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Key Dates

18 th July	Battle of the Bands
19 th July	Summer Concert
21 st July	Last Day of Term
1 st September	INSET day – School Closed to Pupils
4 th September	INSET DAY – School Closed to Pupils
5 th September	Year 7 only, School Closed to Other Pupils

6th September

All pupils in school

End of Year Message

In our vision for our Academy, we talk about Raising our Community together. As I reflect on the hectic last few weeks of this year, our students have fully embraced the opportunities on offer to contribute to our Academy life. Be it moving out of a flooded tent at mid-night whilst on camp without a single complaint, or performing on stage or be exemplary in their Year 10 mock exams. We could not be prouder of our community.

Thank you to you as parents, for all the support you too offer to our community. It is only be working together in support of our students that we can create such trusting and respectful relationships that allow your children an education to be proud of. I look forward to working ever more closely together next year (more below in the Parent Voice section) and I wish you a wonderful, relaxing summer holiday.

We look forward to seeing your child on:

Tuesday 5th September for Year 7

Wednesday 6th September for Years 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Kate Willis
Principal

Free School Meals Over the Summer

For those eligible for Free School Meals, you will receive an email from us with your voucher to cover the summer holidays.

Year 11 Exam Results

These are available for collection between 9 & 10am on Thursday 25th July. We will post out at midday any results not collected in the morning where you have provided us with an envelope.

What Will My Child be Learning in September?

<https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/curriculum-statement/>

On this page of the website, you will find the full curriculum plans for every subject for every year group throughout the year.

Communication Over the Summer

<https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/>

The JCA website is up to date with all information you could want for September. For example, term dates, uniform policy and parents' evening dates. Please do refer to it in the first instance if you need any information over the summer holiday. Reception will close at 3pm on Friday 21st July and will reopen on Friday 1st September. The JCAinfo@clf.uk mailbox will not be checked until 1st September.

Safeguarding Over the Summer

If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child over the summer, please check our website, which shows you exactly who to phone for help/advice:

<https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/key-information/safeguarding-information/>

JCA Routines – Uniform

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

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 year. A reminder of our uniform expectations is below; please support us in being prepared for September.

PE Kit

We only wear PE kit on our PE days. Student timetables will be shared on the first day back (Tuesday 5th September for Year 7 or Wednesday 6th September for all other year groups). Your child(ren) should attend that day in their normal school uniform.

PE Days Academic Year 2023-2024

Year 7: Thursday, Friday

Year 8: Monday (Y), Wednesday (X), Friday

Year 9: Monday (X), Tuesday, Wednesday (Y)

Year 10: Tuesday (X), Thursday (Y)

Year 11: Monday (X), Wednesday (Y)

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. Any concerns, please do contact the pastoral team.



Uniform

Compulsory Items

Tie * JCA clip-on tie.

Trousers Formal black trousers with a crease. (Jeans/other fashion styles are not permitted.)

Shirt White, long or short sleeve, buttoning to the neck. To be worn with a tie.

Skirt * Blue, tartan skirt. Can be worn instead of trousers. Only available through Trutex.

Tights Black, grey or neutral.

Socks White, black, dark blue or grey.

School Shoes Black, substantial (No trainers, daps or boots).

*Items marked * are only available through our uniform supplier, Trutex. Other items can be purchased elsewhere as long as they meet school expectations.*





PE Kit

Compulsory items	Required but can be JCA or plain
JCA logo polo shirt JCA logo hoodie Sports trainers (any colour)	JCA blue football socks <u>or</u> plain navy blue football socks JCA logo shorts/skort <u>or</u> plain navy blue shorts JCA logo tracksuit bottoms <u>or</u> plain navy blue jogging bottoms JCA logo sports jacket <u>or</u> plain waterproof sports jacket
Additional items	Not allowed in PE
JCA branded blue leggings (optional) Football boots – please wait until the start of the year when PE classes who need them will be informed	Leggings that are not from the Trutex Lycra shorts / cycling shorts Daps High top basketball style trainers Non-JCA logo hoodies or t-shirts Tights worn under shorts (sport 'skins' allowed under shorts)

Kind regards

Gemma Read
Vice Principal

Parent Survey

Thank you to the 150 parents who completed the online survey. There are some wonderful things to celebrate about our Academy and it has given me a clear picture of the areas we can work on together next year.

