JOHN CABOT ACADEMY

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Key Dates

16th November	Year 8 Inter Community Day
17th November	Year 9 Inter Community Day
18th November	Year 7 Inter Community Day Year 9 Careers Day
23rd November	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
25th November	Year 8 Parent / Carer Evening
30th November	2025 Year 11 Leavers Certificate Celebration

1st December	A Christmas Carol Theatre Trip
11th December	Year 7 Pantomime Trip
14th December	Winter Concert
16th December	Culture Dress & Festive Jumper Day Christmas Lunch
18th December	Last Day of Term 2
4th January	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
5th January	First Day of Term 3

JCA Routines – Uniform

You will have noticed that the weather is getting colder and we encourage our young people to dress appropriately for the weather. This means students are welcome to wear coats, scarves and gloves to school. However, these items are not permitted to be warn within the school building.

The school building has the heating on and is warm, so coats, gloves and scarves are not required in lessons. We welcome your support in both encouraging your young people to dress appropriately for their journeys to school, but also to be prepared to remove this when in school. During the winter months many students misplace these items, which can be expensive.

Any lost property we find is stored by reception, so if you or your young person have a missing item, this would be the first point of call.

Kind regards

Andrew Buck
Vice Principal

Year 8 Future Brunel Trip

Today we went to Knowle West Media Centre where we completed multiple engineering tasks. We built landmarks in groups like large lifts, shops and towers.
Once we had shown them to the group, we then received programmable robots which we coded to make them move around our miniature town.
Ater lunch we created our own flags with laser cutting technology before we made our way back to JCA.
Amira, Saffie & Ted
Year 8



Inter Community

This week see's the return of our KS3 intercommunity competitions for Years 7, 8 and 9. This is a great opportunity for students to compete within their tutor groups in sporting activities. This is an opportunity to help build relationships between students as well as developing skills such as team working, communication and leadership.

The dates for intercommunity are:
Monday 16th Nov. : Y8
Tuesday 17th Nov: Y9
Wednesday 18th Nov: Y7

INTER COMMUNITY

Year 8

Monday 16th November
Period 3 & 4
Boys Football / Girls Netball

Year 9

Tuesday 17th November
Period 5 & 6
Boys Football / Girls Netball



Year 7

Wednesday 18th November
Period 1 & 2
Boys Football / Girls Netball

NOTE:
Students gather at the small Astro for register.
Please ensure everyone is in their PE kit and has a water bottle.

Year 8 Parent / Carer Evening

The Year 8 Parent / Carer Evening will be on Wednesday 25th November.

Bookings can only be made via MCAS and the bookings are now live.

Student Newspaper

The Student Newspaper has launched! Read all About it here https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/copy-of-jca-news-issue-1.pdf

Well done to our editors, Dominika, Amelie and Lily



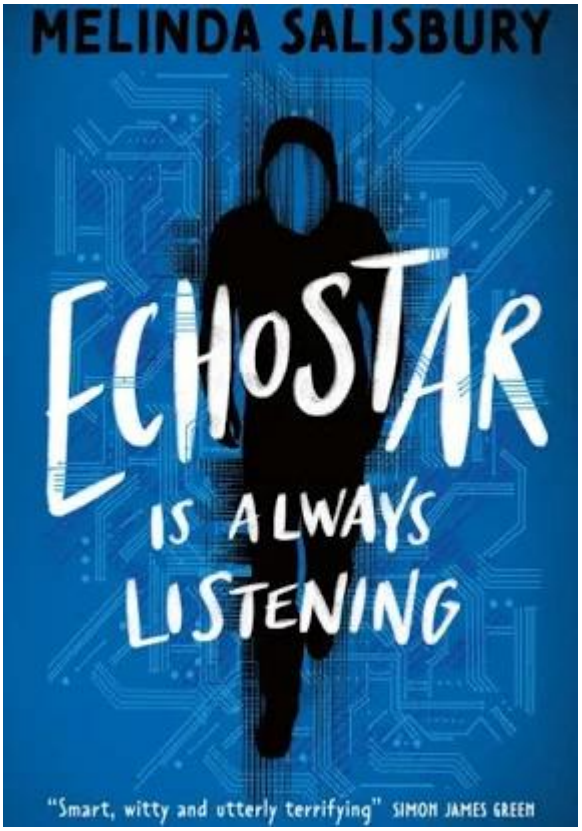
Piano Performance

Congratulations to Aiden T (Y10) who achieved an incredibly high distinction on his Grade 8 Piano Performance Exam with 138 out of 150.

Well done Aiden!



