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## **Attendance Rates**

Thank you to parents, carers and students for supporting our drive to improve student attendance. Our attendance rate stands currently at 95.1%. This is better than the national average. I am also pleased to say that our figures for students who are persistently absent is considerably below the national average. Well done to all students and families.



## **Uniform Consultation**

Earlier in the school year, I mentioned that we would be consulting with regard to changing to a smarter school uniform for the next school year. At the end of this week, students will bring home letters to parents. We will also send letters home by email.

## **Ms Lis Jolley**

Staff, parents and students will doubtless wish to join me in congratulating Ms Jolley on successfully securing the post of Interim Principal at the Digitech Studio School in Warmley. Interviews for the post have taken place in the last few days and we are thrilled that Ms Jolley has been successful in the process. Whilst we will be sorry to see her go, we are very pleased that Ms Jolley will remain a senior leader in the Cabot Learning Federation.

## **"Thank you" to our former Year 11 students, Parents and Carers this week**



It was a pleasure to welcome back our former Y11 students to our Key Stage 4 presentation on Thursday evening. Certificates and awards were presented and we were royally entertained by a range of musical performances. Thanks very much to the organising team who made this such a pleasant evening. Students from last year have achieved some amazing things – it was a delight to see this being rewarded.

## Dates for the Diary

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

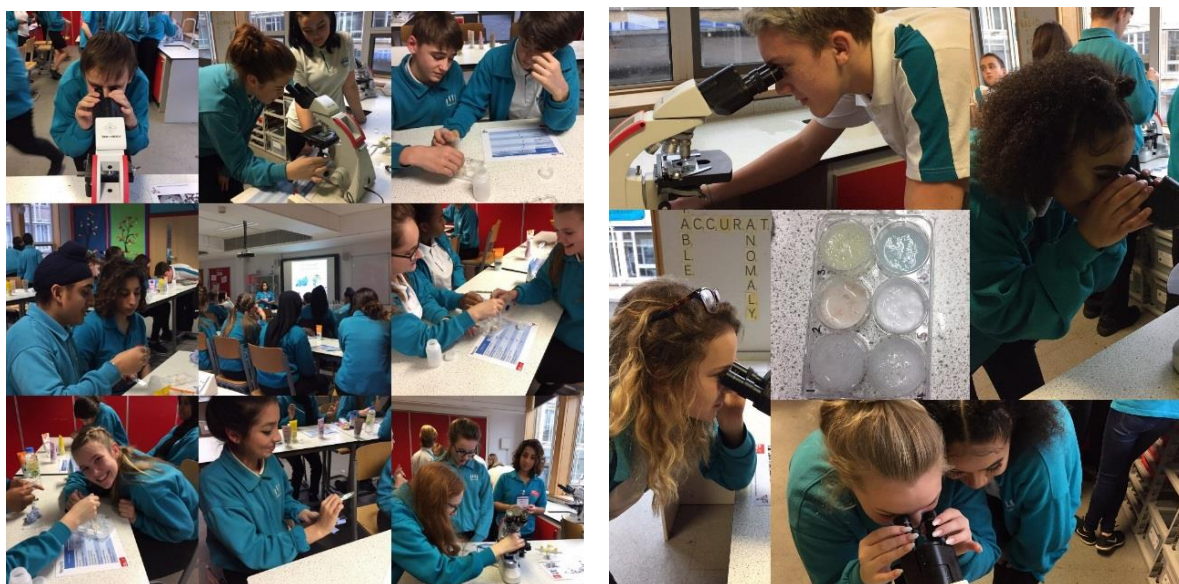
Years	Event
All years	Bag packing fundraiser for Gambia, Sunday 27 November Dance Show, Monday 5 December, 6.30pm Clothes Show Live trip (various year groups), Tuesday 6 December Student Selection Procedures, Friday 9 December, Academy closed to all students Winter Music Concert, Wednesday 14 December Term 2 ends, Friday 16 December at 1.50pm
Year 7	Y7 Pantomime trip, Thursday 5 January 2017
Year 8	
Year 9	Y9 Meningitis vaccinations, Tuesday 10 January
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	Y11 Guidance Meetings, 28/29 November Y11 Drama Show, Wednesday 7 December Y11 mock exam results day, Monday 12 December (pd 6)
Sixth Form	A Level Business workshop at Vue Cinema, Cribbs Causeway, Monday 28 November Post 16 Careers Day, Friday 9 December

## UWE workshops

On Tuesday this week, representatives from UWE came into school to run workshops for our Y9, Y10 and Y11 students on the subject of microplastics and their impact on us and the environment. Students were able to use the university's microscopes to find out which everyday products contained these beads.



