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Key Dates

22 nd – 24 th March	School Production – High School Musical
22 nd March	Safety Day
28 th March	MFL Watershed Trip
31 st March	Year 11 Recital Evening
2 nd – 3 rd April	Year 10 & 11 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
5 th April	Year 8 & 9 HPV Vaccinations
6 th April	Year 11 Parents Evening (Virtual)
7 th April	Big Bake
8 th April	Last Day of Term

25th April

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JCA Routines – Punctuality and Registers

As we look forward to the second half of Term 4, we are focusing on our students being in lessons, listening and learning.

This means our staff are focusing on punctuality and registers; unless your child has a toilet pass or time out card supplied by us, they will not be allowed out of lessons for any reason. If your child is in the corridor in lesson time, they can expect to be spoken to by every member of staff they meet.

Routine 3: Punctuality & Registers	Period 1 to Tutor Time <i>Less than 5 minutes late</i> Take register within 5 minutes. Mark L in register with minutes late. <i>More than 5 minutes late</i> Send to SLR* Update register with a 1 Call home <i>*Unless they have a note on paper/SIMS</i>
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Gemma Read
Vice Principal

Covid Cases and Isolation Guidance

An increasing number of Covid cases are currently being seen across the Bristol area which is also true at JCA. We are continuing to ensure there is good ventilation at the academy, easy access to hand sanitiser and year group bubbles remain at break and lunchtimes to reduce the chance of mixing.

As a reminder, the main symptoms of Covid 19 are:

- * a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- * a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- * a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste

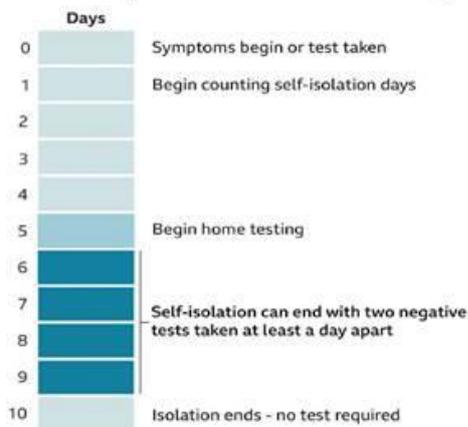
anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Anyone experiencing any of these symptoms should go for a PCR test to confirm whether they have Covid or not.

If Covid is confirmed, the guidance about isolation dates is below:

Updated guidance on isolation and testing for confirmed cases (early release from isolation)

How five-day isolation rule works in England



Maths Challenge

64 students in Y10 and Y11 recently sat the nationally run Maths Challenge, 37 of whom scored highly enough to receive a prize certificate (Bronze, Silver or Gold).

6 students' scores were high enough for them to move through to a new competition.

For Antoni Byczynski, Vernon-Luke Swanepoel, Jun Hao Chen, Marcell Welisane and Callum Selby, this was the Kangaroo Maths challenge which took place on March 17th.

For Jacob Kendell, this was the Maths Olympiad, also today. We believe this is the first ever time that a student from John Cabot Academy has qualified for this level of the competition, so an absolutely outstanding achievement! Only 500 students nationally go through to this!

Results will take a few weeks to come back, but we are incredibly proud of all the students who took part, those that got certificates of any sort, and those that qualified for further rounds of the competition.

Dom Williams
Joint Head of Maths

Blood Brothers Theatre Production

Year 10 and 11 Drama trip to see 'Blood Brothers' at Bath Theatre Royal on Friday 11th March. The students are studying this piece of theatre as part of their GCSE Drama course, so it was brilliant to see this live on stage!



High School Musical Production

Tickets are still available for the production of High School Musical on the evenings of Tuesday 22nd-Thursday 24th March. Tickets are £5 per adult and £3 per child. Please email jcainfo@clf.uk if you would like to reserve tickets.

In light of increasing Covid numbers in the local area, we would ask that anyone attending the production wears a face mask while on site and uses the hand sanitiser that we will have available in the entrance and hall.

Year 9 Football Match Report

Last week we played against Kings Oak Academy. We went into the game thinking we would lose as many of our players were saying how good they were but coming out of this game it was 2-2.

We learnt that we should keep our heads up and we can bring it back, persevere and use our resilience. We also learnt not to underestimate ourselves and that we were all better than we thought.

Madon
Year 9 Captain

Fantastic Drama and Theatre Opportunity



On Sunday during term time, Bristol Old Vic Theatre School opens its doors to young people from across the South West who want to learn theatrical skills in a fun, creative and welcoming environment. They will offer weekly classes in both performance and production, taught by our students at the height of their professional training.

The workshops are split across four age groups:

Upstage for ages 4 to 6

Downstage for ages 7 to 10

Stage Left for ages 11 to 14

Stage Right for ages 15 to 18

The BOVTS Young Artists programme will start on Sunday 1 May and runs until Sunday 10 July 2022. Partial bursaries are available and will be assessed via application on a case-by-case basis.

If you are interested or would like to know more, please click on the link: <https://www.oldvic.ac.uk/young-artists/>

Holiday Activities and Food Clubs

We are offering holiday activities and food clubs for children aged 5 to 16 years who live in South Gloucestershire. Funded by the Department for Education (DfE).

The activities and food clubs will run in the Easter holidays (on weekdays only) between 11 April and 22 April (excluding bank holidays).

Places are free for children who get benefits-related free school meals (not universal infant free school meals).

Depending on the activity, you may also be able to pay for your child to attend if they do not get free school meals.

Children attending that get benefits-related free school meals will be given a free lunch

The clubs can be found here> <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/supporting-families-in-school-holidays>