Student Book Recommendation – Echostar is Always Listening



What is it about?

Two girls are struggling with their schoolwork and feeling the pressure of keeping up, so when they find a way to message someone for help, it seems like the perfect solution. The person they contact gives them a device that makes learning easier and helps them with the problems they have been facing. At first, everything seems great, and their lives begin to improve. However, they soon realise the device is capable of much more than they expected. As strange events start to happen, they begin to question who is really helping them and what the true purpose of the technology is.

Why should people read it?

I think people should read *Echostar* because it is very intense from the very beginning and keeps you interested all the way through. Although it is quite a short book, a lot happens in each chapter, which makes it difficult to put down. The story leaves you with new questions every time you turn the page, making you want to keep reading to find out what is really going on. I also enjoyed the mystery surrounding the technology and the way the tension gradually builds throughout the book. If you like fast-paced stories with unexpected twists and plenty of suspense, then *Echostar* is definitely a book worth reading.

Recommended by: Netanya M

Admissions Arrangement

Dear Colleague,

This is an important message, please ensure that it is passed on to your Admissions Officer, Headteacher, Chair of Governors, the parents/carers of your pupils and any other interested parties.

Consultation on the proposed admission arrangements for entry in September 2028/29.

In accordance with the School Admissions Code 2021, the Greenshaw Learning Trust are consulting on the admission arrangements for entry in September 2028/29 for Yate Academy.
The consultation will be held between 9 November 2026 and 11 January 2027.

Please click here to view the proposed admission arrangements.

Comments are invited on the proposed changes to the admission arrangements detailed below:

- Inclusion of a priority for students eligible for Pupil Premium funding
- Inclusion of a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) for Pupil Premium applicants

Responses must be received by **11 January 2027** and should be sent using the form provided here

Kind regards,

Greenshaw Learning Trust
Admissions

Candlelight Vigil



Join our annual candlelit vigils to mark the UN's International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Kingswood, South Glos
Wed 25th November
4pm - 5:30pm

Bristol
Thurs 26th November
4:30pm - 5:30pm

NEXTLINK changing the face of domestic abuse support services

SAFELINK PLUS supporting survivors

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

Supported by KINGSWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

AVON & SOMERSET POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

South Gloucestershire Council

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Post 16 Tours



Road Safety Week 16/20 November

P Park at least 5 minutes away from the school gates so that your child can park and stride to school. If you need to drive, this means they don't miss out on the benefits of travelling actively to school.

A Avoid unnecessary car journeys to reduce congestion and road safety concerns. Could your child get to school by walking, cycling or car sharing?

R Role model safe and healthy travel behaviours. For example, always wear your seatbelt and walk everyday journeys when you can.

E Ensure your child has appropriate clothing and equipment for walking, wheeling and cycling. Cyclists must wear a helmet and your child should always have bright, visible clothing

N Never break the law while driving. This includes obeying speed limits and parking legally so that pavements are safe for pedestrians.

T Turn off your engine whenever you are parked and waiting in your car. This reduces air pollution and protects our health. 1 minute of car's engine idling = 150 balloons of harmful emissions.

