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## Year 11 Mock Examinations



Our Year 11 students have been superb this week as they have undertaken their November mock examinations. The behaviour and attitude of our students has been excellent and I have been delighted with the way that they have gone about this very important exercise. I would like to thank our Site Services and Examinations team who have made the process go so seamlessly. Thank you also, in advance, to teachers who will be marking these scripts in order to provide feedback to students. These tests also provide priceless information on how we will structure the remainder of the course and the advice we will give our students in the lead up to the spring and summer examinations in 2017. Information on dates for next year's external examinations can be found [here](#).



## Winter Weather

Should winter weather make it necessary to close the school then we will keep parents and carers informed by a notice on the website, announcements on local radio and by text message where possible.

## 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	Y7/Y8 Bristol Schools U13 Girls Cup Competition, Thursday 24 November Bag packing fundraiser for Gambia, Sunday 27 November Student Selection Procedures, Friday 9 December, Academy closed to all students Clothes Show Live trip (various year groups), Tuesday 6 December Winter Music Concert, Wednesday 14 December Term 2 ends, Friday 16 December at 1.50pm
Year 7	Pantomime trip, Thursday 5 January 2017
Year 8	Y8 Cheerleading Event at BMA, Tuesday 22 November
Year 9	Y9 DoE walk, Lansdown, Wednesday 23 November
Year 10	Y10 Parents' Evening, Thursday 1 December, 3.45pm – 6.15pm Y10 DoE walk, Wye Valley, Saturday 3 December ASDAN film review trip, Monday 5 December
Year 11	KS4 Celebration of Achievement Evening, Thursday 24 November Y11 Drama Show, Wednesday 7 December
Sixth Form	A Level Business workshop at Vue Cinema, Cribbs Causeway, Monday 28 November Post 16 Performing Arts show, 29/30 November Post 16 Careers Day, Friday 9 December Y11 guidance meetings in weeks 5, 6 & 7

### **Assessment Days for our new Year 7 students (joining September 2017)**

As parents will doubtless be aware, the Academy is scheduled to be closed to all current students on Friday 9 December. This closure is necessary for the prospective students to take 'assessments' in preparation for being offered a place in Year 7 for September 2017. In the unlikely event that the assessments might have to be cancelled due to severe weather conditions or other unforeseen reasons, we would rearrange assessments to take place on **Wednesday 4 January**. This would mean that the Academy will be closed on this day to all current students. We will notify all families of this closure as soon as practicable after 9 December.

### **Musicians at the Royal Albert Hall**

On Monday 14 November, twelve vocalists and three musicians from John Cabot Academy performed at the Royal Albert Hall in London as part of the Music For Youth Proms. The concert consisted of performances from across the length and breadth of the UK, with John Cabot Academy students taking part in a massed performance of a world premiere of a choral piece.

Once accepted, the massed ensemble became a collaboration between South Gloucestershire, Gloucestershire and Bath & North East Somerset music hubs, and featured a wind band of more than 150 young instrumentalists and a choir of 350 singers. The piece itself, written by a local composer, Philip Harper, was commissioned to mark the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death and it was named "A Shakespearean Triptych".

The students have given up a huge amount of their own time in school, during half term and at weekends to rehearse for this performance and huge congratulations must go to them for their incredibly moving performance at The Royal Albert Hall on Monday evening. It was a real pleasure to share this experience with them and I am very proud of all that they have achieved. Special thanks must go to their families (and Mr Clarke) for travelling up to London to watch the performance. It was a wonderful event full of talent from across the UK, and hopefully one that our students will remember for a long time.

*Well done to...Kiah Worley, Billie Gigg, Freya Blacker, Charlie Spavins, Annabelle Grant, Bethan Kingston-Powell, Tessa Stephens, Libby Carter, Azaria Savy, Jay Tucker, Tejay Singh, Tom Sale, Chris Bennett, Rob Moore & Georgia Hamblett.*



## Anti-Bullying Week, 14-18 November



In tutor time this week, students have been focusing on our approach to anti-bullying. Discussions have focused around what bullying is, the various types of bullying, the impact of bullying and the ways that we can stand up and use our voices for the Power of Good which is the theme of National Anti-Bullying week. Students have also had assemblies with Miss Hodge (one of our Assistant Principals) which have focused on Anti-Bullying. Below is a slide for parents regarding an online support website. As a parent, it is really important to listen to concerns, and encourage sharing of information with school. If you do have any concerns, please contact your son/daughter's tutor in the first instance.

### Anti-Bullying online support

### National Citizen Service

Representatives from NCS are coming into school on Monday 21 November to give an assembly to all our Year 11 students on the opportunities offered by NCS. Please talk to your children about this and see the documents below for more information.

### NCS letter

### NCS slide



### MFL clubs

On Fridays at lunchtime in AF8, Miss Taibi and the MFL department will be running a French club to promote the French language and culture.

Students will have the opportunity to:

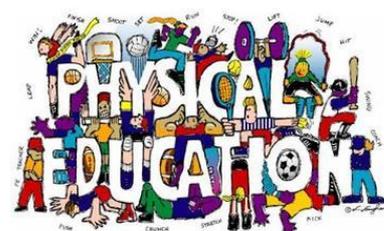
- Watch short films in French.
- Skype schools in France, Morocco, Quebec and Madagascar with whom JCA already has strong links.
- Learn recipes and taste foods during festivals and special holidays.
- Contribute to the MFL Blog and uploading videos/photos.
- Speak in French!

The club will only last for about 20/25 min but students can bring their packed lunches if they wish. There will shortly also be a Spanish club running. Details to be confirmed later on.

### PE news

#### **Inter Community Reminder**

Year 7 – 10 students are reminded that in next week they will be taking part in their first Inter Community sports competitions. Boys will need to bring full rugby kit (including boots & gum shield) and girls should bring their normal outdoor PE kit.



#### **Term 2 Inter Community Dates**

Year 7 – Tuesday 22 November (Pds 1 & 2) (Boys do not need boots as will be playing on the astro)  
Year 8 – Wednesday 23 November (Pds 3 & 4)

Year 10 – Friday 25 November (Period 3) & 1 December (Period 5)

### **Forthcoming Events (w/c 21 November)**

\*All activities run from 3.10pm – 4.00pm unless stated otherwise.

- Monday:** Years 7 – 10 Netball  
GCSE PE Academic Study Club
- Tuesday:** Year 8 Cheerleading Workshop with Bristol  
Met Angels @ BMA (KOG class only)  
GCSE PE Practical Study Club
- Wednesday:** Y7/8 English Football League Tournament @  
South Bristol Sports Centre (9.00am – 3.10pm)  
Years 7 – 10 Girls Football  
Years 9 – 11 Fitness Gym  
Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Walk @ Lansdown  
(3.10pm – 7.00pm)
- Thursday:**
- Friday:** CLF Rugby (Girls & Boys) @ BBA (4.00pm – 5.30pm)



For PE updates, fixture information and photos, follow @JohnCabotPE on Twitter

### **Book Fair**

There will be a book fair in school from 22 – 25 November, with over 200 titles to browse and buy. The fair is open after school, from 3.20pm until 4.20pm and all are welcome.

### **Lost property**

Details of this week's lost property from Miss Skuse in Student Reception:

- Anyone who has lost a coat please see me as I have a HUGE amount of coats in my room
- Pink water bottle
- Anyone who has lost a pencil case please see me as I also have a large amount of those
- Black Top Shop coat 'petite' with a floral lining
- Green shin pads
- Blue shin pads

### **Best wishes**

**Mr S White**  
**Principal**