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Key Dates

27 th April	Great Big Dance Off
27 th April – 23 rd June	GCSE Exams (First Written Papers 7 th May)
4 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
11 th May	Year 8 Intercommunity
13 th May	Year 7 Intercommunity
15 th May	Year 9 Intercommunity
20 th May	CLF Big Kick Off
22 nd May	Last day of Term 5
1 st June	Start of Term 6

Principal's Message – Exams

The GCSE exams for our Year 11 students started last week, Wednesday 22nd April; our Art cohort started the season brilliantly with their dedication, focus and effort. The exams will now continue until Tuesday 16th June. On behalf of our whole school community, we want to wish them the best of luck.

Exams are an important part of the education process, and we recognise they can be stressful for students and their families. However, every one of our students is an individual with their own strengths and abilities and I am confident that they will do their very best.

Thank you to all the families for your support of your children's education. You have played a vital role in helping them to get to where they are today. Your love, encouragement and guidance makes all the difference.

We all want the same thing, for our students to leave us as empowered young people. During their time at JCA, they have flourished and grown, and achieving academically is the last thing they need to do in order to leave us with a strong sense of self, of place and the agency to fulfil their potential. I have every confidence that they will do themselves and us proud.

Kind regards

Gemma Read
Head of School

Routine – Arrival to Lessons

Our Year 11s are currently in their exam period and once this is over our year 10 students will start their mock exams, as well as KS3 end of year assessments.

It's really important that our whole community of students consider what others might be doing as we move around the school to give them the best chance of success through a focused and calm environment. Where there are signs on the doors and in corridors about exams, students must ensure they move quickly and quietly past these spaces and must NOT enter them for any reason.

Students have been reminded that they should show respect to each other in the corridors as they move between lessons; our lessons start promptly on the bell and do not wait for late arrivals. We do this to empower ourselves as well as our community; we raise each other up by being kind and aware of our surroundings. Please support us by reminding your child(ren) that they should be in their lessons and learning (every minute really does count!)

Kind regards

Andrew Buck
Vice Principal

Performing Arts Stars of Term 4

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Year 7 Drama

Lazare Basaria
Seth Duckworth

Year 7 Music

Anastazja Siaz
Delilah Dunwell

Year 8 Drama

Taylor Hunter
Amirra Hassan

Year 8 Music

Arianna Bridgwater Court
Jack Bantin

Year 9 Drama

Ayera Bagalkote
Jacek Parzydło

Year 9 Music

Lily Walenciejczyk
Archie Emery

Year 10 Drama

Matilda Moore
Zara Albuquerque

Year 10 Music

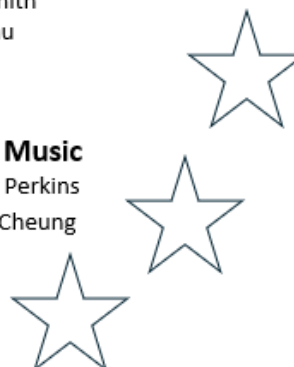
Natalie Smith
Tiffany Chu

Year 11 Drama

Ellamay Martin
Subhan Hussain

Year 11 Music

Catherine Perkins
Jonathan Cheung



Year 7 Artwork – Day of the Dead Project

Our year 7 students have been working on a Day of the Dead project and could choose what they wanted to do or make. There were some incredible creations.





Spanish GCSE

Dear parents/carers

Your child's Spanish Speaking GCSE exam is coming up soon on Thursday 30th and Friday 1st May 2026.

For the next 2 weeks leading up to the exam, they are invited to take part in drop-in revision sessions each day after school in AF1 from 3pm - 4pm. We strongly encourage everyone to make the most of this opportunity and ensure they are practising speaking Spanish for 10-15 mins every day until their exam.

Gracias

Celia Corrigan
Head of MFL

Intercommunity Day

Our inter-community events are designed to be fun and friendly sports competitions within year groups, taking place during lesson time. They run for a double lesson, at a time when one half of the year has PE and the other half joins them.

Students should come to school wearing their PE kit and bring a water bottle. All students will meet on the

small astro where they will line up to register and then we will head to the field. The summer inter-community sport is rounders, and they will be competing in teams with their tutor group.

INTERCOMMUNITY DAY



ROUNDERS

(Field)



Year 8

Monday 11th May periods 1 and 2

Year 7

Wednesday 13th May periods 3 and 4

Year 9

Friday 15th May periods 5 and 6

NOTE:

- **Students gather as they're going to a PE lesson.**
- **Please ensure everyone is in their PE kit and has a water bottle.**

Coping with Exam Stress

There are many resources online both for students as well as families on coping with exam stress

<https://www.mind.org.uk/for-young-people/feelings-and-experiences/tips-for-coping-with-exam-stress/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/help-your-child-beat-exam-stress/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coping-with-exam-pressure-a-guide-for-students/coping-with-exam-pressure-a-guide-for-students>

You can also use the “How to support revision” information previously emailed home to help your child to prepare for exams and with managing the period. This is also outlined in this recorded meeting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EXpEZITz-w0>