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End of Term One

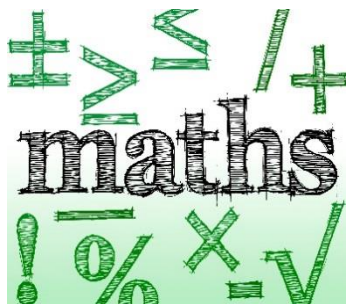
As we reach the end of Term 1, I would like to congratulate students and staff on a very pleasing first term. On our return, Year 11 will be preparing for their very important mock examinations which will provide a good experience for our students and give a clear guide on the work that needs to be done over the remaining few months.

Thank you to all parents in this year group who attended the parents evening on Thursday 20th October. It was a pleasure to meet personally those parents and carers who came to our session on 'revision and exams'. We spoke about the importance of 'active revision' methods for students so that they can be successful in the examinations ahead. I am sure that all students in Year 11 will use the half-term week ahead to rest, have fun and also spend time preparing for the important work that lies ahead in term 2 onwards. The mock exam timetable (dates 14/11 – 18/11) can be found here:

<http://cabot.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/November-16-mock-TT-Yr-11.pdf>

Our presentation for parents on revision can be found [here](#).

Advance Notice for Year 11 parents



Maths mocks - Tuesday 15 November (non-calculator), Wednesday 16 November (calculator) & Thursday 17 November (calculator) - all in the morning. To prepare for these mocks please ensure that your son/daughter brings a full maths set including scientific calculator to every lesson. They can revise by doing a past paper over half term (given to you at parents evening), attending maths club which runs on Wednesdays (lunchtime and after school) and going on their 'mymaths' account, (www.mymaths.co.uk).

Information Update



As you will have read in last week's newsletter, we had planned this week to send home Data Information sheets for parents to update and return to us before the end of term. Unfortunately, this has not been possible and the information will now be posted home during the holidays next week. Also included will be a separate medical form. We intend to increase our use of email and text messaging as a means of communicating with home so it is vital that all the information we hold is up to date and sent to the correct person. Please could we ask parents to complete both the Essential Information form and the medical form and return them to your child's tutor by **Friday 4 November**.

Dates for the Diary

Below are a number of key dates into the near future that parents may wish to be aware of:

Years	Event
All years	CLF Conference, Academy closed to students, Monday 31 October Term 2 starts on Tuesday 1 November Student Selection Procedures, Friday 9 December, Academy closed to all students
Year 7	
Year 8	
Year 9	
Year 10	Y10 Parents' Evening, Thursday 1 December, 3.45pm – 6.15pm
Year 11	Y11 Meningitis vaccinations, Friday 4 November Y11 mock exam week, 14-18 November KS4 Celebration of Achievement Evening, Thursday 24 November Y11 Drama Show, Wednesday 7 December
Sixth Form	Post 16 Parents' Evening, Tuesday 8 November, from 4.30pm at BBA Post 16 Careers Day, Friday 9 December

Y11 History revision

There will be History revision sessions for all Year 11 students starting next term, every Monday in TF3 with Mrs Robson, focusing on British History. The sessions will run from 3.15pm – 4.00pm. Biscuits will be provided!

Lockers

Following the decision to remove all the lockers, the process of returning deposits has begun this week. All Year 7 students have now had their deposit money returned to them. The process of returning deposits to students in all other year groups will start next term.

Students who arrive prior to 8.20am

In order to better manage students who arrive on our site early in the morning, we will be slightly reorganising our morning supervision arrangements for students who arrive early in the day, prior to 8.20am. In Term 2 we will:

- Open the doors to our buildings at 8am as we currently do.
- Close doors leading to 'The Street' corridor until 8.20am. This area, the top floor areas of the school (with the exception of those students who meet in the SEND area at the start of the day by special arrangement) and covered spaces in between wings will have no access to students.
- Students will be able to use our dining area and foyer areas and outdoor basketball/netball hard court. The library will also be available for quiet study/reading.
- From 8.20am, our full site will be available for students.

Mountain Biking trip

There are a few places left on the mountain biking trip to Leigh Woods on Saturday 5 November, for students in Y9 – Y11. Please collect a letter from Mr Wilson if you are interested in taking part.

Outstanding Expressive Arts



Last week, we mentioned the excellent work of the PE team having arranged a large number of fixtures in Term 1. This week, we celebrate the efforts of our Expressive Arts team, led by Mr Clarke, and highlight some of the amazing extra curricular opportunities that lie ahead for our students in Term 2.

