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## Key dates

<b>28<sup>th</sup> June - 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 10 Assessments
<b>28th June</b>	5:30pm Year 6 into 7 students information evening for Parents:
<b>2nd July</b>	Inset Day
<b>8th July</b>	Culture Day
<b>w/c 12th July</b>	Sports week
<b>21 July</b>	End of Term



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### *How we do things here*

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From Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, we asked students to no longer wear their outdoor coats, hoodies and hats in the building given the weather is now much warmer. As ever, our students have been fantastic at adapting to this rule. Thank you for your support.

You may be thinking about uniform for next year, so for absolute clarity, our full uniform and PE uniform list is available on our website: <https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/uniform/>

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### *Remote learning / students isolating*

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If your child isn't in school, they need to log on to Show My Homework, where there will be work for them to match the lessons they should have that day. Sometimes this will be remote learning, which is work for them to do independently. Sometimes it will be a live lesson, where they will follow a link to join their teacher on Microsoft Teams. All these tasks will be labelled remote learning.

For more information and help, please see our website [https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/wp-content/uploads/Remote-Learning\\_key-info-for-parents-and-carers-3.pdf](https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/wp-content/uploads/Remote-Learning_key-info-for-parents-and-carers-3.pdf)

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### *Racial Equality Parent Consultation Group*

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Miss Marshall is championing racial equality at JCA.

Due to a lack of diversity within the staff body, I would like to begin a consultation/focus group, with our parents of students of colour. My initial aim is that the group will meet termly. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Miss Marshall for more information.



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*Year 7 and 8 MCQs:*

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The MCQ assessments have now drawn to a close- well done for completing them across the last fortnight. If you have any questions, please contact your subject teacher in the first instance.

**Year 9 assessments:**

The planned exams, which were scheduled for dates this week, will happen in school and have been re-arranged following dates:

Monday 12th July: PM Maths  
Tuesday 13th July: PM Science

Due to the change in when these exams are running, Year 9 student reports will not include the results of these particular assessments in their summer reports. We will share the results with you in early September 2021.

**Year 10 assessments:**

You will already know that the Year 10 mock exams begin on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Each student has been given an individual timetable via their tutor but the overall assessment timetable is linked here:

<https://clfacademies.sharepoint.com/:x:/r/sites/JCASLTOperational/Shared%20Documents/2020-2021/Exams/2021%20Term%206/Y10%20Term%206%20Timetable.xlsx?d=wd819c1d3de5843b68bc9590465a027be&csf=1&web=1&e=9oslrH>

All assessments will be completed by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021.





For students accessing assessments in school, they should follow the times and locations on the individual timetable they have received.

For the small number of students isolating at home, our exams officer Katharine Hiles, will run these assessments virtually and will set up the sessions with a link on Show My Homework to the session (e.g. Remote Assessment SUBJECT NAME 10am) for students to access as normal. Ms Hiles will remind students on how long they will have to complete and submit their assessment. Students **must** ensure they are logged on to teams. As a reminder, assessments begin at the following times:

- Morning session: 10am
- Afternoon session: 1:00pm

Where assessments are not running in this fortnight, live lessons will **not** happen. This is to support our young people in managing assessments when working in isolation. If there is no link for a live lesson or remote learning, the student does not have an assessment and should use the time to prepare for their next assessment by:

- revising with a clear topic focus (can be done in short 20 minute blocks and cover a range of subjects or topics). Tutors have supported Year 10 in knowing how to revise over the last 3 months;
- taking a short amount of 'down time' to relax after an assessment- we recommend a short walk in the fresh air (even if just 20 mins) for clearing heads;
- Nourishing themselves (eating a meal or drinking water or even a short nap- max 20 minutes- set an alarm for waking up!) to ensure they are physically ready for their next challenge;
- Connecting with their tutor or the Year 10 pastoral team to ask for any advice/support- there will be daily check in sessions between 2.30 and 3pm on teams;

Mr Titterington and the tutors will be available across the fortnight- please do ask for any support/advice you need!





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## *Covid -19*

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Public Health England have asked that all parent meetings are now held on the phone or via Teams rather than in person. We ask that parents do not arrive at the academy hoping to see staff face to face. Please do call if you want to arrange a meeting.

