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Key Dates

28 th January	Anti-Bullying Workshop
3 rd February	Year 8 HPV Immunisations
4 th – 13 th February	Year 11 Mock Exams
4 th February	Harry Potter Night
6 th February	Wear Yellow Supporting Mental Health
7 th February	Production Cast Rehearsals
11 th February	CLF Bristol Beacon Concert

12 th February	Academy Production Technical Rehearsal
13 th February	Academy Production Dress Rehearsal Last Day of Term 3

JCA Routines – Visitors

As part of our safeguarding procedures, when an adult visits the academy, we expect them to sign in at reception. The visitor is then issued with a coloured lanyard. The colour represents how the visitor may move around the academy.

Grey Lanyard: - This is a member of JCA staff and can move freely around the site.

Teal Lanyard: This is a CLF P16 member of staff or student and can move freely around the site.

Red Lanyard: - This is a visitor who should be accompanied by a member of JCA staff during their time on site. If a student sees a visitor with a red lanyard who is unaccompanied, they should tell the nearest member of JCA staff.

Blue Lanyard: This is a visitor who has had safeguarding checks and is able to move around the site unaccompanied. This is often CLF central staff.

No Lanyard: All staff should be wearing a lanyard, if there is an adult without a lanyard students need to make a JCA staff member aware.

Andrew Buck
Assistant Principal

Road Safety and Walking Home

January and February are quite changeable months – evenings and early mornings are still dark and weather conditions can shift quickly. We wanted to share some reminders about how to keep yourself safe outside in the community as well as in school.

Here are some practical suggestions:

Road Safety

- If you ride a bike or scooter to school, please ensure you wear a helmet and avoid wearing headphones so you can hear traffic and other sounds around you.
- Be aware of roadworks. For example, at the end of the road the layout has changed and can cause confusion, with some people unsure of the correct right of way.
- Remember: *look left, look right, and look again* before crossing.

Walking Home

- Always use pavements and footpaths rather than walking in the road. If you need to cross to reach a safer path, do so carefully – *look left, look right, look again*.
- Where possible, walk with friends or peers. If you're walking on your own, choose busier streets or routes past shops and houses.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid using headphones and limit looking at your phone so you can pay attention to what's happening around you.
- If you are expected home after school, please let home know if you are not going straight there.
- If you are approached by anyone you don't know, or someone makes you feel uncomfortable, move away quickly to a safe place (such as a shop or a well-lit area), contact someone you trust, and let a trusted adult know as soon as possible.

As always, if you are ever worried about anything on the way home from school, please come back into the school building.

Please remember that our neighbours (both in person and in their property) deserve the same kindness and respect with which we treat all members of the JCA community; please ensure your child is aware of how to keep others safe as well.

Gemma Read
Vice Principal

Holocaust Memorial Day 2026

Next week, our tutor time and assemblies will contain a focus on **Holocaust Memorial Day**, marked nationally each year on **27 January**, the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. This year's theme, **Bridging Generations**, encourages young people to understand that the responsibility of remembering the Holocaust does not end with survivors—it is carried forward by all of us.

Students will explore why remembrance matters, learning how stories and testimonies are shared across generations to keep the truth of the Holocaust alive. Activities will include reflections inspired by *First They Came*, Pastor Martin Niemöller's powerful reminder of the dangers of staying silent in the face of injustice. We will also make use of high quality resources created specifically for schools to support Holocaust education, including age appropriate readings and materials that help students understand the impact of the Holocaust on different generations.

These sessions aim to help students reflect with empathy, develop historical understanding, and consider their role in promoting respect and standing against discrimination in today's world. If you would like to explore the theme further at home or access additional resources, the **Holocaust Memorial Day Trust** provides guidance and materials for families as well as schools. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about the content students will be engaging with next week.

Anti-Bullying Workshop

The next anti-bullying workshop will be held on Wednesday 28th January 9:50 – 10:40. To book a space on this, please email JCAinfo@clf.uk

All parents are invited to the termly anti - bullying working group meeting. It is not necessary that you have a child that has experienced problems within the school - it is for any parent who would like to make a positive contribution to JCA within this area. A current member of the group summaries her experience of working with JCA staff and students below.

Being part of the Anti-Bullying Working group has allowed me to meet with students who are passionate about improving the school day to day environment. It gives me a really good idea of what their school day looks like and hopefully (on a good day) I might suggest or help with a discussion that helps create ideas that can turn into actions for the whole school.