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### **Text/emails to parents**

We are currently in the process of trying to establish a system where we can communicate with parents more frequently using an email/text message service. As such, we are keen to ensure all our contact information is up to date so that the notifications are sent to the correct addresses. Parents should, however, be aware that the system only allows messages to be sent to the Priority 1 contact which is the main parental contact at the student's home address. It is not possible, at this stage, for messages to be sent to additional contacts. If you are a Priority 1 contact and have not received any texts or email messages, please can you email Sharon Bracey ([sharon.bracey@jca.cabot.ac.uk](mailto:sharon.bracey@jca.cabot.ac.uk)) so we can check that your email and mobile details are correct on our system.

### **Y9 Meningitis vaccinations**

Year 9 students will be receiving their meningitis vaccinations on Tuesday 10 January. Information leaflets and consent forms will be sent home with the students shortly and we would ask parents to return these before Christmas. Please do return the forms even if you choose not to have the vaccination so the nurses can record that it has been declined. In order for the nurses to be able to give the vaccinations, a signed consent form has to be returned. They are unable to accept verbal or email permission.

### **First Story Project – Six Word Story Competition**

Student members of the 'First Story' project have been working really hard after school on Thursdays with published author C J Flood. They are having lots of fun exploring new ways to unlock their creative flair and recently entered a '6 Word Story Competition' at National level. Their wonderful entries can be found below:

Eyebrows on fleek! All day! Every day! **Morgan Vassell**

I'm not very creative. Lol. **Maisie Burchill**

Friends + labradors + aerospace + engineering = just me. **Ellen Phillips**

I see humans but not humanity. **Jasmine Lundie**

Waiting for the sunrise all night. **Azaria Savy**

If I could fly, I wouldn't. **Rachael Phillips**

Can't let loose, must stay fighting. **Jay Tucker**

Smiling yet stressed, laughing but messed. **Jessica Swanepoel**

Why live by the rules? **Shannon Newport**

I am more than a pencil. **Molly McBride**

Constantly satirical, cynical and controversial... Soz. **Joseph Fox**

Starry skies, full of lies. Mesmerised. **Molly Monelle**

Not clumsy. World just hates me. **Zoe Rogers**

I will die laughing - that's me. **Kerenza Rogers**

Life is worth living, live another. **Molly Trepka**

My life, camel, is very unpredictable. **Jorga Wiggins**

The cats talk back to me. **Shau'ri Wiggins**

There's happy. There's sad. That's okay. **Daisy Garland**

We have also just been informed that entries by Molly Monelle and Azaria Savy were shortlisted from hundreds of school entries (nationally) as runners-up, so John Cabot Academy would like to congratulate them both on this amazing achievement!

### **BUSTA RHYME**

Following the recent BUSTA RHYME poetry competition that many of our students entered, we have just received notification that the following students have been chosen out of 12,000 entries worldwide to appear in the BUSTA RHYME Anthology - UK Voices that will be published next February:

Danyella Harvey and Casey Jefferies  
Olivia Carter  
Muhammed Malik  
Janae Hanmer  
Fearne Savy  
Thomas Stiby  
Renee Webber  
Scarlett Hutton  
Caitlin Kallarachully, Sicily Maggs, Caprice Brooke, Jenna Davis  
Ethan Leaman  
Ethan Rosenthal  
Kila Hayward

This is such amazing news as entries were chosen based on students' perception, imagination, expression, creativity and use of language, so it shows just how talented these students are! Congratulations to all these budding young writers!

Each student will receive a letter containing a certificate, bookmark and a letter of permission (which parents must complete if they are to be published in the anthology). These will be given out in assembly next week so please do ensure you return them promptly if you would like your child's work to be published.

This also means that John Cabot has a chance at being selected for the Young Writer's Excellence Award, so watch this space for further news!

### **'Footprints' competition**

Many thanks to those students who took the time to enter the 'Footprints' competition. We had a wealth of creative and thoughtful entries and it really was almost impossible to pick the top three entries to send on to 'First Story' for judging. Each student will receive a certificate for their entry during assemblies next week to recognise their hard work and achievement.