One of the key areas that Ofsted asked us to work on, back in November 2018, was communication with Parents and Carers. After our Staff-Parent working party and the launch of our communications policy in January 2020, it is really pleasing to see that the majority of parents feel:

- Welcome in our school and respected
- They can easily contact the school
- Well informed about your child's academic progress, homework, behaviour, attendance, punctuality
- That the reports are easily understood
- That the language we use is easily understood
- It is easy to contact the Academy
- It is easy to discuss complex issues with the school
- That parents' evenings are useful
- That the weekly newsletter is very useful

Our school vision is to nurture the individual children and inspire them in their learning. Therefore I am really pleased that the majority of parents feel that our approach to lessons, marking, behaviour, attendance and homework meet your child's needs. Also that you feel our teachers help your child to learn, keep them safe and treat them fairly. That you feel you clearly understand what the school expects of you as a parent and how to ask for advice. And thus feel confident about your child's progress at school.

The key area you wanted us to work on was more engagement with parents. So next year, I want to set up an ongoing working party with a group of parents who can help us solve some of the areas in the survey for example: help parents feel informed about how their child is doing socially. More information on this will follow in September.

There will be some changes next year based on your feedback. Parents' evenings will move back to in-person. While many parents are happy with the online version, there is a significant minority who cannot access them online at all and so miss out entirely.

Apps. By moving to a new database, we will be able to combine the number of apps over time into just one. Just bear with us, we will need to do this over the course of next year.

More communication with year 10 & 11 parents about their child's progress in their coursework over the course of their GCSEs.

Kate Willis
Principal

Y11 Report Info from Y10 Mock Exams

During July we are writing to Y10 parents in detail with information about the Y10 mock exams that have just taken place. As your child now moves into Y11, we will be holding a post-mock feedback assembly in school for students, where we celebrate some of their already outstanding achievements and reflect on what improvements they need to take into their first set of Y11 mock exams, which begin 9th October. We will also be sending you their mock progress report, where you will be able to see what they have achieved in their mock exams in relation to the end of Y11 target grades.

We will be sending this report by email, and would therefore ask that you update us on any recent changes to your email address email jcainfo@clf.uk if this applies.

We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you,

Dominic Williams
Principal

World Book Day

There are currently a selection of free World Book Day books and Comic Book Day comics in the library. These are for students to collect and keep providing them with free summer reading, and are first come, first served.

We are running the Summer Book Bingo competition again. Students can collect a bingo card from the library (or print the attached if you can include it in the newsletter) to fill out over the summer with the books they read. Every 5 completed squares earns 1 entry to the prize draw, which will be for a book lovers reading bundle - prizes in the past have typically been a bookish pin badges, coffee mug, hot chocolate, biscuits, bookmarks, etc.

Please check shelves, under sofas, and inside old school bags at home for any library books. No matter how long they've been on loan the library will be grateful for all returned overdue books. Students are definitely welcome to borrow books over the summer holidays and now is a great time to stock up on new library loans.

Laura Harnell
Librarian

In need of some summer reading material?

Stop by the library to pick up your free 2023 World Book Day book or a grab bag with a selection of free Comic Book Day comics. Did we mention that they're all free?



SUMMER BOOK BINGO

The challenge runs all summer. A book can only be used once. Audiobooks, E-books and physical books all count. Write the titles of your books in the corresponding square as you finish them, then hand your sheet to Mrs Harnell in the Library by **13th September 2023**. Each complete row earns you one entry into the prize draw. A complete card earns you 12 entries! You can share your progress and follow us on Instagram @jcalibrary.

