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### *Key Dates*

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16 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of School
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Culture Day
25 <sup>th</sup> April	UKMT Junior Maths Challenge
28 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 9 Bronze DofE
28 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 10 Silver DofE
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Future Brunels
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 9 Inter Community
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday (School closed)
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 7 Inter Community Day
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 8 Inter Community
10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Netball Tour

15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 10 Parents Evening
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Spring Fair
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last Day of Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	First Day of Term 6

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### *JCA Routines: Uniforms*

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Looking forward to our summer term, our students look really smart in our uniform. Please do ensure your child(ren) have the correct uniform both for PE and for school.

Wearing a uniform helps all of us to feel part of a wider community of which we are all proud to be part. Students not in the correct uniform will spend time in the SLR if they are unable to borrow the right piece and this is not the way we want our community to start the term. A reminder of our uniform expectations is below; please support us in being prepared for the next few weeks.

#### **PE Kit**

We only wear PE kit on our PE days.  
Year 7X Tuesday and Thursday  
Year 7Y Wednesday and Friday  
Year 8X Monday and Wednesday  
Year 8Y Wednesday and Thursday  
Year 9X Monday and Tuesday  
Year 9Y Monday and Friday  
Year 10X Thursday  
Year 10Y Tuesday  
Year 10 Sport Wednesday and Friday  
Year 11X Friday  
Year 11Y Thursday  
Year 11 Sport Wednesday and Thursday

#### **Outer layers:**

Students are not able to wear outer layers when inside the school building. This means that students, should they wish to wear anything over their shirt and tie or PE top, must have one of the following:

- School blazer
- School jumper

- PE hoodie (these may be worn over 'regular' school uniform as well as over PE kit).

Please do ensure your child/children have at least one of the above that fits them; we have lots of uniform available in our second-hand shop (which includes hardly worn items!)

Any concerns, please do contact the pastoral team.

# Uniform

<b>Tie*</b>	JCA clip-on tie.
<b>Jumper*</b>	Dark blue, v-neck, with blue piping at the neck.
<b>Trousers</b>	Black tailored trousers with a crease, reaching to the ankle. Must not be skin-tight. Jeans, leggings or other fashion styles are not permitted.
<b>Shirt</b>	White, long or short sleeve, buttoning to the neck to be worn with a tie.
<b>Tights</b>	Black, grey or neutral.
<b>Socks</b>	White, black, grey or neutral.
<b>School shoes</b>	Black, leather, substantial (not trainers, daps or boots). See guidance below on acceptable styles of shoe.



### Shoes

Examples of acceptable styles:



Examples of acceptable styles:



### Unacceptable Styles



The above types of trainers/pumps/plimsolls/daps are not acceptable footwear for school for our students.

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### *Attendance: Medical / Dental Appointments*

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Attending school every day helps children and young people maximise their learning and enjoy the benefits of their education. It really does make a difference.

For that reason, the academy will not authorise any leave of absence in term time, unless satisfied the reason is exceptional.

We ask parents and carers to request permission in advance, and only if absolutely necessary. Any requests should be put in writing via the appropriate form available online at <https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/our-academy/attendance/> or from the Attendance Officer and wherever possible with **at least four weeks' notice**. The parent or carer who the child normally lives with should make the application.

We also ask parents and carers not to make plans without discussing with the academy first, so that we can make good decisions together.

Family emergencies also need careful consideration. It may not always be appropriate, or in the best interests of the child, to miss school for emergencies which are being dealt with by adult family members. Wherever possible, please try to make alternative arrangements for your child so they can still attend school.

It is really important that we know where children are, as we have a duty to ensure they are safe. If we don't know why a child is absent, we will follow our safeguarding procedures.

Parents/carers are reminded that unauthorised term time leave may result in a penalty notice or prosecution.

To assist parents/carers in booking holidays and arranging other events, please find the term dates and inset days for this academic year on <https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/our-academy/term-dates/>

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### *Year 9 Residential Camp*

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There are still some spaces for the year 9 Residential camp in September, so for current year 8 pupils, if you wish to attend but have not yet, please can you let Sarah Church know at [JCAinfo@clf.uk](mailto:JCAinfo@clf.uk)

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## *Hairspray*

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The multi-talented students at John Cabot Academy are thrilled to present the internationally acclaimed musical comedy phenomenon, *Hairspray*.

In 1960s Baltimore, dance-loving teen Tracy Turnblad (Emmie Eustace, Year 11) auditions for a spot on "The Corny Collins Show" and wins. She becomes an overnight celebrity, a trendsetter in dance, fun and fashion. Perhaps her new status as a teen sensation is enough to topple Corny's reigning dance queen and bring racial integration to the show.

Performed over three nights to packed houses, with an additional matinee performance for pupils at local primary schools, this spectacular musical boasts show-stopping numbers and electrifying dance routines. The production is brought to life by a cast and crew of over 70 students spanning Years 7 to 13. Students have worked extremely hard to produce this show, giving up hours of their own time right through from auditions last July and rehearsals since last September. The music to this fabulous musical extravaganza was played by an exceptional 10-piece live band featuring students from Years 9-11.

Charlotte Grierson Curriculum Leader for Performing Arts said: "It has been a pleasure working with the students and staff. Their commitment and dedication beyond their normal school day is fantastic. Having the privilege of a live band and slick backstage & technical team, really makes the show a fantastic performance all round.

"Overall, the message of *Hairspray* remains relevant to today's audiences as it reflects many current events and issues in society and hopefully amongst the colourful costumes and bright lights, our students will have enjoyed being part of such an iconic musical."

*Clubs and Sports*



Year	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>Year 7</b>	Football Netball	Dance Running Club			
<b>Year 8</b>	Football Netball	Dance Running Club			
<b>Year 9</b>	Football Netball	Dance Running Club			
<b>Year 10</b>	Netball	Football Running Club		BTEC Sport CWK BTEC H&S Care CWK	





## ENRICHMENT CLUBS TERM 5

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



# YEAR 11 REVISION

Day	Subject	Location
<b>Monday</b>	English History Maths (foundation) and Statistics Music	AG4 & AG1 AF10 AF3 AG10
<b>Tuesday</b>	Drama Business Further Maths Geography Music	TF4 TF4 TF6 TF2 AG10
<b>Wednesday</b> (Depending on staff meetings)	Art / Photo / Food	B Wing
<b>Thursday</b>	Music Spanish Sport Science Music	AG10 AF1 DC1 AG10
<b>Friday</b>	Maths (higher)	TF5

## Y11 academic club timetable

Sessions run from 3:15-4pm

**You are there to work hard**

**Your teachers will be delighted to see you attend – every club you attend and try your best in moves you up the line of 750,000 Y11 students**

### Club Rules

**Be on time    Work hard    You will be politely asked to leave if you are treating the club as a social event**

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## *Year 11 HPV Vaccinations*

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The HPV vaccine (that protects against several types of cancer) is available for any Year 11 students (girls and boys) who have not received a dose previously.



If your child has not yet received this vaccine, please book an appointment at <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/hpv/2023/book?v=2.0> If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 1245515 or email [sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net](mailto:sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net)

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*Young Songwriting Courses*

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Creative youth networks have a FREE 10 week Song Writing Course for 11 – 16 year olds.

This course starts April 24<sup>th</sup> and runs for 10 weeks in Staple hill. It is open for young people in the South Glos area. We will be working towards a Bronze level arts award.

Here is the info and sign up details for the course: [Song Writing | Creative Youth Network](#)