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Key Dates

7 th May – 19 th June	GCSE Exams
18 th – 22 nd May	Walk to School Week
20 th May	South Glos Athletics
21 st May	Tuck Shop
22 nd May	Last day of Term 5
1 st June	Start of Term 6
2 nd June	Year 6 Induction Evening
10 th June	CLF Big Kick Off
15 th – 22 nd June	Year 10 Mock Exams

16 th June	Year 11 Last Day of School & Leavers Assembly
19 th June	Pride Day / Non Uniform
25 th June	Year 11 Prom
26 th June	Sports Award Event
1 st July	Year 7 Parent / Carer Evening
2 nd July	Year 10 Geography Field Trip (Other Group on the 6 th) Cabot's Got Talent
3 rd July	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
7 th July	Parent / Carer Residential Camp Information Evening for Year 8 Parents
9 th July	Sports Day
13 th July	Summer Concert
13 th – 17 th July	Year 10 Work Experience Week
15 th July	Battle of the Bands
21 st July	Last Day of Term

Principal's Message

Staying Safe Over the Holiday Break

As we head into the school holidays and (hopefully!) warmer weather, we encourage all families to keep safety in mind while enjoying time together.

Getting out and about as a family is always time well spent- it's also worth having a simple safety plan. Agree a meeting point in case you get separated, ensure phones are charged, and consider popping a contact number in your child's pocket. Taking a quick photo of your child at the start of the day can also be helpful in busy places.

If your child is heading out independently, make sure you know who they are with, how they will get home, and keep in touch throughout the day.

We hope you all have a safe, enjoyable and relaxing break.

Kind regards

Gemma Read
Head of School

Routine – Exam Preparation Y7-Y10

As mentioned last week, we are heading into a busy time for end of year assessments in all of our year groups. We know that year 11 have their external GCSE exams at the moment, but the KS3 end of year assessment window begins from 18-5-26. All parents of students in years 7-9 should have received an email outlining roughly when the assessments will take place, the topics covered and suggested ideas to support students. The dates and topics are listed below:

Subject	Year	Roughly when will you complete the assessment?	Which topics are on the assessment?
Art	7	T6 W1	Day of the dead
	8	T6 W1	Bugs
	9	T6 W1	Shoe design
Computing	7	T6 W2	It will be the whole year of study - all learning with knowledge organiser(s) of Computer Science SharePoint
	8	T6 W2	It will be the whole year of study - all learning with knowledge organiser(s) of Computer Science SharePoint
	9	T6 W2	It will be the whole year of study - all learning with knowledge organiser(s) of Computer Science SharePoint
Drama	7	Last week of term 5	Whole year are watching a clip from 'Treasure Island' and analysing the performance of the actor playing Ben Gunn
	8	Last week of term 5, start of term 6	Students are evaluating their own performance, using Drama terms to analyse their vocal and physical skills
	9	Completed	Students did GCSE questions from Blood Brothers
English	7	T6 W3	Response to an extract from The Tempest
	8	T6 W2	Response to an extract from an unseen play
	9	T6 W1	Response to an extract from Romeo & Juliet
Geography	7	T6 W2/3	Rivers and Russia
	8	Completed	Development in Asia

	9	T6 W1/2	Oceans, decision making 'pre-release', sustainable cities
History	7	Week 4/5 of term 5	Reformation
	8	Completed	Transatlantic slave trade and the British Empire
	9	T6 W1	Nazi Germany and the Jewish experience
Maths	7	T6 W2	See route map
	8	T6 W2	See route map
	9	T6 W2	See route map
Music	7	T6 W1/2	Listening assessment
	8	T6 W1/2	Listening assessment
	9	T6 W1/2	Listening assessment
PE	7	T6 W1	Problem solving
	8	T6 W1	Wide game strategies (Yoshi)
	9	T6 W1	Striking and fielding (Stump ball)
Religion	7	Completed	Life of the prophet Muhammad
	8	Completed	Islamic practices
	9	Completed	What do people do when they disagree? (War)
Science	7	T6 week1-3	Acid Reactions & Electricity - as well as previously taught content
	8	T6 week1-3	Electricity, Ecosystems & photosynthesis - as well as previously taught content
	9	T6 week1-3	Physics - Motion, Forces, Energy, Waves, EM spectrum
Spanish	7	T6 W1	Physical descriptions, personalities (hair eyes, adjectives), age and birthdays and family
	8	T6 W1	Holidays (past and present tenses). Food. Home and town
	9	T6 W1	Technology, healthy lifestyles, school and future plans. Celebrations
Tech/Food	7	T6 W1	Design task to include analysis of existing products, re-designing, evaluating redesign
	8	T6 W1	Design task to include analysis of existing products, re-designing, evaluating redesign
	9	T6 W1	Design task to include analysis of existing products, re-designing, evaluating redesign

Later in term 6, as year 11 are finishing, year 10 will go into their mocks. The current timetable for exams is shown below. Parents of Y10 students will receive an email next week, with suggested ways of supporting their child.

