trutex, has manufactured this skirt and it will be available to buy shortly. The uniform page on our website and our policy have been updated to reflect this change.

Kate Willis
Principal

Eid Mubarak

Ramadan starts on Wednesday 22nd March and many of our students will be demonstrating their self-restraint, commitment and faith by fasting during this time. To support our students, we have made two prayer rooms available during their break & lunchtimes: CG3 for our KS4 students and the 'old cafe' on the Street for our KS3 students. Both rooms have dividers so males and females can pray separately. We are not going to allow students to leave their lessons to pray, but the pray rooms will be available at the end of the day for students.

There is also a dedicated space, the library (open every day at social times), where other students will not be eating or drinking. We hope both of these arrangements allow our students to flourish both academically and socially during Ramadan.

We have in assemblies and tutor time last week been talking about Ramadan and these sessions have really demonstrated the respect we have within our diverse student community. Students have been keen both to ask questions and share their experiences and it has been a pleasure to be witness to these conversations.

A number of staff are going to undertake a day's fasting on Monday 27th March. The students from our Equalities Council and our Muslim staff are delighted that we are sharing this experience with them. Students have created small gift bags for staff that have dates and water and information on when and how they should break their fast. The meal that breaks fast is called Iftar. Many Muslims observe Iftar by eating three dates, just as the prophet Mohammed did when he broke his own fast with three dates and water.

For those students who wish to celebrate Eid with their families, a day's authorised absence will be granted. Please do let us know in advance if your child will be absent for this reason.

Kate Willis
Principal

Anti-Bullying Workshop

Next Workshop: Friday March 24th, 10.45 - 11.45am

The anti-bullying working group is an initiative bringing together key staff, parent and students to maximize

the development of an anti-bullying culture within JCA. The group meets on a termly basis, and is open to any parents who would like to support the school in progressing its anti-bullying strategies.

In the first meeting of the year during term 2, the working group reviewed the bullying incidents from term 1, with parents and students able to raise issues of concern. Significant input from students attending the meeting gave parents a more detailed student perspective with this identifying the support that students are given within JCA, whilst also highlighting the continued challenges that some students face.

The 2nd meeting of the term, held during term 3 started with a summary of how issues raised at the first meeting had been followed up and addressed within the school. The meeting then focused on analysis of the findings of the student well-being survey that had been completed at the beginning of January. Students were able to give detailed feedback on some of the issues raised, with concerns about safety being limited to very specific areas. Issues with gender based slurs was highlighted as an ongoing concern, with a parent suggesting the development of a kindness programme within the school.

Friday's meeting will be a follow up to the term 3 meeting. The agenda is to again share statistics of the most recent bullying incidents, but then to spend the rest of the meeting hearing about the proposed introduction of student wellbeing buddies, and further discussion regarding additional actions to promote kindness.

I hope the above summary highlights how the working group is progressing practice within JCA, and I would encourage parents to attend even if you have not been involved to date.

Thanks

Richard Cormack
Assistant Principal

Aspens

A new traybake range will be introduced across the secondary sites from Monday. These items will be priced at 85p and will include:

Lemon Drizzle
Jamaican Ginger
Chocolate Shortbread
Banana Loaf
Chocolate Brownie
Marble Cake

Half bakery products will also be available and will be sold at 50p and a cookie or shortcake will be charged at 65p.

JCA Production of "Annie" The Musical



Our school production of 'Annie' is running this week on Tuesday 21st March, Wednesday 22nd March and Thursday 23rd March starting at 7pm each evening performance. Tickets can be purchased on SCOPAY or reserved via email at JCAinfo@clf.uk. Students can also purchase tickets from Music.
Tickets: £5 adult and £3 concessions (under 18 / over 65)

Charlotte Grierson

Curriculum Leader for Performing Arts

Reading List for Ramadan



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