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Key Dates

15 th May – 21 st June	GCSE Exams
20 th June	Pride Day & Safety Day Lion King Theatre Trip
22 nd June	KS3 Drama Showcase
23 rd June	CLF Sports Fest
26 th June – 6 th July	Year 10 Mocks
28 th June	Year 9 HPV Vaccine
29 th June	Year 6 Transition Evening
30 th June	Year 11 Prom Year 10 Geography Field Trip
1 st July	JCA Carnival Procession @ St Paul's Carnival
4 th July	Cabot's Got Talent

5 th July	Year 6 Taster Day
6 th July	Sports Day
7 th July	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
10 th – 12 th July	Year 8 Residential Camp
13 th – 15 th July	Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
18 th July	CLF Battle of the Bands
21 st July	Last Day of Term

JCA Routines – Punctuality & Lateness to Lessons

Welcome back to the summer term!

We wear our uniform in a way that empowers our community. As the days get warmer, students should dress accordingly (we've had a few get very warm and continue to wear their PE hoodies). We also recommend students put sunscreen on before they arrive at school and come with a water bottle they can fill up at any of our water fountains.

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 in Year 10 studying Sport Studies who may need their kit for those days as well. Students who attend sports clubs afterschool may bring in their kit to change into.

Please do remember we have our uniform shop 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

Kind regards

Gemma Read
Vice Principal

Future Brunels



Last week 12 of our year 7 students were selected by the Future Brunel scheme to compete at the SS Great Britain to be selected to be Future Brunels. They worked in teams with students from 3 other local schools to create working aqueducts and did the Academy proud demonstrating their ingenuity, creativity and collaborative working.

Three of our students will be selected to become Future Brunels and will then be offered STEM opportunities every term until the end of year 11.

Kind regards

Rick Park
Head of Science

The Big Trip

A few year 9 JCA students were invited on the Big Trip, a week of adventure to Wales in May at the Outward bound Centre.

We spent the week in Ogwen in the mountains of Wales. The weather was mostly good and enthusiasm high. We teamed up with two other schools, Kings Oak and Hanham, 20 in all, for a week of climbing, trekking and camping outdoors.

A great time was had by all and the students put an enormous effort in to try new things. Many conquered fears and climbed huge waterfalls and abseiled, it was amazing to see them building their confidence over the week.

It was noisy on the trip out in the coach, you could hear a pin drop on our return. Here are some of the pictures from the trek in the mountains.



Online Safety

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the social media landscape is forever evolving, I thought it would be helpful to signpost you to some really helpful online safety resources.

Internet Matters is a fantastic site, with an abundance of useful tips and guides to support parents/carer and professionals proactively safeguard children and young people.

I have highlighted below some key links around social media apps and their legal age of use, a review monitoring apps for parents and carers, and lastly a link focusing on parental/carer controls for all electronic devices, including smart TV's and gaming consoles.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/monitoring-apps-parents-guide/>

Many thanks,

Phil de Scossa

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Year 9 Chess Tournament

Congratulations to **Jason T 9HVI** who won his match by check mate and progresses to the final round. However, due to student absence, we have had to postpone the other semi-final match.

Therefore the tournament will resume next term with the following schedule:

- Monday 5th June - semi-final match: Josh S 9MCA vs Iliya L 9CPR
- Tuesday 6th June - final match: Jason T 9HVI vs semi-final winner

Laura Harnell
Librarian

KS3 Drama Showcase

The Key Stage 3 Drama Showcase will be on Thursday 22nd June 2023.

Tickets are £2 for an adult, £1 for concession and can be paid for on SCOPAY, or to reserve tickets, please email JCAinfo@clf.uk

There will be a medley of devised pieces, musical theatre songs, and twisted fairytales.

**JOHN CABOT ACADEMY
PRESENTS**

**KS3 DRAMA
SHOWCASE**



THURSDAY **22nd** JUNE 2023

6.30PM JCA MAIN HALL

Tickets available on the door

£2 Adult

£1 Concession

Library Comic Con

The Library Comic Con event is open again. The highlights include:

- event will take place Wednesday 28th June, from 3 - 4.30pm, in the Library
- Art Competition is now open - entries deadline 12th June
- Cos Play competition at event
- Graphic Novel book award winner announced
- Prizes and comic books to be won

Please see Ms Harnell in the Library if you have any questions

Laura Harnell
Librarian



Academy Councillors

Update from Liz Tincknell, Head of Governance

Having previously held the post of Senior Operations Manager at Hans Price Academy, I was delighted to be successful at interview for the position of Head of Governance for the CLF. This is a new role for the Federation which has allowed me to take the opportunity of really digging into all things Governance and work with the team to move this area forward, streamline processes and review the current structures in place.

Working with the Governance Team has really opened my eyes to the dedication of our **200+ governance volunteers** and the impact they can have on our children's educational journey.

What does it mean to be an Academy Councillor at the CLF?

- It is a **rewarding role** working towards a shared goal of providing a high-quality education for the children and young people in our communities
- There are **6 Academy Council Meetings a year**, one each term. Meetings are usually around 2hrs and are typically held between 3pm and 7pm. You will be provided with an information pack to read ahead of the meeting.
- Meetings are chaired by the **Chair of the Academy Council** following an agenda with all councillors given the opportunity to ask challenging questions about the running of the school. The clerk to governors will take minutes at the meeting recording key decisions.
- Being a councillor provides **an opportunity for personal development**, building your skills and experience working as part of a leadership team
- The Academy Council meet once a term, but **also visit our schools** to see them in action and meet with school leaders

Outstanding local Governance is vital to the success of our Academies and we are looking for volunteers like **YOU** to join our teams.

Over the coming weeks and months, we will be including articles from some of our Academy Councillors as they talk about their experience being a Governance Volunteer.

**We would be delighted to hear from you if you are interested in joining our team. Please contact Charlotte, our Governance Coordinator to discuss further.
Email Governance@clf.uk**

As a member of our Governance Team, you will

- Get a chance to use skills you have developed during your working life
- Be involved in the strategic decisions and future direction of the school
- Increase your skills and knowledge in teamwork, negotiation and problem-solving
- Increase networking opportunities by being part of the wider community

We will provide members of our Governance Team with

- Comprehensive induction
- Leadership opportunities
- Dedicated training and development opportunities
- A place at our Annual CLF conferences



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