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Action required: pre-approval for sending students home

We are asking every parent/carer/guardian to pre-approve their child's being sent home from school in the event of a COVID-19 case within their year group. Please confirm now by clicking [here](#).

On Friday, we had our first confirmed case of COVID-19 in a year 10 pupil. Public Health England directed us to identify close contacts of the student affected. We identified 55 in total and have communicated directly with those students and their parents. They are due back in school on Wednesday 14th October. Otherwise school is open to all other students.



We all continue to work hard to implement measures to make the school site as safe as possible, with the introduction of year group bubbles; staggered social times; separate entrances and exits for different year groups; and encouraging everyone to regularly wash and sanitize their hands.

It helped on Friday to be able to dismiss a year group from the site as quickly and safely as possible. We are therefore requesting that all parents/carers/guardians pre-approve their children being sent home as quickly and safely as possible, in the event that a year group needs to leave due to a confirmed COVID-19 case.

Please fill in the form [here](#).

Exam Invigilators – Now Recruiting!

We are looking for Exam Invigilators to join our supportive and talented exams team within Cabot Learning Federation. As an Exams Invigilator you will assist the Exams Officer in the efficient delivery of internal and external exams.

Not only will you be working within one of our fantastic academies, but you will be a part of a diverse Federation working alongside professional and inspirational people.

As this is a casual position you will work when available and will be called upon when required to support the Academies during exam season.

Full details and an application form can be accessed [here](#).

Key Dates

9th October

Deadline for orders of Year 10 and 11 revision guides (see the Finance section of this newsletter for more information.)

9th November

Year 11 Mocks

16th December

Year 11 Parents' Evening



Post 16 Open Events

10th October, 10:00 – 1:00
14th October, 1:00 – 4:00
From 22nd October
14th October, 4:00 - 7:00
Various dates

SGS All Courses, All Levels open event
City of Bristol College digital open event
St Mary Redcliffe virtual open evenings
City of Bath College virtual open event
Boomsatsuma open events

Year 7 Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will take place for all Year 7s at John Cabot Academy on 26th November 2020.

The flu vaccine for children is not a “jab” – instead, it will take the form of a quick and simple nasal spray. The vaccine protects against flu, a virus which can cause serious complications such as middle ear infections and bronchitis.

The flu vaccine is one of the most effective interventions the NHS has to reduce pressure on the health and social care system this winter. This more important than ever given the impact of COVID-19 on the NHS and social care.

A consent form and information leaflet has now been distributed to every Year 7 student. Please fill in the form and ask your child to return it to their tutor as soon as possible.

It is important that your child returns the consent form to their tutor before Monday 5th October, as the immunisation nurses need to process all the forms before the vaccinations can take place. Please do not return the form to reception as this will cause overlapping of COVID-19 bubbles.

If your child has lost the form, do not worry – we have sent a digital copy to your email address.

Insight App

As part of our work improving communications with parents, there was a lot of feedback asking for 'live' information on your children. So we introduced last year an app called Insight. It allows parents to see, in real time:

- Attendance
- Behaviour
- Lesson Scores (only available online, but we are working with the company to get them



on the app too)

This is also the app which allows you to book Parents' Evening slots and see your child's report when it is published. Feedback last year was really positive, as it fostered communication between parents and children about their days.

Year 7 parents (and parents of new students) have been sent your logins last week. If you can't remember your login, please do email jcainfo@clf.uk and we'll send you your login again.

Mobile Phones

Our mobile phone ban policy remains in place. We believe this is appropriate for 2 main reasons:

- It is extremely difficult to fully concentrate in lessons with a mobile and all of its notifications and temptations.
- Mobiles and especially social media are a source of bullying and anxiety. We want to give students a break from this during the school day.

If we see a student with their mobile between 8:40am and 3pm, we will confiscate it and put it in the main office for collection at the end of the day. This also includes headphones and air pods.

Doors, Windows and Coats in the Cold Weather

We need air to circulate as part of the risk mitigation for COVID-19. Therefore our classrooms are cold with the windows and/or doors open. We are therefore going to allow students to wear an outer layer e.g. coat or hoodie in the building.

All other uniform must remain correct though, or a student will be expected to be in the SLR until it is corrected.



Finance

Purchase of revision guides for Year 10 and Year 11

The option to purchase revision guides for students in Year 10 and 11 via SCOPAY has been added.