BOOK YOU HEARD ABOUT ONLINE	A BOOK SET DURING SUMMER	CHARACTER WITH A PET	YOUR FRIEND'S CHOICE	ANTIHERO
FAKE RELATIONSHIP	EXCESSIVELY CLUMSY CHARACTER	PRANKS ENSUE	SET IN THE WILDERNESS	CHARACTER WHO SHARES YOUR NAME
ABSENT PARENTS	SECRET IDENTITY	FREE SQUARE	SURPRISE TURNCOAT	PUNNY TITLE
HISTORICAL NOT SET IN UK	BOOK FACE	FAIRYTALE RETELLING	DYSTOPIAN	BOOK WITH AN TERRIBLE COVER
A QUEST	FLOWERS ON THE COVER	CHARACTER GOES TO THE BEACH	ENEMIES TO LOVERS	CHARACTER ON THE RUN

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Summer Concert



**JOHN CABOT ACADEMY
PRESENTS**

SUMMER CONCERT

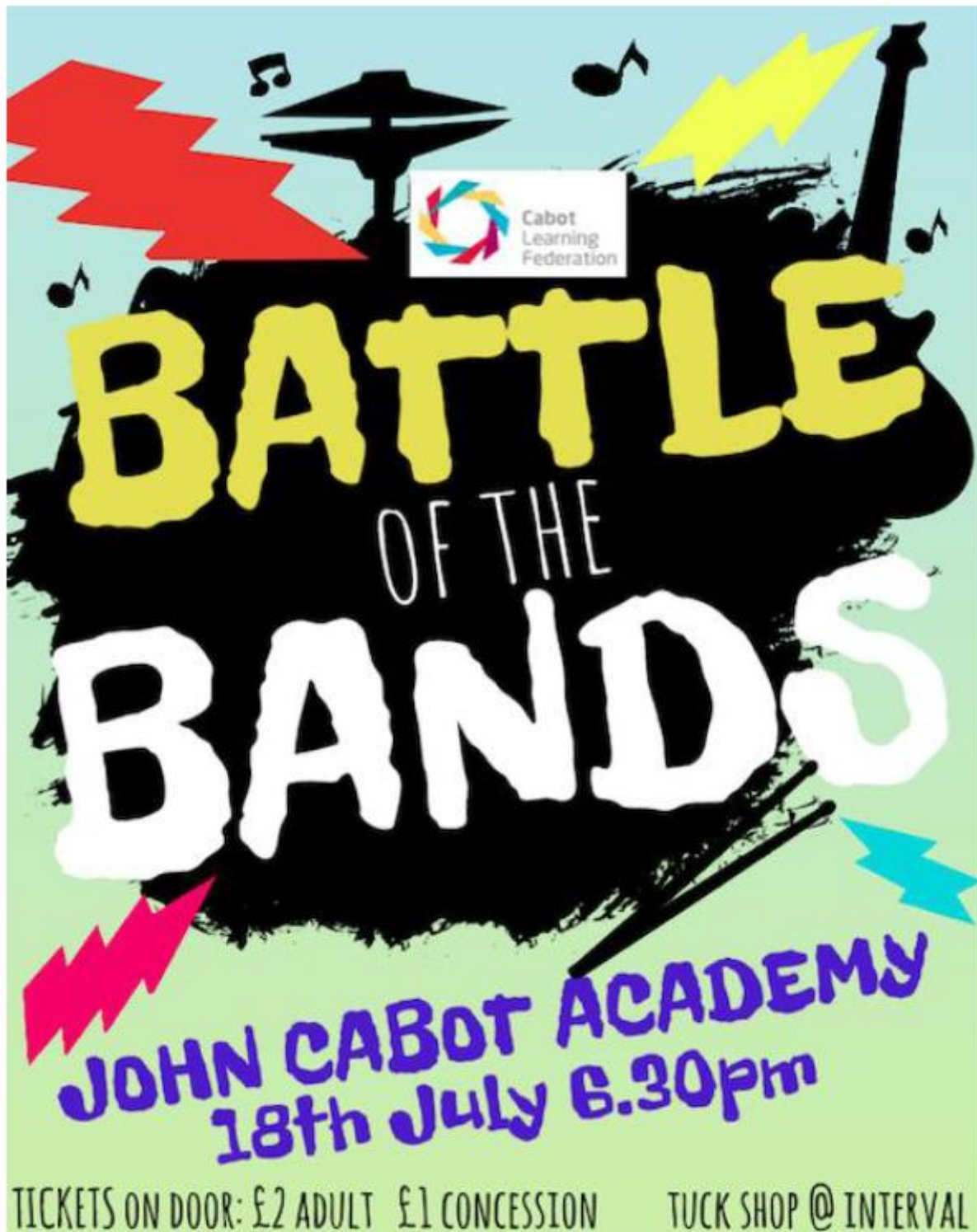
WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY | DOORS AT 6.15PM

