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Key Dates

26 th March	Year 9 Men/ACW Vaccine
25 th – 27 th March	Academy Production
27 th March	Year 9 Future Brunel Trip
28 th – 30 th March	Football Tour
31 st March	Eid Al-Fitr
2 nd March	Parent / Carer Coffee Morning Cake Sale
2 nd – 3 rd April	GCSE Spanish Speaking Exams
4 th April	Non-Uniform Day End of Term 4
22 nd April	Start of Term 5

JCA Routines – Students Respecting Themselves and Each Other

As we enter the last week of Ramadan, we are encouraging students to reflect on the value of kindness at JCA. Last week, JCA students received assemblies on Ramadan, Eid and Lent. We are committed to creating an environment where all students and staff feel safe to express their culture, backgrounds and beliefs.

This impacts all students, including your child. We ask that all students show respect for themselves and others by:

- Acknowledging and celebrating difference
- Using appropriate and respectful language towards their peers and staff
- Not engaging with inappropriate language/behaviour that can cause offence or disrespect.
- Reporting discriminatory behaviour if they are affected directly or if they witness or hear another student experiencing discrimination of any kind

Thank you for continuing to support us in maintaining an environment where students respect themselves and each other.

Nathan Richardson
Assistant Principal

Time Off for Eid Al-Fitr

Ramadan Mubarak to all our Muslim families.

We know that at the end of this holy month, our Muslim families are looking forward to an Eid celebration, which is likely to be on Sunday 30 March or Monday 31 March.

As usual, we will authorise one day's leave from school for pupils to celebrate Eid. If your child will be absent on Monday 31st please let us know as soon as you can.

If your child is absent during the Eid period and you have not let us know, their absence will be recorded as unauthorised, and we will follow our usual unexplained absence process.

We know what a busy time the last few days of Ramadan can be, so we really appreciate your support with keeping us informed.

Eid Mubarak to all our families

Year 11 – Supporting Positive Wellbeing During Exams

A message from Young Minds

We all know that exams are extremely challenging, not only because of what we have to learn, but also because they can affect our mental health.

We're told to take regular breaks, but some find it hard to know how best to use them. Exam pressure is a rich topic for which there is plenty of advice. However, much of this advice focuses on study techniques to memorise exam topics.

The reality is that much of the most vital revision is executed when one is not revising. Sometimes this aspect of revision can be more important than the active element. If interested in finding some top tier self-care tips to share with your class, please follow the link below:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/blog/exam-self-care/>

Parent and Carer Coffee Morning 2nd April



On Wednesday 2nd April we welcome parents and carers of JCA students to meet with the Equalities Council reps and hear about the work they are doing in the school.

To join us, please either book tickets on the following link [Coffee Morning Eventbrite Booking](#) or email JCAinfo@clf.uk FAO: Coffee Morning

Chess Tournament Schedule

Tournament Schedule

The 2025 Library Chess Tournament will begin on the week of 24th March. Match days will be as follows:

Year 7 - Mondays

Year 8 - Tuesdays

Year 9 - Tuesdays

Year 10 - Wednesdays



Matches will take place in the library at lunchtimes. Please arrive as soon as possible - *tournament participants only* are welcome to bring their food with them on match days.

You can follow the tournament and matches via the display board in the library, the school newsletter, and our Instagram account @jcalibrary.