With up to 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 not displaying any symptoms, rapid testing remains a vital tool to help us stay ahead of the virus. The twice-weekly regular testing habit is as important as ever and we urge settings to continue to encourage testing and reporting all results on GOV.UK.

### *Why reporting your test result is as important as taking a test:*

- **We need to understand the amount of Covid circulating in the (school) community**
- **Reporting testing will not lead to more school closures**
- **You can report test results from your mobile as well as online**
- **Test and trace support payments are available to eligible parents who are asked to isolate as a result of their child's need to isolate**

If you have not already given consent to your child/ren receiving Lateral Flow Tests from their tutor, please complete the attached form and we will make sure that they are added to our lists.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ViObpySMlkm0IMbibQtAkbQ\\_NcFgcQJNkqzj6X2RrxhUNDZXQ0FLQUhVMVo5Q1RCWDJSSFBVVEJWMY4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ViObpySMlkm0IMbibQtAkbQ_NcFgcQJNkqzj6X2RrxhUNDZXQ0FLQUhVMVo5Q1RCWDJSSFBVVEJWMY4u)



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*Get singing and playing this summer!*

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Over the summer Bristol Plays Music are opening their doors for two weeks of activities for young people to play, sing and explore their creativity.

These fun-packed weeks are for young people **aged 9 to 13** who will be going into **Year 5, 6, 7 and 8 in September 2021**.

**Brass Band week** is taking place over **26 – 30 July** and for young brass musicians playing at **Grade 1-5** to play, socialise and make music together. [Find out more and book here.](#)

**Sing the Musicals** is taking place on the **2 - 6 August** where young vocalists will be able to get back to singing and performing the songs they love, from modern musicals to Disney songs they will be singing and dancing their way through this fun-packed week. **The only requirement for this week is enthusiasm!** [Find out more and book here.](#) Held at Bristol Plays Music's centre in Southmead there will be informal performances at the end of both weeks for parents and carers.

Running daily from **8.45am until 3.15pm** each course costs **£50 for the week**, we also offer bursaries for low income families.

### *World Music Day*

Monday 21st June was World Music Day. As part of this we had celebrations of students performing from Year 7, Year 10 and Year 11.

We also had some staff performances too! This was an opportunity to share and listen to music in our school foyer, but also celebrate the joy that music can bring to those participating or watching.

Students have also been invited to participate in a World Music Day quiz, with prizes being given to tutor groups next week!





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*PE department*

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### ***Road to Tokyo!***

We have completed our distance to Tokyo from John Cabot Academy! Students and staff have ran, jogged, walked, cycled, swam or scooted every week since April and filled out their distances weekly. We have travelled a total distance of 8,217 miles. Our target was to reach the stadium by the opening ceremony and we have completed it 4 weeks early!

### ***Wimbledon JCA Tennis Tournament***

Years 7 & 8 are competing in a Wimbledon style tournament during lunch times and after school. We have finished round 1 and are looking forward to round 2 and moving on to the semifinals and finals!

### ***Euro JCA Football Tournament***

We have a number teams signed up to be part of the Euro's tournament at JCA. We have years 7 - 10 competing at lunch times on the small Astro. It starts this week, and students have selected a team to represent.

### ***PE Spare Kit***

All PE lost property is kept outside the PE office. Please can students collect during break time and lunchtime. There are lots of tops, hoodies and jumpers.

If you have any unwanted PE kit that is in good condition but no longer fits then please hand in to the PE department.



## PE Clubs



Teacher	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>Mr Thomas</b>	Year 10 Sports Science Exam revision (Physio Lab)	Year 7 Football (Large Astro)			Lunchtime Year 9 Football (Small Astro) Boots needed
<b>Mrs Church</b>	Year 10 Health and Social Care (BF7)	All Year Rounders (Large Astro)			
<b>Mr Wilson</b>		Year 8 Climbing (Sport Hall)		Year 10 Sports Science Coursework (AF4)	
<b>Mrs Harrold</b>	All Year Tennis (Large Astro)	All Year Rounders (Large Astro)			
<b>Mrs Price</b>		Year 8 Dance (Dance Studio)			
<b>Miss Major</b>	All Year Tennis (Large Astro)	All Year Rounders (Large Astro)			



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## Library

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### *@jcalibrary on Instagram*

In need of a good read but not sure where to start? JCA Library's Instagram account features regular themed reading lists and Book of the Week recommendations. Follow us @jcalibrary for some book related inspiration.