After much deliberation from the English team, massive congratulations go to Azaria Savy (Year 11), Shau'ri Wiggins (Year 9) and Ellen Phillips (Year 8) who have been chosen as the top 3 to represent John Cabot Academy in the National Competition.

Further thanks and congratulations must also go to Sam Bridges, Charlotte Merriman and Charlotte Skuse who are the winners of the staff entries and will also be sent forward to the National Competition. Thank you for your support and encouragement and please watch this space for further news on any upcoming results!

### **School Nurse**

Our school nurse does a weekly drop in for students where they can go along to ask any questions or discuss any concerns they may have. The drop in takes place every Monday, from 12.15pm – 1.15pm, in the safeguarding office.

### **Hospitality & Catering GCSE**

GCSE Hospitality and Catering Revision Guides are now available for £3.50. Cheques (payable to John Cabot Academy) or cash are both accepted. As this is such a key part of the GCSE course, we are strongly recommending you purchase this book for your child.

### **Key dates and submission deadline dates for Catering and Hospitality GCSE**

To enable all students to complete their second Hospitality and Catering GCSE controlled assessment effectively, we break down the work into sections to match the WJEC marking criteria. We would like to communicate these deadlines with you so that you can support your son/daughter with their GCSE coursework. The deadlines are as follows:

<b>Controlled Assignment Assessment</b>	<b>Deadline dates</b>
Section a) Research	Friday 21 October 2016
Section b) Planning	Friday 16 December 2016
Section c) Practical Exams	Weeks 2 & 3, Term 3 2017
Section d) Evaluation	Friday 24 February 2017
<b>FINAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE</b>	<b>Friday 17 March 2017</b>

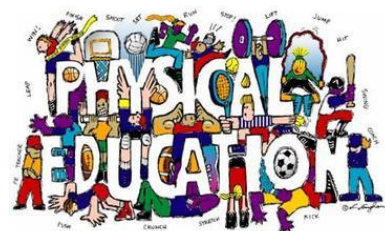
### **LATE NIGHT SESSION: Tuesday 6 December 2016**

In order for each student to progress with their work, we have also timetabled two late sessions. The first session is before their practical exams and the second when the final deadline is due to enable work to be caught up. The date of this first late night session is **Tuesday 6 December 2016**. Sessions will run until 7.00pm. Students can also complete practical work during this session, if necessary.

### **PE news**

#### **Year 8 Cheerleading Workshop with the Bristol Metropolitan Academy 'Met Angels'**

On Tuesday 22 November, we took a trip to Bristol Met to try out some of their gymnastics equipment as well as cheerleading. When we got there the rest of my class mates and I couldn't wait to start. We started off by being separated into groups and being taught different cheer positions; a few of the students from MET taught us how to correctly position ourselves depending on whether we were the base, back spot or even the person being held up in the air.



After practising cheer positions, we were then taught several different stunts on their trampolines, including how to balance, twist and flip properly. I thought the whole trip was absolutely fantastic and I would love to do it again, and I am positive my class mates would agree. Thank you very much to Bristol Met for giving us this experience! *(Maisie Burchill)*



### **English Football League – Bristol Secondary Schools Year 7 & 8 Football Tournament.**

On Thursday 24 November, the Year 7 and 8 girls football team travelled to South Bristol Sports Centre to play in a challenging football league. The team displayed brilliant performances throughout the day and showed fantastic team spirit and dedication in the freezing cold conditions. The girls won 2 out of the four matches in the groups stages, progressing onto the plate competition. The girls continued their winning streak by scoring a 1-0 win against St Bernadette's 1<sup>st</sup> Team. Sadly, this streak ended at the Semi-Finals where the girls lost an initial 2-0 lead due to some last minute penalties but still managed to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in the final standings. Hopefully, with some additional training sessions next term, the girls will continue to develop their footballing skills and become a competitive side within the Bristol Girls Football Leagues.

**Team:** Shayley Lovell, Lauren Hobbs, Wiktorina Strug, Gemma Raybould, Lexi Ayling, Molly McKay, Kezi Cerrone and Olivia Owen.



For PE updates, fixture information and photos, follow [@JohnCabotPE](https://twitter.com/JohnCabotPE) on Twitter

Congratulations to Jess Tozer who won her floor routine and came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall at her last gymnastics competition at Fromside Gymnastics Club.