Extending Window		
Day	AM	PM
Thurs 11th June	x	Art Exam P4-6
Monday 15th June	x	
Tuesday 16th June	x	History 1
Weds 17th June	Photography P1-3	Stats
Thurs 18th June	English Lit	x

Fri 19th June	Maths	Chemistry
Mon 22nd June	Geography & Comp Sci 1	Maths
Tues 23rd June	Spanish 1	Business
Weds 24th June	English Lang	H&C & Music
Thurs 25th June	Physics	History 2
Fri 26th June	Drama & RP	Comp Sci 2
Mon 29th June	Maths	

Kind regards

Andrew Buck
Vice Principal

Walk to School Week 18th – 22nd May



Our Active Travel Ambassadors presented in assembly last week promoting our 'Walk to School' week which will take place every day next week.

We are encouraging all our students to travel actively to school either by walking, scooting, cycling or by using the park and stride option from Lidl car park. Using active travel to get to school is important for the mental well being and physical health of our students as well as the environmental benefits to our community!

To encourage as many students to take part we are running a competition to see which students travel the most actively this week. Please log your active travel with your tutor and you could stand a chance to win a fast pass for the canteen queue at lunch! If you would like to join our Active Travel Team in September, please see Mrs Allen.

Janet Allen
Head of Key Stage 4

Chess Tournament

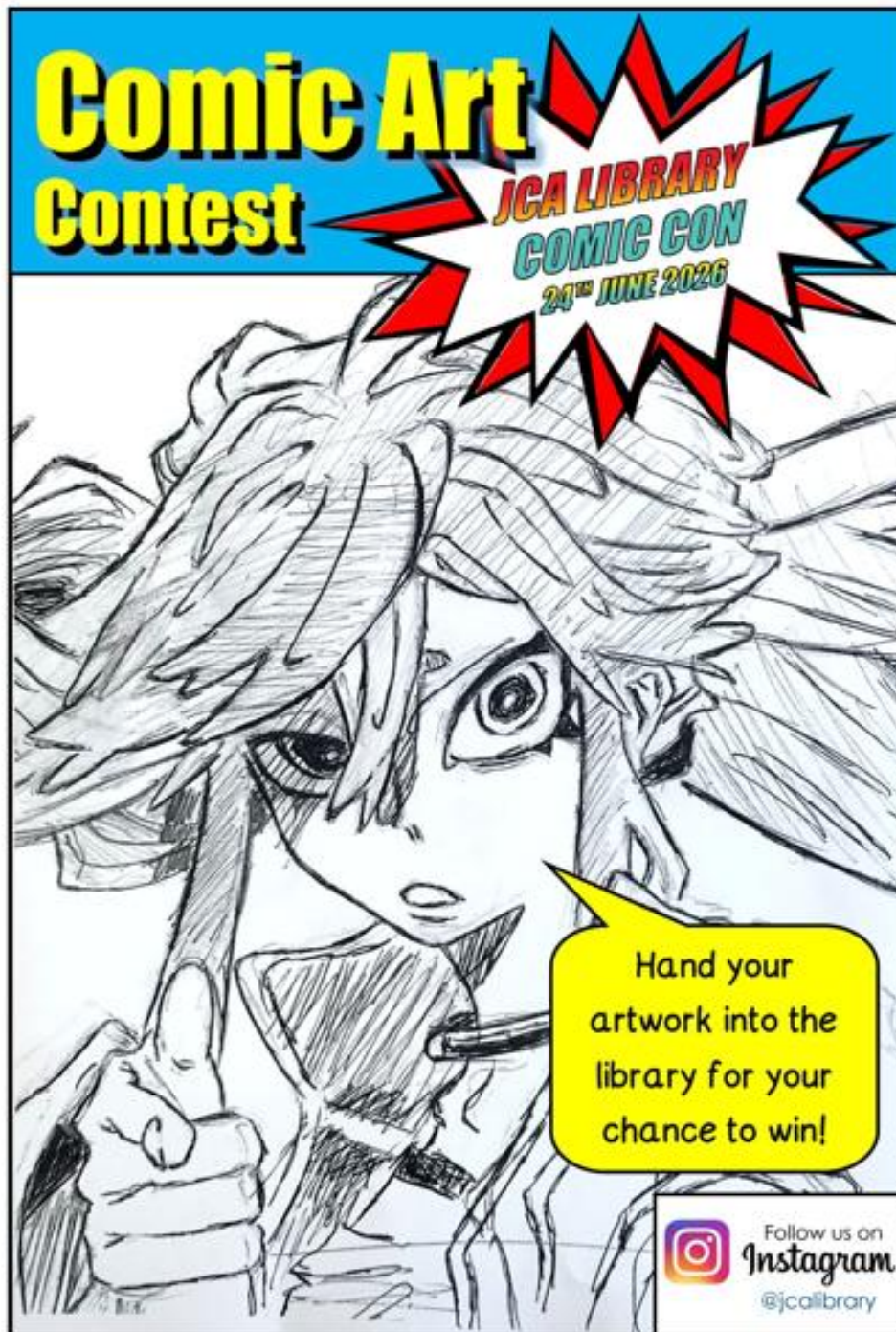
The Y8 & Y9 chess tournaments finished in the library yesterday. We had two very evenly matched games with confident contestants who have played well throughout this year's tournament.