Every term we are presented with a summary and a breakdown of how many incidents that have been reported, these are discussed with the students and parents. The students then help the staff understand, where they feel a lot of the incidents take place, they may voice concerns over bullying taking place online or perhaps there is a certain bullying reason/hot topic that is very prominent in the school at that time. It's very reassuring to see staff take the students seriously, really listen to their concerns and discuss ideas that could/will form a plan for the future.

Ideas such as, Education, Proving to students that the sanctions work, supporting victims, peer support groups are all just some of the plans being investigated - to see if the provisions can be put in place to help - unfortunately sometimes not all ideas are possible, but the students continue to work to improve the feel of the school from within to be a much kinder and safer place for the students.

One of the great ideas they came up with is to inform/educate the staff/parents/students of the ever changing definitions that are affecting the students lives - many people don't like to talk about sexual orientation and gender identity or expression because it feels taboo, or because they're afraid of using the wrong words and offending others. You can help at home too by keeping up to date and helping them understand the new terms they come across.

Hearing their thoughts, worries and their ideas on how to make changes within the school is inspirational - I love the fact that they are promoting change and want to be part of the workshop that will benefit the whole school.

Dr Bike Event Rescheduled 28th January

Unfortunately we could not run the Dr Bike event last week due to their staff illness so this fantastic event will be rescheduled for **Wednesday 28th January from 10-2pm.**

If your child was already signed up then please remind them to bring their bike next Wednesday. If you didn't get a chance to sign up but would like to please complete this form by Tuesday 27th January 6pm.

[Dr Bike - Roadworthy Event - 28th January 2026 10-2pm – Fill in form](#)

South Gloucestershire Council's friendly mechanics will undertake FREE safety checks and minor repairs to ensure that bikes are safe and working effectively. Examples of minor repairs that they can undertake include:


- Pump up tyres
- Adjust brakes
- Replace gear/brake cables
- Adjust gears
- Make sure seat is at the correct height
- Fix puncture

Anything that they can't fix on site, they will let you know exactly what you need to do and suggest some local bike shops/mechanics who may be able to help.

Upcoming Year 11 Mocks

Y11 mocks begin to start this week, with Spanish speaking exams on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th January. There will also be **real** Hospitality and Catering practical exams on Wednesday 4th February and Wednesday 11th February. Hospitality students will only be assessed on one of these days.

This will have been communicated by their teacher. If you would like more information on how to support

your child please use the booklet that was emailed to you before the last half term.  [How to support revision - Y11 February Mocks.docx](#)

Year 11 Ice Skating Trip

Our year 11 students had a fantastic time at Planet Ice Arena Bristol for their PE Reward Event.

Even though the majority of the students had never skated, they all gave it a go and enjoyed their afternoon.

The staff were incredibly complimentary of our students, and that they were such incredible ambassadors for JCA.