JCA MAIN HALL

TUCK SHOP @ INTERVAL

£2 ADULTS £1 CONCESSION
PURCHASE TICKETS ON SCOPAY / MUSIC OFFICE

Unique Voice Summer Targeted Holiday Programmes



The poster features a central black silhouette of a band performing on a stage. The background is light blue and green. There are several colorful lightning bolts: a red one on the left, a yellow one on the right, and a cyan one at the bottom right. Musical notes are scattered around the band. The text 'BATTLE OF THE BANDS' is written in large, bold, yellow and white letters. Below this, 'JOHN CABOT ACADEMY' and '18th July 6.30pm' are written in purple. At the bottom, 'TICKETS ON DOOR: £2 ADULT £1 CONCESSION' and 'TUCK SHOP @ INTERVAL' are written in black. A logo for 'Cabot Learning Federation' is in the center.

**BATTLE
OF THE
BANDS**

**JOHN CABOT ACADEMY
18th July 6.30pm**

TICKETS ON DOOR: £2 ADULT £1 CONCESSION TUCK SHOP @ INTERVAL

South Glod Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

There is still availability for a wide range of clubs running in the summer holidays through the South Glos Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF).

Places are **fully funded** for all children aged 5-16 on benefits-related free school meals.

Watch these short videos where parents, children and young people share their feedback on what the HAF clubs mean to them.

Parents' feedback: <https://youtu.be/6tz8NNyokJc>

Children's feedback: https://youtu.be/Jg_fSlrSqx8

For full details and to book your places, visit www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF

Kind regards

Nicky Wake

**Senior Education Officer: Attendance, Exclusions and Licensing
Education, Learning and Skills Division
South Gloucestershire Council**

360 Outreach Project



Anxiety and emotional support

"Anxiety is a feeling of unease, such as worry or fear, that can be mild or severe. Everyone has feelings of anxiety at some point in their life. For example, you may feel worried and anxious about sitting an exam or having a medical test or job interview." (NHS definition)

Support for younger children:

- <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/> - One-to-one support through telephone support helpline 0808 802 5544, email or a live webchat. Support ages 0-25 but generally 4 onwards. Initial phone call is 20 minutes exploring the current situation. If the situation is complex, then a second level of service is offered within 7 days. This is a 50-minute call from a more experienced mental health specialist to offer advice and information. This service is for the main carer and is completely free of charge.
- [Chatterminds](#) - Group courses and one-to-one support. Courses start at age 6. One-to-one is offered to children younger than 6. Parents are welcome to attend too and generally do if child is 6 or under. Support offered to children of any age. Costs involved.
- All schools have access to a primary mental health specialist. Schools can make contact for advice if required for any school age child.
- Can always contact the GP for support if needed.

Support for ages 11-25:

- www.otrbristol.org.uk - for children aged 11-25. Offer drop-in sessions. One-to-one is also available, this has a wait time of around one year. Free of charge.
- [Home - Kooth](#) - Support through a text service or online chat. Free of charge.

Useful apps and books:

Apps:

- Headspace for kids
- Chill panda - family friendly relaxation
- Worry tree

Books:

- 'The abilities in me' books
- [When You Worry Too Much: 25 Books to Help Kids Overcome Anxiety, Worry, and Fear | A Mighty Girl](#) - A variety of book which address anxiety and worry for children

Don't forget to sign up to our [database](#) to receive the latest SEND news and information, as well as a list of all of our upcoming workshops and support sessions