Rhoshon H and Maxwell N faced each other for the Y8 champion title. Leading up to yesterday's match Maxwell had only lost a single game, however, after a fierce bout, Rhoshon has managed to remain undefeated and is this year's Y8 champion.

Darius D and Yasin A played for the Y9 champion title, but an early miscalculation left Yasin on the defensive and undermined his usual steady gameplay. Darius was able to slowly clear the board and force a checkmate to become the 2026 Y9 champion.

Our winners have been awarded champion medals and have won a magnetic travel chess set each. Please congratulate all our finalists as they have each played an excellent tournament.

Comic Con Art Competition



MCAS Parental Responsibilities

Dear Parent/Carer,

From time to time, we take photographs and videos for use on school displays, the school website, and for using externally as promotional materials for prospective Year 6 primary school pupils.

We have a CLF video shoot scheduled for **9 June**. To ensure that only students with parental consent are included, it is important that you update your consent preferences.

Please take a few minutes to log into **MCAS** and review the parental consent options on your child/ren's record/s (this must be done for each child separately). In particular, please ensure consent for "**Photographs and Videos for External Use**" is updated. Without this consent being granted, your child cannot be included in photographs or videos. *

- On the MCAS website <https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin> simply select *yes* or *no* for each option - (guidance attached)
- On the MCAS App: slide the toggle to update your preferences - (guidance attached)

Thank you for your support.

John Cabot Academy

** Please note: if consent is withdrawn at a later date, any images or videos taken before withdrawal may continue to be used externally.*



Granting or revoking Parental Consents on MCAS (MyChildatSchool)

Please follow the instructions below to update parental consents for all students.

If you have more than one child attending John Cabot Academy, this must be done for each child separately. All Students linked to a parent account will appear in either the top left dropdown on the website or in the top central dropdown on the app. This dropdown allows parents to switch between different Student accounts that they are linked to.

If using the desktop/website version of MCAS, login

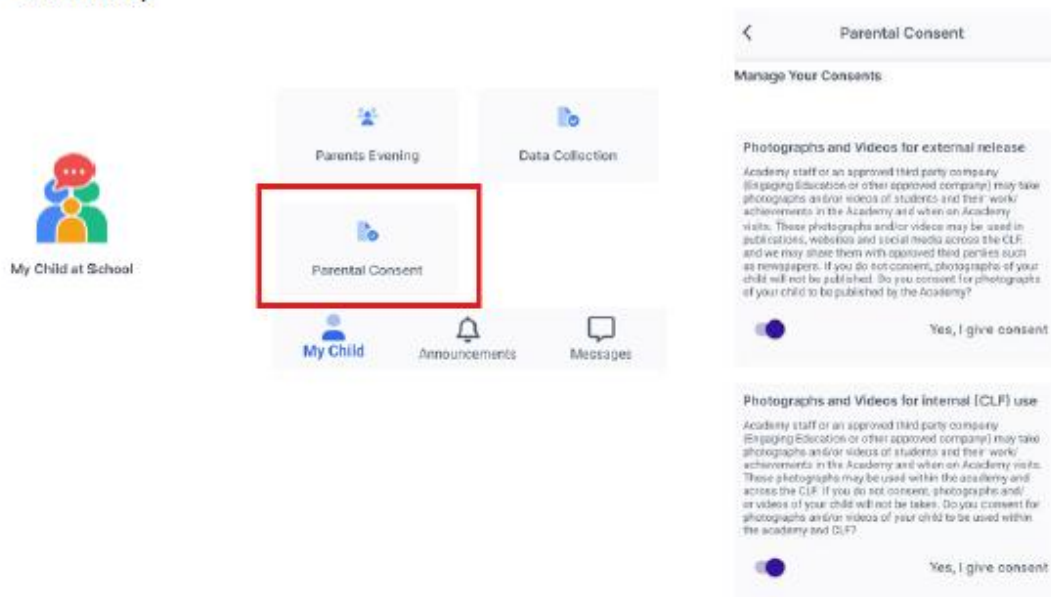
<https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin> and select Parental Consent from the left hand menu list

