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Key Dates

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 –

As we move deeper into Term 5, I want to begin by thanking our Year 11 students for the focus, maturity and determination they continue to show during this exam period. Your commitment to lessons,

revision and preparation has been impressive, and we are proud of the way you are approaching this important time. Please keep drawing on the routines, strategies and support around you – they really do make a difference.

For all students, this is a timely reminder of the importance of regular revision and strong home learning habits. Short, frequent periods of revision, alongside consistent completion of homework, help embed learning and build confidence over time. These habits are valuable not only during assessment windows, but throughout your school journey.

As the warmer weather arrives, we are also seeing a natural shift in how uniform is worn. We would like to remind students and families that our expectations around school uniform remain in place. In particular, shoes must continue to be black and polishable, in line with our school policy. Uniform plays an important role in equality, belonging and professionalism, and we appreciate your continued support in maintaining these standards.

Finally, our Executive Student Council have recently shared some thoughtful feedback around enrichment, trips and events, with particular interest in expanding the range of opportunities available. Students have been invited to complete a survey, which has been shared in assemblies and through tutor time. I would encourage parents and carers to discuss the options with their child, especially in relation to potential costs and timings of trips. The Executive Council and I will review the survey results together at the end of this term, with the aim of developing a clear and structured approach to trips and enrichment moving forward.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and engagement with school life.

Kind regards

Gemma Read
Head of School

Student Voice...trips and enrichment

JCA: Developing Trips, Events and
Enrichment together



Your role?

Discuss this in your tutor groups this term. Fill in the Microsoft Form (either individually or as a group) by end of Term 5!

[JCA: Developing Trips, Events and Enrichment together – Fill in form](#)

Routine – Exams

From this week, we move into a period of exams and assessment. Year 11 start their first written exams on Tuesday 5th May, with Health and Social care. Sport and Drama exams also happen this week. This then leads into our first whole cohort exam the following Monday (English Literature – Monday 11th May). A reminder of exam expectations will be shared with Y11 students and parents separately. The final exam of the series is Tuesday 16th of June, but students should also be available on Wednesday 24th June, which is the exam contingency day.

As the year 11 exams finish we move into the Y10 mock series. More information on dates and how to support students will be sent to families of year 10s soon. In tutor Year 10 are preparing for these assessments by starting the VESPA programme, designed to encourage a growth mindset, build resilience and support students in knowing how to revise.

KS3 will also have their assessment window from 18th May – 19th June. During this window students will undertake assessments in all subjects. More information will be shared with families soon.

During this time students will be asked to be in exam conditions. The picture below shows the expectations of external exams for Y11, there are mirrored for Y10 mocks. Please do support by talking to your young person about these expectations.



1

You **must** be on time for all your examinations.

2

Possession of a mobile phone or other unauthorised material **is not allowed** even if you do not intend to use it. You will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification from the examination or qualification.

3

You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.

4

You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.

5

You **must not** sit an examination in the name of another candidate.

6

You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.

7

If you are confused about anything, only speak to an invigilator.

Kind regards

Andrew Buck
Vice Principal

Year 10 Parents Evening

Year 10 Parents evening is to be held on Wednesday 13th of May from 3:30 to 6:30 pm.

Booking Appointments:

Please book appointments with your child's teachers using the MCAS (MyChildAtSchool) App. We recommend leaving a gap of 5 minutes between each appointment to allow you time to find the teacher, please do not use the quick book function as it will not leave appropriate gaps. If you are unable to attend after booking, please cancel your bookings so they are available for other families. If you cannot book an appointment but would like feedback please email JCAinfo@clf.uk with a heading including FAO: teachers name.

On the night:

Please enter through the hall (to the left of the main entrance). Upon entry you will be signed in by a member of staff. In the hall there will be a chance to speak to a number of P16/College providers and our careers advisor. This is a great opportunity to talk to providers and consider courses your child may wish to study after year 11. In the hall you will also be able to buy revision guides, at cost price, and there will be a tuck shop.

If you have any access needs, please email JCAinfo@clf.uk FAO: Deborah Butler

The appointments are a great chance to talk to teachers to find out how your child is getting on in each of their subjects. Teachers will also provide specific information on how students should revise for their subjects in preparation for the upcoming year 10 mocks.

Meet the Canteen

Meet Polly – Our Catering Manager



We're delighted to introduce Polly, our Catering Manager, who has been a valued member of the JCA team for the past 4½ years. Polly oversees the day-to-day running of the kitchen and leads our dedicated catering staff, helping to ensure high standards and a welcoming dining experience for everyone.

When she's not busy in the kitchen, Polly enjoys playing netball, going to the gym, and spending time with her two much-loved fluffy dogs. She is always on hand with a smile, ready to help wherever she can.

Be sure to say hello if you see her around school!

Intercommunity Day

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.**

Christian Union Club

We're pleased to share a great example of student agency this term. Following a student request, a

Christian Union will begin meeting after school on Tuesdays in AF5. The club is student-led, with staff supervision, and provides a calm, respectful space for discussion, reflection and community.

We are committed to supporting students to express their beliefs and interests appropriately within school life. Students of any faith or belief who would like to explore setting up a community or belief-based club are encouraged to speak to a member of staff to discuss how this could be supported.

We're proud of students who take initiative and contribute positively to our wider school community.

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 www.southglos.gov.uk/library-volunteers or email libraryvolunteers@southglos.gov.uk



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SEND White Paper and Consultation

SEND Reform: Putting Children and Young People first.

The proposals include a wide range of potential changes, such as new expectations for schools, clearer guidance on reasonable adjustments, new Inclusion Bases in schools, additional training for staff, and improved access to specialist expertise through a model called “Experts at Hand.”

At the heart of the proposals is a vision to strengthen inclusive practice in mainstream education, with a more consistent, rights-based approach so that children’s needs are recognised and supported earlier.

However, it is important to be clear that there remains many questions.

We are now in a 12-week consultation period. There are two ways that you can have your say:
1.Through the Government Consultation Survey on SEND reform - Closing Date 11:59pm 18 May 2026,
2.Through South Glos Parent Carer Forum’s bite size surveys.

- Support is changing
- National Inclusion Standards
- Targeted and Targeted Plus
- Specialist Packages and EHCPs
- Funding, Transitions and Alternative Provision
- What if my child doesn’t fit?
- Complaints process, Accountability and Judicial Review
- And finally...



Find out more about the proposals and take the surveys.

SCAN HERE



Closing 11:59PM Sunday 3rd May