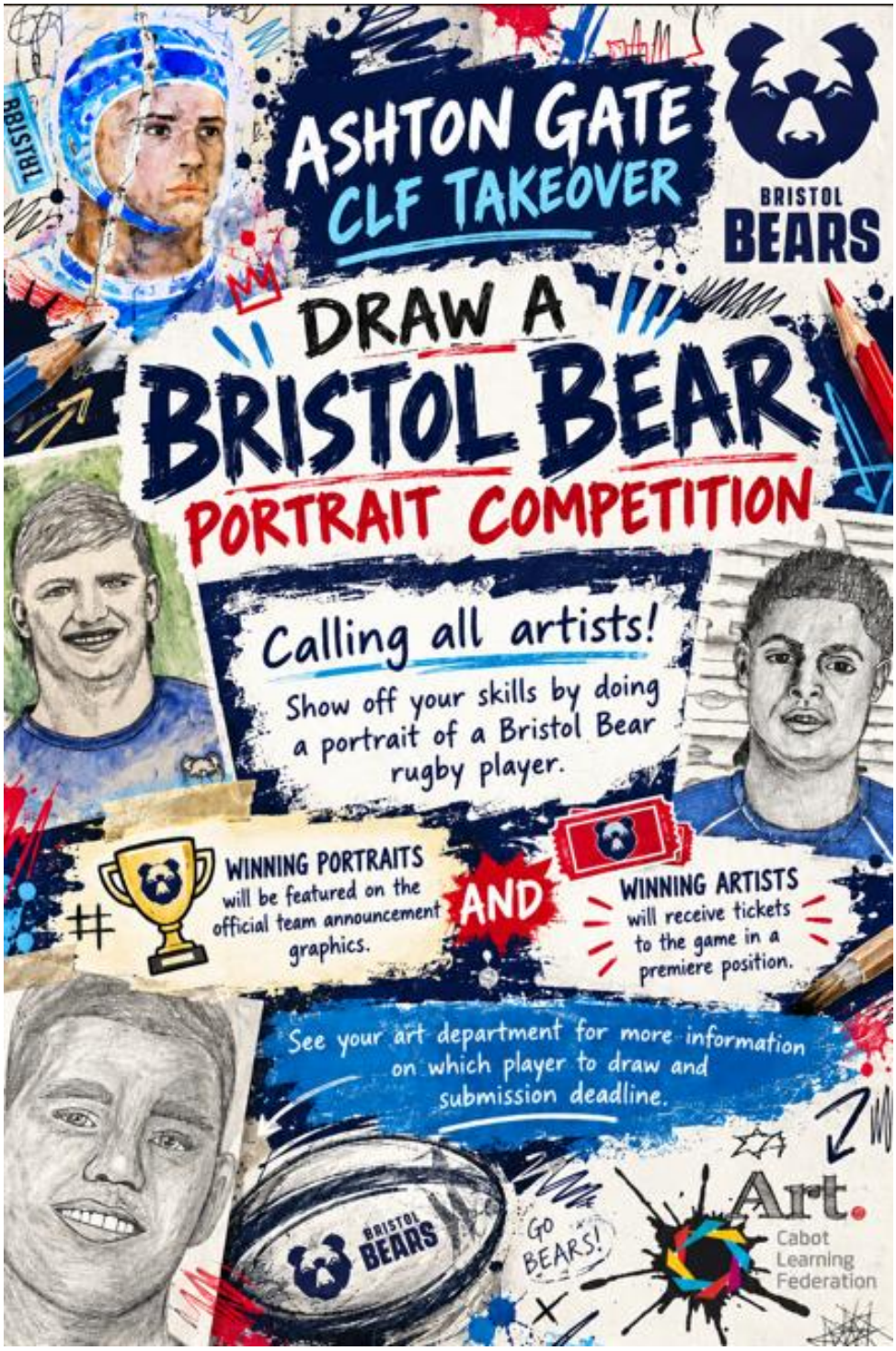
S Stay alert if you are driving near any schools during the morning or after school run. We remind pupils of their responsibilities to be safe road users, but they can sometimes forget, get distracted and step into the road.

MODESHIFT SUPPORTING EVERYDAY JOURNEYS

Road Safety Week

MODESHIFT ATA Active Travel Ambassadors

Portrait Competition



Mental Health Support

NHS Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust

Mental Health Support Team

Online Parent/Carer Workshop

What is it?

It is an hour long workshop aimed at parents & carers to understand your child, and gain some tips and tricks to use at home.

There are 2 topics this month:

INTRO TO LOW MOOD
Alternate *Mondays* / *Wednesdays* 12pm-1pm

Introduction to Low Mood: Learn how low mood can affect thoughts, feelings, and actions, and discover simple, practical strategies to break the cycle and improve wellbeing.

5 WAYS TO WELLBEING
Alternate *Mondays* / *Wednesdays* 12pm-1pm

5 Ways to Wellbeing: Discover five key areas that have been identified to boost wellbeing: Learn practical tips to help you bring these habits into everyday life.

What happens next? You will receive an email with options and instructions.

Topics of workshops change termly

To sign up, please complete a registration form here: MHST Online Session

The Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) is a partnership between Off the Record (OTR) and CAMHS. MHSTs were established to support schools, helping them develop ways to look after the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people (CYP) as well as the wider school community including school staff and parents/carers.To find out where we work, check out our webpage:

https://www.awp.nhs.uk/camhs/camhs-services/mh-schools/mental-health-support-team-mhst-2

This leaflet is also available in other languages. Please contact us for more information.

MHST Tools to thrive

School Nursing Service



If you are a parent or carer and would like to speak to a member of the School Nursing Team to get information and advice for your child, then please come along to one of our parent drop-ins.

This will also be an opportunity for you to meet with other parents and ask the School Nursing Team any questions you may have.

When: Every Friday including school holidays, 10:30am -12pm

Where: Martin's House, opposite Kings Oak Academy.

You can contact: School Nursing team 0300 125 5151.

Use the QR code to view our web page and find out more about our service.

Service provided by Sirona care & health