## Inter Community Sport

Well done to all students who braved the challenging weather conditions this week to take part in the Netball and Rugby Inter-Community competitions. Everyone worked extremely hard to give their respective communities the competitive edge and it was fantastic to see so many students and staff supporting each other throughout the matches.

Good luck to the Year 10 students who will complete the first round of competitions next Thursday.

### Inter Community Netball & Rugby

#### Results

##### **Year 7**

1<sup>st</sup> = Neptune  
2<sup>nd</sup> = Saturn & Mercury  
4<sup>th</sup> = Jupiter

##### **Year 8**

1<sup>st</sup> = Saturn  
2<sup>nd</sup> = Neptune & Mercury  
4<sup>th</sup> = Jupiter

##### **Year 9**

1<sup>st</sup> Jupiter  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturn  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mercury  
4<sup>th</sup> Neptune

**Current  
Overall Leader**

**Saturn**

## Dance Show

This year's Dance Show is taking place on Monday 5 December, starting at 6.30pm. (Doors open at 6.15pm.) Tickets are available from Mrs Church and Mrs Price at break times from next Monday, priced at £3 for adults, £2.50 for concessions. Refreshments will be available during the interval.

## Christmas lunch

Christmas lunch will be served this year on Thursday 8 December; cost will be £2 for lunch, 45p for a mince pie. Students do not need to pre book, just turn up on the day. All other food will be available for those who don't want Christmas lunch and the shop will be open as usual. There will be a turkey option and a vegetarian option.

## Theatre in Education

I want to say a big thank you to all of my Year 9 students who performed their Theatre In Education pieces for Year 7 over the last 2 weeks. They worked hard to produce thoughtful, and educational performances which the Year 7 students seemed to really enjoy watching; we had pieces covering a range of topics from tackling bullying and racism to how to make friends and road safety. I know a lot of Year 9 students don't always feel confident performing and everyone pushed themselves and did a great job and I was very proud of them. Also, thank you to the teachers who brought their classes down to be an audience. Thank you!! Miss Grainger.

## **Have your say on your SEND child's physio, OT and SALT services**

Bristol Parent Carers group are interested in finding out the views of parents who use the various services available to students with SEND. There are various events coming up where parents can go along to offer their views and help design a new Integrated Therapy Service. Please see the leaflet below for more details.

[Bristol Parent Carers](#)

### **Lost property**

Details of this week's (very long) lost property from Miss Skuse in Student Reception:

- Black Adidas joggers
- Grey Leavers 2015 hoody
- Black Slazenger joggers
- Black long sleeve layer top
- Black F&F trousers
- Black TU trousers
- Light grey H&M joggers
- Black M&S trousers 1x 11-12yr, 1x 14-15yr
- Black Nike joggers
- Grey skinny jeans
- Navy 'team cabot' hoody
- Black Anvil t-shirt
- Black overhead coat
- Black Stanno shorts
- X2 Black LA Gear joggers (with pink writing)
- Black Papaya dress (shoe lace detail)
- Black TU joggers
- Black gilbert shorts
- Black Lacoste t-shirt
- Blue Lagea shorts
- Navy SEN sport joggers
- Navy and white Ginova shorts
- Black and grey Star Wars hat
- Black and green Adidas shorts
- Navy North Face fleece
- Black leavers 2015 hoody
- Black 'select' leather jacket
- Black Nike leggings (3/4 length)
- Black Top Shop coat (floral lining, petite)
- Black Nike gloves
- X2 Black straight skirts
- Black leggings
- Black belt
- Cream floral pencil case
- Blue Sondico shin pads
- Green Adidas shin pads
- Black lanyard with 2 silver keys
- Green whistle



- Multi coloured (pinks) fluffy ball/keyring
- Black rosary beads
- Black watch
- Grey H&M gloves
- Blue stripy gloves
- X2 pairs of glasses (1 floral arms, 1 black Red or Dead)
- Afro comb
- Book- Terror Kid
- X3 clear pencil cases (1 black zip, 1 blue zip, 1 red zip)
- Green/Khaki coat with fur hood (new look)
- Grey Nike hoody
- Pink scarf/snood
- Superdry bobble hat
- Camouflaged head shield

**Best wishes**

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