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### Key Dates

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4 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 11 Mocks
11 <sup>th</sup> November	1 Minute Silence – Remembrance Day
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccine – All Students
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 9 Inter Community Day
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Mary Poppins GCSE Trip to the Hippodrome
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Acoustic Night
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 8 Parent / Carer Evening
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 11 Leavers Certificate Celebration
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 7 Pantomime Trip
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Culture Dress & Festive Jumper Day
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Winter Concert
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch

20<sup>th</sup> December

Final Day of Term – School Closes 13:20

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### *JCA Routines: Ofsted and Thank You*

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Last week we took great pride showing off our wonderful school during our Ofsted inspection. The inspectors were complimentary of the uniform standards and student conduct both inside the classroom and around the Academy. Positive relationships amongst students and staff were also highlighted by inspectors, which we are really pleased was recognised. These are all aspects of school we ask parents and carers each week to support us with.

We therefore would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and careers for supporting us each day in maintaining our routines, helping create a positive and safe environment for all of our students. Please could we continue to have your support in maintaining our routines and high standards for our students for the rest of this year.

Nathan Richardson  
**Assistant Principal**

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### *OFSTED Inspection*

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As you will be aware, we were inspected by Ofsted last week on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank you to all the parents who filled out the Parent View survey, your voice was a key bit of evidence the inspectors used to judge the quality of the school.

We cannot yet tell you the outcome, we expect the report to be published in a month or so. We will let you know as soon as it is published.

Please would you thank your children, they were exemplary ambassadors for JCA throughout the two days.

Kate Willis  
**Principal**

*Anti Bullying Week*



This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**  
let's come together and  
choose respect!

**CHOOSE  
RESPECT**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

From  
**MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> to FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
**NOVEMBER 2024**

If you're worried about bullying and/or want to be  
involved in Anti-Bullying Week this year, please contact

**Any Member of Staff**

**CHOOSE  
RESPECT**  
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

**ANTI-BULLYING  
ALLIANCE**  
ORGANISER



**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November  
during Anti-Bullying Week 2024**

# Odd Socks Day

**CHOOSE RESPECT**

**#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK**

**PARTNER**

**ORGANISER**

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## *Duke of Edinburgh*

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We have unfortunately had to stop offering Duke of Edinburgh as part of our extra-curricular offer. We ensured that at the end of last year all students who were engaged in it were given the opportunity to complete their Bronze or Silver awards. We apologise to all children who hoped to do this at JCA.

However, there is still a huge range of extra-curricular activities available in sports, performing arts, music tuition, equalities and student leadership; and academic clubs like Further Maths. We encourage all of our students to get involved in one or more of these clubs and contribute to our wider community.

Kate Willis  
**Principal**

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*Message for 2024 Y11 Art / Photography Leavers*

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Your art and photography GCSE work can be collected during the two weeks after half term, from Monday 4 November until Friday 15 November. If you can email: [JCAinfo@clf.uk](mailto:JCAinfo@clf.uk) and mark it FAO Annmarie Bellamy to arrange collection beforehand it will be easier for us to get your work out of storage and ready for collection at reception.

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*Acoustic Night 26<sup>th</sup> November*

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### *Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme*

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The **Holiday activities and Food (HAF) programme** is running again during the winter holidays for children and young people in South Glos.

Dates are generally between Monday 23 December 2024 and Friday 3 January 2025 but will vary by provider.

The HAF programme is for **children and young people aged 5 to 16 who receive free school meals**.

Before booking funded HAF places, you need to have successfully applied for free school meals at [www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

Please follow these steps:

- Visit [www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF) for full information on the HAF programme and further support available to families.
- Click on **'book a space for your child now'** – this will take you directly to our booking platform with full listings of all the available activities and clubs.
- You will need to **register your child on this system** unless they have previously attended a HAF programme– in which case you will already have an account, so you will simply need to book the dates.
- The system will run an eligibility check to ensure that your child is registered on our benefits-related free school meals list. The list is kept up to date on a weekly basis, so it's best to build in time to apply for benefits-related free school meals ahead of booking HAF places.



Keep yourself  
and others safe

[www.southglos.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/coronavirus)



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### *UKHSA South West Health Advice*

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As children across the country return to their classrooms after the half term break, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) South West is reminding parents of the simple steps they can take to reduce the spread of stomach bugs and winter illnesses to ensure they stay healthy this term and keep strong this winter.

We are now beginning to see cases of flu and norovirus increasing as we head into the winter months, with norovirus activity in the past two weeks more than double the 5-season average for the same two-week period and flu steadily increasing over the past few weeks.

Dr Alasdair Wood, Consultant in Health Protection at UKHSA South West, said:

*“As children return to school after the half term holidays, it’s important that they get off to the best*



*start possible ahead of winter. Staying healthy and taking simple steps to reduce the spread of illness will ensure children and their families experience less disruption at this important time of year.”*

*“Each winter, we see an increase in acute respiratory and gastro-intestinal illnesses, however it only takes simple steps to reduce the spread of most of these infections. By following advice on good hygiene habits, knowing when to keep your child off school and taking up the opportunity to get vaccinated, parents are protecting their children and the wider school community.”*

### **Teaching good hygiene habits**

Parents are urged to encourage good hygiene habits in their families, such as handwashing and using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes. Regularly washing your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds or using hand sanitiser when convenient, is one of the most effective ways to stop the spread of germs.

### **Knowing when to keep your child at home and when to send them to school**

Children are encouraged to stay in school or nursery with symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough (if otherwise well and do not have a high temperature), but should stay home if they're displaying symptoms such as having a fever (they should stay home until the fever has passed and they are well enough to attend) or diarrhoea and vomiting (children should stay home for at least 48 hours after these symptoms clear up).

### **Stopping the spread of stomach bugs**

Stomach bugs spread easily in schools and nurseries. If you or your child have diarrhoea and vomiting, washing your hands with soap and warm water and using bleach-based products to clean surfaces will help stop infections from spreading. Don't prepare food for others if you have such symptoms or for 48 hours after symptoms stop. If you are unwell, you should also avoid visiting people in hospitals and care homes to avoid passing on the infection to those more vulnerable. It's important that all children are given the opportunity to start the year in good health, which is why it's important not to return to school, nursery or work until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.

### **Getting vaccinated**

Infections such as flu, which see a seasonal increase in winter, are easily protected against with vaccination. All primary school age children, those aged 2 years (who have turned 2 years old before 1 September 2024) and all 3 year olds (and secondary school children from Year 7 to Year 11) are eligible for the flu vaccine, which beyond protecting the children themselves and the school community, will also protect elderly relatives. It's also important to ensure your children are up-to-date with their routine vaccinations, which protect against diseases such as measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria and polio. UKHSA is continuing to see cases of measles, which is easily prevented with vaccination. If parents are unsure of their child's vaccination status, they can check their child's red book or contact their local GP.

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