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Key Dates

21 st January	Dance Show
22 nd January	Year 9 Parent / Carer Evening
28 th January	Year 11 Ice Skating Trip
29 th January	Intermediate Maths Challenge
30 th & 31 st January	Year 10 Geography Field Trip
3 rd & 4 th February	GCSE Spanish Mock Exam
5 th February	Harry Potter Night
7 th February	Bristol Beacon Music Performance

10 th – 14 th February	Culture Week
10 th – 14 th February	Year 11 Mock Exams
14 th February	Last Day of Term
24 th February	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
25 th February	Start of Term 3

JCA Routines – Phones and Headphones

We would like to remind families that phones and headphones should not be seen or heard during the school day. Between 8:40 - 3pm, staff will confiscate these items if seen. These items will be placed in reception to be collected at 3pm, or 3:15pm if your child has a restorative meeting after school.

In the case of a student refusing to hand these items to a teacher, they will be placed in the SLR and parents/carers will be contacted.

We ask that families not to contact their child on their personal mobile phones during the school day. Instead, please call the school switchboard number if you wish to get hold of your child between 8:40 - 3pm.

Nathan Richardson
Assistant Principal

Parent Voice

Thank you to all the parents who completed the parent voice survey recently. As ever your feedback is both lovely and incredibly useful in helping to improve the Academy. There are some really wonderful results that make us very proud of our school:

- 100% say their child does well at JCA,
- 95% say the school lets you know how your child is doing,
- 95% say there is a good range of subjects available to their child,
- 90% say their child is happy at JCA,
- 90% say their child feels safe.

90% of Parents prefer Parents' evening in person, so we'll continue to hold it in person. There has been some really useful logistical feedback which we can act upon.

Dates for Parents Evenings (and other events) for the year are here:

<https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/events/>

The question with the lowest score was 'what is my child learning'. More information on this is below.

Kate Willis
Principal

Curriculum: What We are Teaching and What Our Students are Learning About

The term is in full flow, and there's lots of exciting topics being explained left, right and centre in all our classrooms. Parents and carers can find overviews of every subject on the curriculum page on the JCA website. <https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/curriculum-statement/>

Want to know what year 8 are learning about in geography this term? Choose geography on the left-hand side and scroll down to the curriculum plan. Same for all subjects and all year groups!

Kate Searle
Assistant Principal

School Ratings

We have been rated one of the best performing secondary schools in Bristol because 60.9% of our students last year achieved Grade 5 or above in English and Maths, and more information and details of this can be found on the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website

[Bristol's best secondary schools as Department for Education shares performance data - Bristol Live](#)

Music Awards

Congratulations to Mr. Shepherd's music students who recently did very well in their piano exams.

Elsa M (Y7) received a distinction for her Grade 2 ABRSM piano exam, which she took just before Christmas.

Kev C (Y9) and Valerie H (Y11) each received Merit's for Grade 4 and Grade 5 respectively.

Harry Potter Competition

Our Harry Potter art competition is now open for voting. Visit the library to see the artwork in person and vote for your favourite.


There's still time to hand in your own masterpiece for a chance to win a magical bundle of art supplies!





Dance Show


DANCE SHOW 2025
Tue 21st January 6.00pm



John Cabot Academy

Tickets : **£3** (adult) & **£2** (senior citizens & students)

Purchase tickets online through **SCOPAY** or in person at the door



Year 8 Camp

Year 8 residential letters have been sent out to all students ready for September 2025.

If you require a new letter or any additional information please contact the school on JCAinfo@clf.uk FAO Mrs Strawford.

The payment deadline for the deposit has been extended until January 31st, please speak to Mrs Strawford if you require any additional support for payment.

Into Film



KS3 Students - You are invited to attend *Into Film* club today from 15:15 – 16:15 in AG2

This week we will be starting to watch **A Monster Calls**

Into film club is on every Tuesday, so please feel free to come along and get ready to immerse yourself in the world of film!

Any questions, please come and speak to Mr. Deakin (AG2).

Follow the link below for a synopsis of the film and a trailer

[A Monster Calls \(2016\) - IMDb](#)



St Brendan's Open Evening

Open Evening: Tuesday 4th February

St Brendan's Sixth Form College is unique in so many ways - it is the only Sixth Form College in the area - a college just for 16 to 18 year olds to level up their education and to have access to so many new opportunities and experiences.



Come and have a look for yourself by joining us at our open event.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-brendans-sfc/t-qjegnxa>

WEMA Free Music Sessions

Brilliant opportunities across the Southwest for budding musicians to try out instruments and perform with others.