For each consent listed select either Yes or No and then save



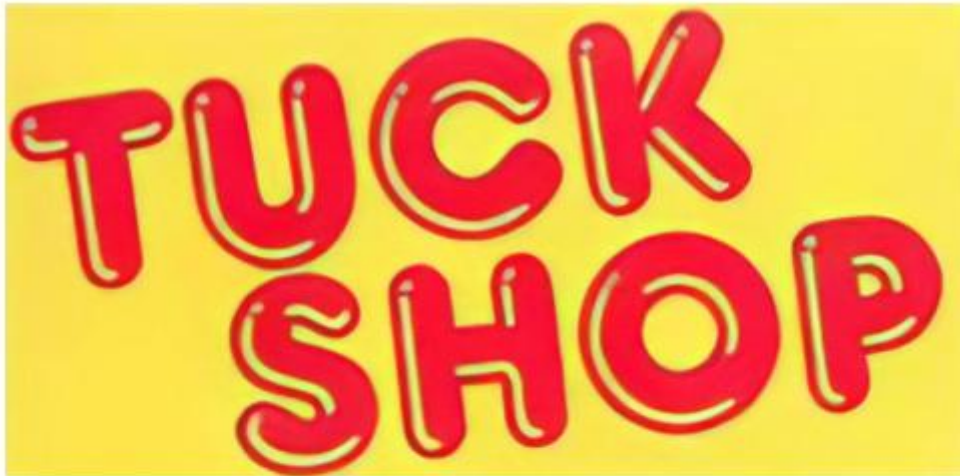
If using the MCAS app, login and select the Parental Consent tile

Slide the toggle bar against each consent to grant yes (right) or no (left). Changes are saved automatically.



Tuck Shop

The tuck shop will be running on Thursday, with all proceeds going towards the school to help top up funds used to support students in accessing enrichment opportunities, trips, and key events.



Thursday 21st May

Breaktime – Foyer

Cash / Card

Meet Our Catering Team

Following on from introducing Polly our Catering Manager. We are delighted to introduce the rest of our fantastic kitchen team here at JCA, who work hard every day to provide nutritious and enjoyable meals for staff and students.

Gwenaelle (Gwen or Gwennie), our cook, brings creativity to the kitchen and enjoys crafting and judging synchronised swimming in her spare time. She loves spending time with her family and her dog.

Rachel, our newest team member, has joined us from a nursery setting and is already part of the team. Outside of work, she runs a small business printing personalised items and enjoys helping others, alongside caring for her daughter and kitten.

Kirsten has been with us for three years and lives with her husband and two daughters. When she's not at work, she enjoys family holidays, tap dancing and keeping active at the gym.

Natascha (Winnie) has also been part of the team for three years. She is a proud owner of five pugs and loves spending time with her grandson.

Chloe joined JCA in 2022 and now specialises in creating our delicious cakes and desserts. She enjoys baking, discovering new recipes, and spending time with her family, as well as travelling with her husband and two children.

We are so proud of our dedicated kitchen team and the care they put into everything they do!

Summer Reading Challenge



Make a difference this summer!

South Gloucestershire Libraries are looking for enthusiastic and friendly

Summer Reading Challenge Volunteers

Develop your skills in communication, team working and creative projects, have fun and make new friends.

Be part of the team running the 2026 Summer Reading Challenge: Read To The Beat. You will help primary school aged children doing the Summer Reading Challenge, talk with them about the books they're reading and help at library activities.

Age 14+. Training will be given. Closing date for applications 21 June 2026.

To find out more ask a member of library staff, visit
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libraryvolunteers@southglos.gov.uk



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