All guides for Maths and Science will be available for you to purchase – please ask your child to discuss with their teachers for these subjects to decide which guides are most suitable for them.

All guides for English will also be available for you to purchase along with other guides tailored to your child's option subjects.

Revision guide purchases are only available via SCOPAY.

The deadline for orders is Friday 09/10/2020 as this will enable the guides to be delivered to the Academy in time for distribution to students prior to half term.

If you have not received your SCOPAY link code, please contact the Finance Office by emailing JCAFinance@clf.uk.

Purchase of memory cards (GCSE Photography)

Memory cards for sale: 16GB at £5.50 each, or 4GB at £4.00 each from the Finance Office. Memory cards are an essential part of your photography equipment.

You must prepay via SCOPAY before you can collect one from the Academy. More info at JCAfinance@clf.uk.

Purchase of school ties

The option to purchase a school tie for £6.00 via SCOPAY has been added to every student's account. If your child loses their tie, you can purchase a replacement via your SCOPAY account and your child can collect it from the Finance Office the following morning.

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

If you require any assistance, please contact the Finance Office by emailing JCAFinance@clf.uk.

Purchase of calculators

The option to purchase a calculator via SCOPAY has been added to every student's account. If you wish to purchase a calculator for your child, there are two types available and currently in stock. When you have made a purchase, your child will be able to collect it from the Finance



Office the following morning.

The Finance Office is open to students every day before school and during break time. If you require any assistance, please contact the Finance Office by emailing JCAFinance@clf.uk.

How to make online payments with SCOPAY

Our preferred method of payment is online via SCOPAY as it means that students do not need to carry cash with them and also from a COVID-19 perspective it means that cash does not need to be handed to the Finance Office.

Online Payment Letters containing one time use link codes for account set up were sent to Parents/Carers of all students that were not already registered over the Summer break.

Please set up your SCOPAY account online if you have not already done so.

If you have not received a link code or need any assistance, please contact the Finance Office by emailing JCAFinance@clf.uk.

Bristol Old Vic Opportunity

A fantastic theatre opportunity with Bristol Old Vic, Young Company. They are delivering FREE drama workshops in Kingswood from Thursday 1st October, every Thursday until the 22nd October. The sessions are free to attend, are for ages 10-14 and run from 5-7pm each Thursday. The sessions will take place at Creative Youth Network, 20 Old School House, The Kingswood Estate, Britannia Road, BS15 8BD - they are on the South Lawn, so wrap up ready for Drama.

To book a place, please email getinvolved@bristololdvic.org.uk



We are excited to announce that Bristol Old Vic Young Company are delivering FREE drama workshops in Kingswood from Thursday 24th September.

Come and try something new with Young Company! Getting out and about in Bristol, our great workshop leaders are bringing fun drama sessions to a location near you! If you are aged 10-14 years and fancy giving acting a go, then these sessions are for you!

Session details

Cost: Sessions are free to attend.

Ages: 10-14

Thursday Sessions

When: Thu 24 Sep, 1 Oct, 8 Oct, 15 Oct, 22 Oct, 5-7pm

Where: Creative Youth Network, 20 Old School House, The Kingswood Estate, Britannia Road, Bristol BS15 8DB. These sessions are on the South Lawn so wrap up warm.

To book please email getinvolved@bristololdvic.org.uk



Guitar Lessons Catch-Up

Please see below the guitar catch up sessions for the lesson missed by Adam last week.

Thursday 1st October

14:35 - Laura K

Thursday 8th October

12.20 - Julia K

14:35 - Esme P

Thursday 15th October

11:00 - Jacob K

11:35 - Louis R

12:10 - Curtis V

14:35 - Katie H

Adam will arrange a time with Josh to catch up his lesson when he see him this week. These times allow the 5 minutes to clean.



What parents and carers need to know about schools during COVID-19

The Department for Education have translated their COVID-19 [guidance for parents and carers with children in nursery, school, or college in the autumn term](#).

The guidance is now available in the following languages:

- [Arabic](#)
- [Bengali](#)
- [Chinese – traditional](#)
- [Chinese – simplified](#)
- [French](#)
- [Gujarati](#)
- [Polish](#)
- [Portuguese](#)
- [Punjabi](#)
- [Romany](#)
- [Somali](#)
- [Turkish](#)
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