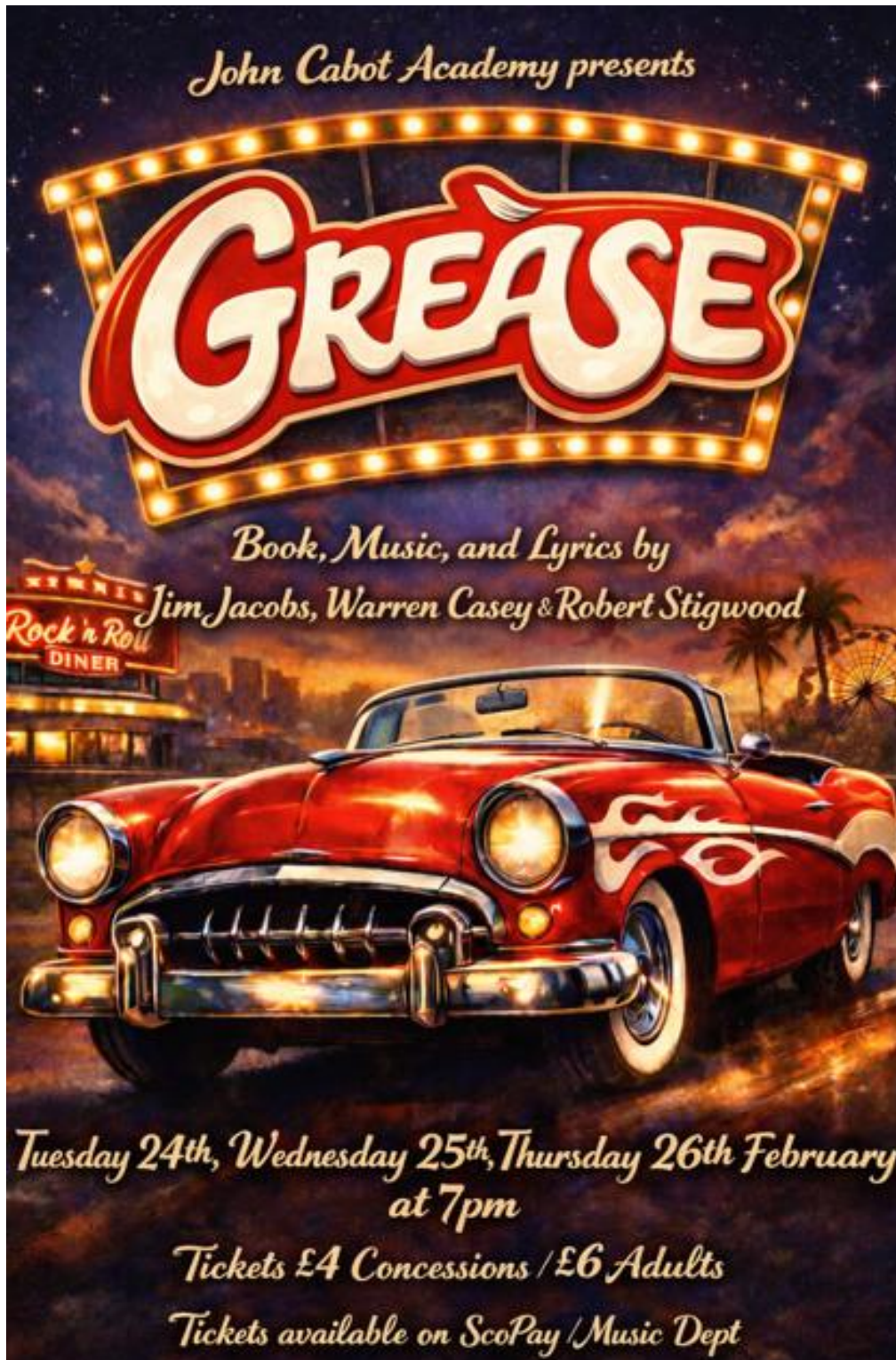
Year 8 HPV Vaccine 3rd February

Sirona will be at JCA on the 3rd of February to administer the HPV vaccine (that protects against several types of cancer) for Yar 8 students.

To sign up for this please do so via the below QR code



School Production: Grease



Wear Red Day 2025 – Thank You

Please let us take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all at John Cabot Academy for celebrating **Wear Red Day** with us this year and for fundraising for our cause.

The day was a great success, with over 500,000 people taking part, making a stand, and stating that prejudice, discrimination, and division have no place in our society.

Your generous donation will go a long way toward helping us expand on our core project of providing essential anti-racism education to young people across the UK, changing lives for the better, every day.

I've attached a certificate of thanks as a small show of just how grateful we are for your support.

Wishing you a very Happy New Year.

Warmest wishes,

Chris.

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WEMA Future Talent

Opportunity for all young musicians

Create Day, Sunday 8th February @ Trinity Academy, Romney Ave, Bristol (brought to you by Future Talent and WEMA)

Creative exploration in music is essential to building well-rounded and highly adaptable musicians, as well as building skills crucial for a future in the music industry. Bringing creative learning into every child's curriculum is a

part of what learning with WEMA means.

This Create Day will focus on Open Scores - a flexible, creative way of making music that welcomes all instruments and experience levels. Led by Paraorchestra's Siobhan Clough, young musicians from Future Talent and WEMA will join together to explore ideas, experiment, meet new friends, and create new music as a group.

Open to musicians of all ages, instruments and abilities! Students can sign up by clicking on the flyer link, or directly [here](#).



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**BRISTOL
CREATE
DAY**

With Siobhan Clough


Sunday 8th February 2026
10:30am-3:30pm
Future Talent & West of England
Music and Arts

SIGN UP HERE

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