Academy Production



We've had a fantastic couple of weeks running auditions for the Academy Production of 'The Invisible Ray'. Over 80 students auditioned to get involved and every single one of them will be invited to be in the show. Rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings until 5pm and the show itself will be on stage on March 14th, 15th and 16th, 2017.

Albert Hall performance



On 14 November, we'll be sending our harmony group off to the Albert Hall to sing as part of a massed choir formed from a range of schools in the South West. This is a fantastic opportunity for a group of dedicated musicians to perform in one of the leading concert halls in the country!

Winter Concert

Our Winter Music Concert is on Wednesday 14 December. This will feature performances from choirs, bands and our GCSE and A Level Music students. The interval quiz is making a comeback too!



Individual Music Lessons



We currently have around 130 students who receive an individual music lesson at the Academy. Please do let Mr Clarke know if this is something you'd like your child to get involved with in Term 2. Contact steve.clarke@jca.cabot.ac.uk for more details.

ICT deadlines for Y11 and Y10

Year 11 students have their final submission for all coursework in ICT by Friday 9 December. Students who have not passed their modules should be attending ICT club every Wednesday to meet this deadline before we send them to the exam board for moderation. Students who fail to submit and pass modules will impact the time in which they start theory lessons and this could impact on the results they achieve in their summer exam.

Year 10 have a deadline to submit two of their coursework modules which are: IT Security module and Presentation module by Wednesday 30 November 2016. The results of these modules will be discussed and graded before parents' evening on Thursday 1 December 2016. Students should be attending ICT club every Wednesday to stay up to date and meet the given deadline which has been shared with all students in class.

PE Clubs for Term 2

Below is the list of clubs that the PE department will be running next term.

Monday:

Climbing, Sports Hall
Girls Netball, Hard courts
Badminton, Sports Hall
GCSE Academic Support, PE Classroom
Rhythm Dance, Dance Studio

Tuesday:

GCSE Practical Sport, Sports Hall
Years 7, 8, 9 Dance, Dance Studio
Girls Football, Large Astro

Wednesday:

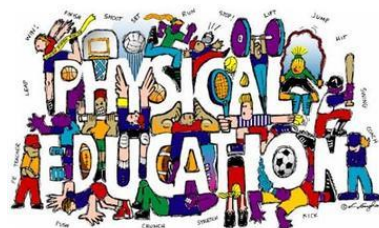
DoE, PE classroom
Fitness Gym, Cabot Eye

Thursday (Lunchtime):

Boys Basketball, Sports Hall

Friday:

CLF Rugby, Offsite at BBA
CLF Fencing, Offsite at MET



PE Match Reports

Below are the match reports from the netball matches played against Hanham Woods Academy this week.

[PE match report](#)

Friends of John Cabot

The next meeting of the Friends of John Cabot is taking place on Tuesday 1 November, starting at 7.00pm in the staffroom. All parents are welcome.

Please also remember that the Friends of JCA will be holding their annual raffle during November and December and are looking for local businesses to donate prizes. These could be vouchers, gifts, bottles, days out, tickets for events, etc. This is a big fundraiser for the Friends and all money goes directly back to the school to buy items not covered by the school budget, which will benefit all students. If you are a business owner or have contacts and would be willing to donate a raffle prize, please do get in touch as soon as possible via email to: mariajmurphy@blueyonder.co.uk. Thanks for your support.



Academy Production

There will be a rehearsal for ALL CAST MEMBERS on the first Tuesday of Term 2, on Tuesday 1 November, from 3.20pm – 5.00pm.



Y11 Meningitis vaccinations

Meningitis vaccinations for all Year 11 students are taking place on Friday 4 November. Please can parents ensure they have returned the consent forms before that date. If you are choosing for your child not to have the vaccination, please can we ask that you still return the form so the nurses can record that it has been declined. Thank you.

Lost property

Here is the list of lost property still waiting to be claimed from Student Reception:

- Black Slazenger trainers
- Blue Fat Face coat
- Black Adidas coat
- Black Berghaus coat
- Black watch
- Mascara
- Black New Look leggings (size 8)
- Blue/black reading glasses
- Black and pink Next jacket (size 12)
- Nike Wallet

Best wishes

**Mr S White
Principal**