### *National Book Tokens big prize draw*

Win £5,000 for your school's library! Nominate John Cabot Academy to win and you could take home £100 of National Book Tokens just for you:

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>



### *Overdue Library Books*

At John Cabot Academy we are lucky to have a well-stocked library, but in order to maintain the high standard and variety of the books on offer, it is necessary for us to insist that loaned books are always returned for the enjoyment and benefit of all of our students.

We are now running a system of distributing regular library loan statements to students so they know exactly which library books on their account are currently overdue. Students will receive up to 3 reminder statements prompting them to return their books or visit the library to arrange a renewal on books they are still reading. Students can access the library from Monday to Wednesday, at break, lunch and tutor times.

If books remain unreturned after the 3rd reminder statement a book replacement fee will be added to your SCOPAY account. Ultimately, however, we would much prefer to have books back in the library, and on return of overdue items to the library, replacement charges will be removed from your account.



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## Finance

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### **SCOPAY - Online Payment System - Preferred Method of Payment**

SCOPAY is our preferred method of payment for all transactions when making payments to the academy.

This system allows you to make payments for trips, events, music tuition and learning resources plus your child's school lunch account can also be topped up using this system. The system can be used on a desktop computer or you can download the App to use on your mobile phone or tablet meaning that you can access your account at any time. If you have not already received a link code or require an additional link code(s) to enable another Parent/Carer to also set up a SCOPAY account and make payments for your child(ren), please send an email to [JCAFinance@clf.uk](mailto:JCAFinance@clf.uk)

### **SCOPAY - Payments for School Lunches**

Please remember to check if your child's School Lunch account requires topping up with funds to enable them to purchase food from the canteen.

If you would like to set up alerts so that you will know when their balance is getting low and requires topping up, please go to the John Cabot Academy website - Our Academy - Canteen and Online Payments, where you will find the 'SCOPAY Parent Guide - Alerts' at the bottom of the page to help you.

Alternatively, you can copy and paste the following to your browser: -

<https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/our-academy/canteen-and-online-payments/>

There are two further SCOPAY Parents Guides, one for Managing Your Account and another for Making Payments, that you may also find useful on this page.

### **Purchase of School Ties**

The option to purchase a school tie for £6.00 via SCOPAY is available for every student and SCOPAY continues to be our preferred method of payment. If your child has lost their tie, you can purchase a replacement via your SCOPAY account, and it will be available for collection by your child the following morning.

Alternatively, *for ties only*, a cash payment can be accepted – please send your correct payment of £6.00 in an envelope with their full name, year group and tutor group detailed. Please ask your child to collect their tie from the Finance Office.

The Finance Office is open to students every day before school and during break time.



### ***Purchase of Calculators***

The option to purchase a calculator from the academy continues to be available to all students via SCOPAY.

If you wish to purchase a calculator for your child, there are two types available and currently in stock: -

- Casio ClassWiz FX991EX Scientific Calculator @ £19.50 each, or
- Casio FX83GT Scientific Calculator @ £8.50 each

When you have made your SCOPAY purchase, your child will be able to collect their calculator from the Finance Office. The Finance Office is open to students every day before school and during break time.

### ***Purchase of Memory Cards for GCSE Photography***

The option to purchase memory cards from the Academy continues to be available on SCOPAY for all GCSE Photography students.

There are currently two types in stock:-

- HAMA 16GB SDHC Card @ £5.50 each, or
- HAMA 4GB SDHC Card @ £4.00 each

When you have made your SCOPAY purchase, your child will be able to collect their memory card from the Finance Office. The Finance Office is open to students every day before school and during break time.

### ***SCOPAY - Link to Login Page***

You can find a link to the SCOPAY Login Page if you go to the John Cabot Academy website - Our Academy - Canteen and Online Payments.

Alternatively, you can copy and paste the following to your browser: -

<https://www.scopay.com/john-cabot-ac>

### ***Finance Queries***

If you have any finance queries, please contact the Finance Office by emailing [JCAFinance@clf.uk](mailto:JCAFinance@clf.uk)

