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13th November 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 11 Trip to Planet Ice

This January we will be running a trip for students in Year 11 for the third year running. The rationale for the trip is twofold. It is being offered by the PE faculty for students to experience a different activity to those they take part in during their PE lessons, it is also a reward for students for their hard work and attitude to learning, both during the GCSE period so far and their time at John Cabot Academy.

Time and date of the trip
Friday 29th January 2027, 10:00am – 12:50pm

Cost
The cost of the trip is **£19.00.** Payments should be made via ScoPay **by Monday 30th November**. We are committed to ensuring that all students can access enrichment opportunities. Financial support may be available for students facing hardship, including those eligible for **Targeted Free School Meals**. Where funding is limited, support will be prioritised based on level of need. Please contact JCAinfo@clf.uk marked for the attention of Sarah Church, or the Finance office for this, or if you have any questions.

The cost includes entry to the ice rink, skate hire, instructor supervision (please note this is not a lesson, they are there to support novice skaters) and coach transport.

Clothing
On the day, students should wear their PE kit to school. They may wish to also bring a hat, gloves and coat.

Lunch
Students will need a packed lunch which they will be able to eat on the coach. Students in receipt of free school meals will have a packed lunch provided.

Safety
As with all PE based activities there is a risk of injury. We will go over this on the day, but it is important that students follow these rules:

- Wear warm clothing (including layers that can be taken off);
- Ensure laces or straps are tied tightly on their skates and that they fit well;
- In the event of a slip / fall they should aim to land in a seated position and not put their hands down;
- All skaters should skate in the same direction around the ice and keep a safe distance between the skaters in front of them to avoid collisions.

Please note that, as with all trips, students who are on a high level of behaviour monitoring, are at risk of not being able to attend the trip.

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Any students who are involved in a serious behaviour incident in the run up to the trip, also risk removal from the trip and may lose their payment if the company has already been paid.

If you wish you son/daughter to attend, please complete the online form via this link: Year 11 Ice Skating Trip permission – Fill in form

If have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at JCAinfo@clf.uk - marked FAO Sarah Church.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Sarah Church
Trip Leader and Curriculum Team Leader for PE
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