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Dear Parent/Carer and future year 7 student,

**Welcome to John Cabot Academy**

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate you on securing a place in Year 7 in September 2025 and am looking forward to meeting you.

I am delighted to be able to share with you that following an Ofsted inspection which took place in November 2024, we are officially 'Good' in all areas. The report is a wonderful description of our 'welcoming' school to which 'pupils feel a strong sense of belonging'.

We talk about the vision for JCA a lot and I am thrilled that Ofsted have seen much of our vision realised. The areas of the report which particularly stand out to me are:

- **Nurture the Individual** – 'pupils are safe'. 'The school is committed to ensuring the pupils are successful, especially those with SEND and disadvantaged pupils'. 'The pastoral care provided by the school is a strength'. 'The school has high expectations for pupil's behaviour and conduct... consequently pupils behave well in lessons and around school'.
- **Inspire through learning** - 'They receive a high quality of education'... 'as a result they achieve very well in GCSE examinations'. 'JCA has an ambitious curriculum'.
- **Raise our community** – 'Students are proud of their diverse community'. 'The school... celebrates differences'. 'They show very high levels of respect for the views and lives of others'. 'Relationships between staff and students are warm'.

The full report is available on our website (<https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/>).

As part of the transition process your child's primary school will receive a visit from us in the summer term. During that visit we will gather information to support your child's transition to secondary school.

In addition, we will be holding the following events for you and your child to attend.

- **Year 6 Welcome Evening – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

This is an opportunity to meet key staff and find out more information about joining Year 7

- **Year 6 Taster Day – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**

This is the day when all year 6 students are invited to spend the day with us and meet some of their teachers and other children in their year group.



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For some children there will be further opportunities for additional transition activities, particularly if your child has SEND or is coming to us on their own from a primary school. You will be informed of these opportunities nearer the time.

Further information will be sent to you by our transition lead, Julie Jarrett via email over the coming weeks. If you have any questions or matters, you would like to discuss please can you contact us via email [julie.jarrett@clf.uk](mailto:julie.jarrett@clf.uk) and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

With very best wishes

Kate Willis  
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