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### Key Dates

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20 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 7 Parents Evening
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Inset Day <i>School closed to pupils</i>
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Inset Day <i>School closed to pupils</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> November	School Opening for Term 2

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### Government Issued Coronavirus Update

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 Department for Education

## ***Letter from the Secretaries of State for Education and Health***

A copy of the letter is [available to download](#). Please find this letter and the frequently asked questions.



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### *Lateral Flow Testing Over Half Term*

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Government advice is for students to continue Lateral Flow testing twice per week during half term. Students can get boxes of tests from their tutors if they have run out at home

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### *Help Wanted*

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Over the next few weeks we are looking to redevelop our Anti Bullying Policy based upon the Anti Bullying Alliance 10 Best Principles guidelines. To support the creation of the new policy, and to drive its implementation over the coming terms, we are looking to set up a small steering group. This will meet approximately once per term for an hour after school. If you would like to contribute and join this steering group please let us know by emailing [jcainfo@clf.uk](mailto:jcainfo@clf.uk) marked for the attention of Richard Cormack or calling reception to let us know.

Thank you  
**Richard Cormack**  
**Assistant Principal**

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### *Parental Controls Offered By Your Home Internet Provider*

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#### **How to set up filters on your home internet to help prevent age inappropriate content being accessed on devices in your home.**

The 4 big internet providers in the UK – BT, Sky, TalkTalk and Virgin Media – provide their customers with free parental controls which can be activated at any time. They have come together to produce these helpful video guides to help you to download and set-up the controls offered by your provider.



<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider>;



### [Parental controls offered by your home internet provider | Safer Internet Centre](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider)

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**Phil de Scossa**  
**Designated Safeguarding Lead**

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### *RFU Rugby*

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On Friday 8th October, the Rugby Football Union (RFU - the national governing body for rugby) came to John Cabot to do some coaching. The purpose of the visit was to create some coaching resources for teachers. John Cabot was suggested as a local secondary school in Bristol who could provide exactly what was needed. The outcome was England coaches coming from Kent, Portsmouth, Twickenham and the midlands to deliver sessions for the entire day to JCA students.

The three double period sessions were a massive range of step-by-step progressions from complete beginners learning how to pass and catch to full contact tackling and rucks. Years 7, 8 and 10 had the opportunity to be taught by coaches who regularly perform sessions for some of the best players in the world. The focus and effort by JCA students was second to none with the coaches commenting on how although JCA students may not have been exposed to as much rugby as some of the rugby private schools and colleges, their 'attitude to learning and effort levels are some of the best we've seen anywhere'. It is a huge credit to the students that they were described as 'sponges' who 'wanted to learn and try their best'. I was hugely proud watching the sessions of the quality produced after effectively 2 years without rugby on the curriculum due to covid, but even more so by the attitude to the coaches and each other.

A special mention must be made to the year 10 boys. It must be said that something is going well in the PE department when 20 of 27 boys from a single class volunteered to stay behind after school between 3 and 4pm to do a session in a sport they don't play outside of school. They were impeccable! Effort, attitude, listening, focus... their quality shone and I stood there a proud teacher as they went through the routines and progressions. EVERY member of the visiting coaching staff commented on how impressed they were with the student's attitude, made more impressive by the fact all their friends had gone home on Friday for the weekend.



A massive thankyou to the JCA staff who supported me in organising this and mostly the students who did themselves and JCA proud.

**Joe Thomas**  
Head of PE

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*RFU Rugby Letter*

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Dear Ms Willis

**RUGBY UNION FILMING AT JOHN CABOT ACADEMY – 8 / 10 / 21.**

I am writing to thank you for allowing us to film at the school last week for a series of instructional Rugby Union videos. These videos will be used to support and educate secondary PE staff around the country and will be a significant resource to help ensure the safe and enjoyable delivery of rugby in a secondary environment.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognise and congratulate you on a fantastic team you have and highlight your exceptional students whom we met.

During the day, we had the pleasure of working with a number of PE classes. Within these classes, we found a group of students who were fully engaged, helpful, engaging and fantastic ambassadors for the school. Due to the stop-start nature of filming sometimes this activity can be difficult for students to stay engaged, however we never found this to be the case. Your students throughout the activity were patient, cooperative, and fully committed.

This was especially true with your Year 10 boys, who volunteered their time afterschool. To have 18 students willingly volunteer their time on a Friday after school speaks volumes of the quality of students at the academy. These students in particular were exceptional and are amongst the best we have encountered at similar activities around the country.

Also fantastic were your staff pre and during activity. During the day, we were made to feel welcome and supported by staff across the school, from reception to lunch time assistants. I would like to recognise especially Mr Thomas who, like your students, is a real credit to your school. In short, we have never been made to feel as welcome and supported. Knowing the workload on all teaching staff, we recognise the additional work this made both ahead of the activity on the day itself and we're extremely grateful to Mr Thomas for his patience and commitment. That he brought us snacks and lunch, when it was he (and the school) helping us, demonstrates the quality of individual you have.

Once again thank you to you, staff and students at John Cabot Academy. We will you will be pleased with the final video edits, which I know will portray the school and students positively.

Yours sincerely



**Chris Sigsworth**  
RFU Schools and Colleges Manager

Rugby Football Union a society established under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies



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## Finance

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### **Communications with Finance**

Emails from Finance Office - Finance may sometimes need to email you regarding your SCOPAY account and/or payments that you have made or need to make to the academy. Emails from Finance will come from either [donotreply@scopay.com](mailto:donotreply@scopay.com) or from [JCAFinance@clf.uk](mailto:JCAFinance@clf.uk) - we suggest that you add both email addresses to your list of safe senders to avoid the emails going to your Spam or Junk folder.

Emails to Finance Office - If you have any questions or queries for the Finance Office, please email [JCAFinance@clf.uk](mailto:JCAFinance@clf.uk). Alternatively, if you have received an email from [donotreply@scopay.com](mailto:donotreply@scopay.com) and need to respond or query it with the Finance Office, please email [JCAFinance@clf.uk](mailto:JCAFinance@clf.uk)

Telephone Calls to Finance Office - If you would like to speak to the Finance Office, please call 0117 976 3000, Extension 1106.

### **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.

### **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>

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### *Purchase of School Uniform*

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Please note we only sell school ties in the academy - see below.

All other John Cabot Academy specific school uniform items should be purchased directly from our school uniform supplier, Trutex.

For full details of uniform requirements and a link to the Trutex website, please go to the John Cabot Academy website - Our Academy - Uniform. Alternatively, you can copy and paste the following to your browser: - <https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/uniform/>

When setting up your account you will be asked to register with the school code **LEA00918CH** as this will direct you to the John Cabot Academy uniform page

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### *Purchases of School Ties*

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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 school day.



Alternatively, for ties only, a cash payment can be accepted at the Finance Office – please send your child with the correct cash 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.

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### *Purchases of Calculators*

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The option to purchase a calculator from the academy is 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 FX-83GTX Scientific Calculator @ £8.50 each

Your child's Maths Teacher will be able to advise on which calculator is appropriate for them.

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

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

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The option to purchase memory cards from the Academy is 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 following school day. The Finance Office is open to students every day before school and during break time.