Music Centre Open Sessions

Our FREE open sessions give young musicians a chance to come along and experience fun, friendly music-making. For primary and secondary school children, across a variety of playing levels, from beginner to advanced. Click on the name of the Music Centre you prefer for further details:

Little Stoke Music Centre

- New and developing players (to grade 5) - Saturday 11 January.
- Advanced players (grade 5+) - Monday 13th January

Backwell Music Centre

- All levels wind, brass, percussion, strings - Saturday 11th January

Bath Music Centre

- All levels of wind, brass, percussion plus guitars and keyboard - Saturday 11th January

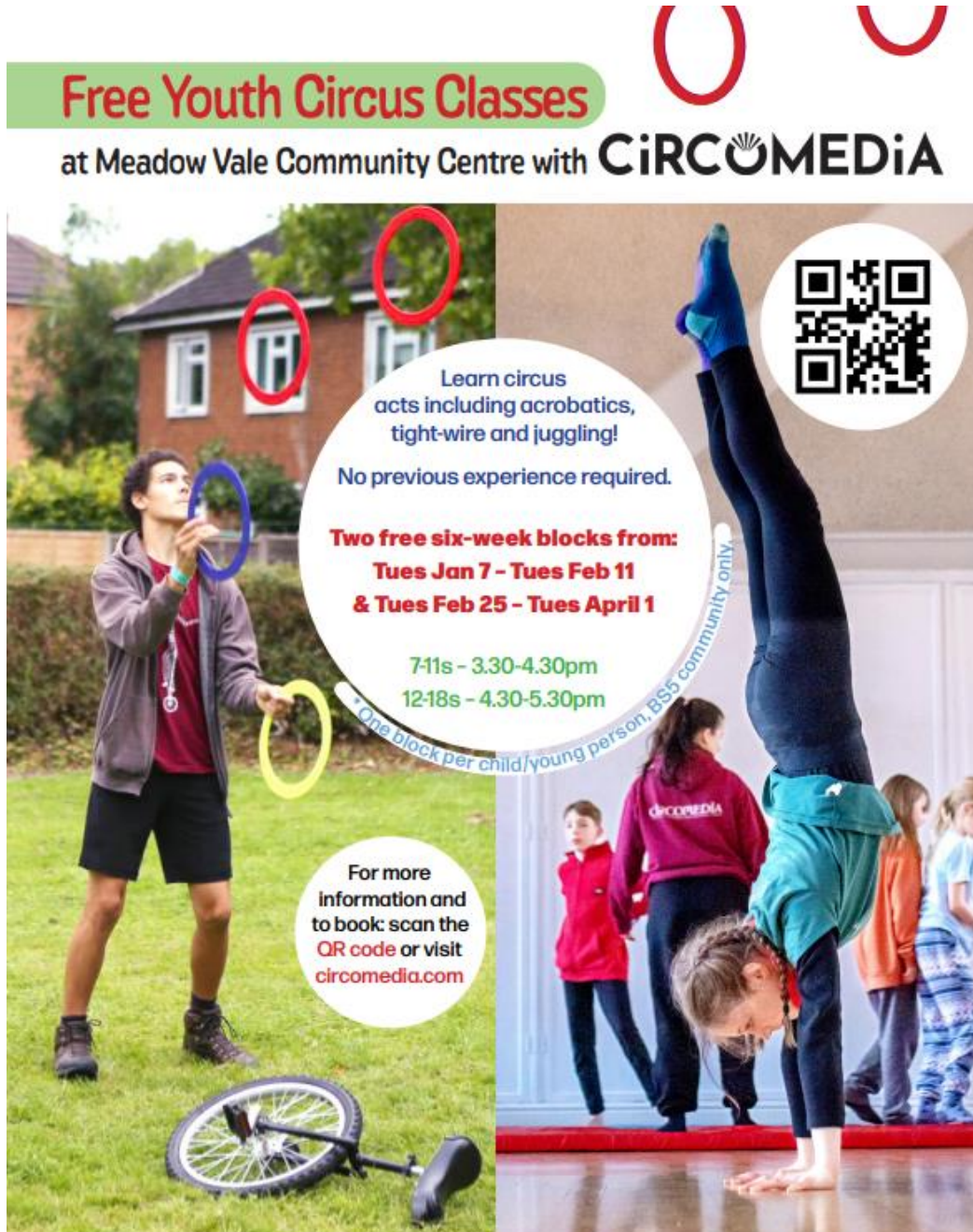
Warmley Music Centre

- New and developing players (to grade 5) - Saturday 11th January

Keynsham Music Centre

- NEW JUNIOR CHOIR - Tuesday 14th January

Circomedia Youth Circus Skills



Free Youth Circus Classes

at Meadow Vale Community Centre with **CiRCOMEDIA**


Learn circus acts including acrobatics, tight-wire and juggling!
No previous experience required.

Two free six-week blocks from:
Tues Jan 7 - Tues Feb 11
& Tues Feb 25 - Tues April 1

7-11s - 3.30-4.30pm
12-18s - 4.30-5.30pm

* One block per child/young person, B55 community only

For more information and to book: scan the QR code or visit circomedia.com



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