0-0: week of 24th March

1-0, 0-1: week of 31st March

2-0, 1-1, 0-2: week of 21st April

2-1, 1-2: week of 28th April

2-2: week of 5th May

FINALS

Round 1: week of 12th May

Round 2: week of 19th May

Round 3: week of 2nd June



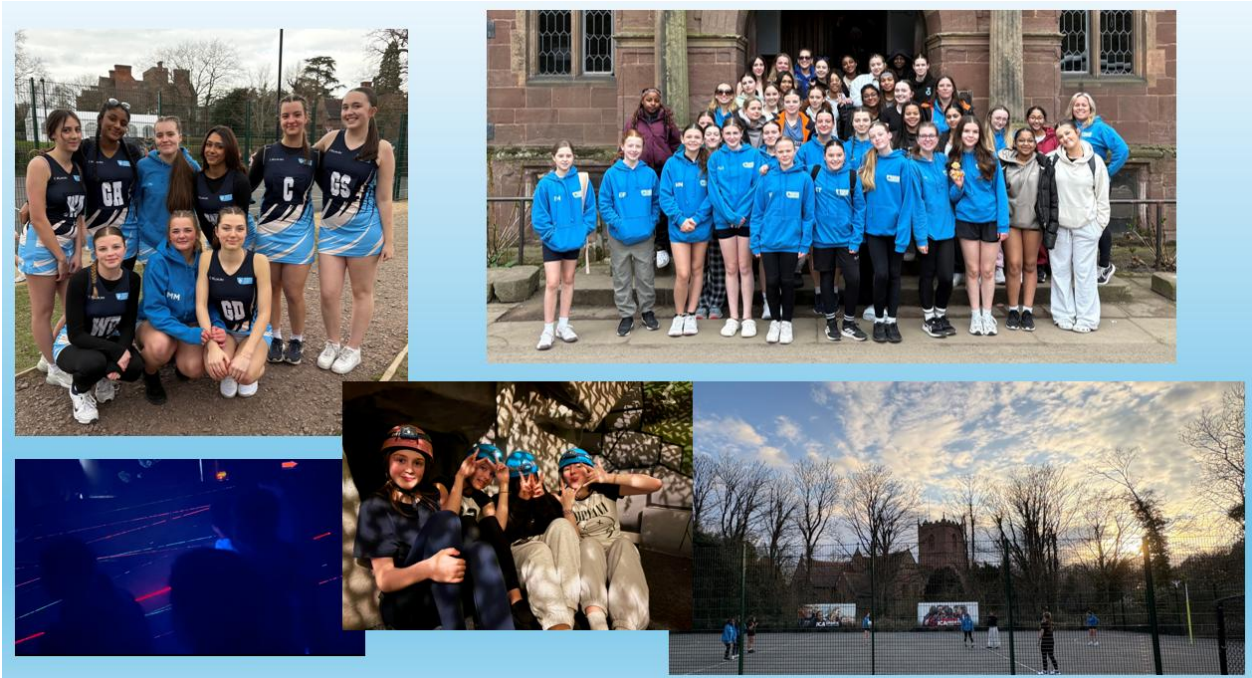
Netball Tour 2025

From Friday 14th - Sunday 16th March, 39 students and 4 members of staff travelled to Condoover Hall in Shropshire for a weekend of netball and other fun activities.

They had a fantastic time in an idyllic countryside setting. All students made us proud on the netball court with their effort and team work.

Off the court they enjoyed high ropes, tunnelling, dancing in the studio and exploring the grounds. Netball continues to be a popular sport at JCA and it is a pleasure to be able to offer this opportunity to our students. Netball club will resume in term 6 as we prepare for our local winter tournaments next year.





WEMA Summer Residential Opportunity



Our annual WEMA residential course takes place in 23rd-27th July and we are looking for instrumentalists at grade 4+ level and singers of any level.

Exact ensembles at the residential will depend on numbers and the instrumentalists who apply, but we plan to run a variety of ensembles including Chamber Orchestras, String Orchestras, Wind Orchestra, Jazz Bands, Choirs and chamber groups.

The attached letter goes into more detail, informing students and families about young musicians who will have the opportunity to engage in a really fun week and enhance their musicianship skills as well as make new friends. Pupil Premium students should also apply as financial assistance may be available.

JCA Production of 'Wizard of Oz'

"Follow the yellow brick road..."

Tickets are now on sale on ScoPay or Music Dept.
Book early to avoid disappointment.
Performances on Tues 25, Wed 26 and Thurs 27 March at 7pm.

Tickets are available on SCOPAY until Tuesday afternoon, or can be purchased on reception on the evening performance, as long as there are availability.

Charlotte Grierson
Head of Performing Arts

