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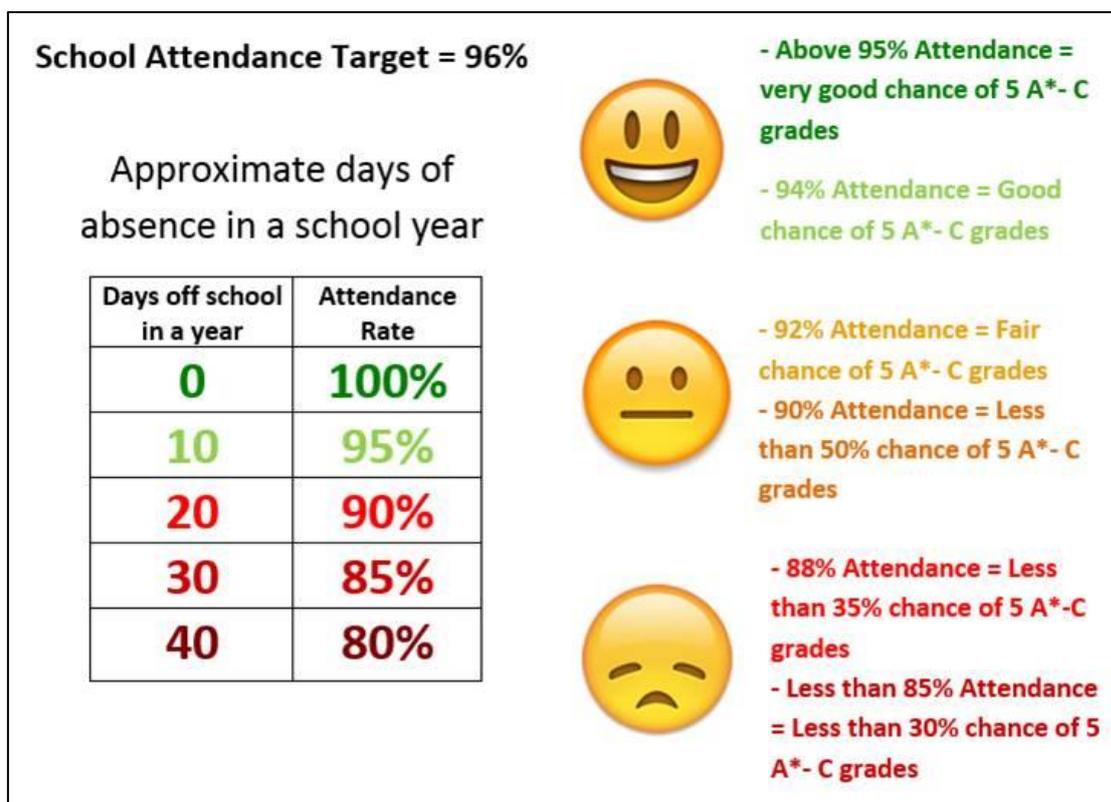
Term 2

Following an excellent Term 1, we have been delighted with the calm and purposeful start to Term 2 this week. On Monday, our staff took part in a Federation wide staff training event which provided an excellent opportunity to consider our approach to how children with special educational needs and disabilities learn and the approaches that really make a difference for each and every child.

Each term provides essential learning opportunities for students and this term is no exception. As parents of Year 11 students will know, the mock examinations are scheduled for next week. Best wishes to all students, staff and parents and carers for the remainder of this very important term.

Attendance Information from Term 1

John Cabot Academy Overall Attendance for Term 1 = **94.9%**



- **100% Attendance raffle winner** (from the Year 11 Parents' Evening) = Alisha Perkin. Prize = 2 cinema tickets for Alisha's parent(s).
- **Top Tutor Group** = 7Ja with 98.6% Attendance.
- **Top Community** = Jupiter and Mercury, both with 96.5% for Term 1.

Remembrance, Friday 11 November 2015, 10.50am



Next Friday, we will gather as a school (weather permitting) as part of our Remembrance activities. Remembering those who have lost their lives as a result of war and conflict around the world to be an essential part of the school year. We will gather to mark this event as a whole school.

In the event of inclement weather, an alternative plan is in place to allow students to mark this important occasion with their peers.

Dark Nights & Student Safety



We want our students to be safe when walking or cycling home. As nights begin to get darker, we want to remind all students and families of the importance of being aware of walking home safely – preferably in groups and taking into account more challenging road conditions with less daylight. You may want to consider the following to ensure everyone stays safe:

- Walking in pairs/threes
- Visible and/or reflective clothing and bags
- Ensuring bikes (brakes, lights and tyres) are roadworthy and safe
- Headwear for cyclists

Attendance Stars & Superstars

There were **292** students across the whole Academy who were our Attendance Superstars with 100% attendance for Term 1.

There were **203** students across the whole Academy who were our Attendance Stars with attendance of 97% or above.

All these students were recognised in celebration assemblies at the end of last term and all received 'well done' certificates.

Bonfire Night



Connected to the article above, can we please also remind all students of the importance of following the 'Firework Code' on and around 5 November.

[Read the Firework Code here](#)

Set changes in Science

Currently in science, there are set changes happening in Years 8 and 9. These are based on the end of year scores from last year, the scores achieved in the end of term exams sat before half term and teacher recommendations. In Year 9, these are also as a result of the start of the new GCSE curriculum which has started this week. If your son/daughter has moved sets and you would like more information about the move, please contact Rick Park (Head of Science) via email for more information.

We do want to make sure that all of our students are in the correct sets. At the end of this term we will be examining all year groups again and will review settings based on the ongoing achievement of students. The best way to support your child to ensure that they are in the right set is to help them prepare and revise the areas studied throughout the term that will be examined on in the penultimate week of term.

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	Y9-Y11 Mountain Biking at Leigh Woods, Saturday 5 November Y10-Y13 Dance trip to Bristol Hippodrome Y7/Y8 Bristol Schools U13 Girls Cup Competition, Thursday 24 November Student Selection Procedures, Friday 9 December, Academy closed to all students Clothes Show Live trip (various year groups), Monday 12 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	DoE walk, Lansdown, Wednesday 9 November DoE walk, Compton Dando, Wednesday 23 November
Year 10	Y10 Parents' Evening, Thursday 1 December, 3.45pm – 6.15pm Y10 DoE walk, Wye Valley, Saturday 3 December
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	Apprenticeship talk, Friday 4 November, 1.00pm at KOA Post 16 Parents' Evening, Tuesday 8 November, from 4.30pm at BBA 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

Communities that Care

We have been advised by the Bristol Partnership of an event the Early Help Team are running called Communities that Care. This is an information sharing event for families in East Central Bristol and provides information and guidance on the support available to young people. Please click [here](#) for more details.

The Clothes Show Live Competition

Well done to Charlie and Rebekah for their entries into this year's Clothes Show competition, as detailed below.

The Clothes Show Competition

We had two entries for this year Clothes show competition Charlie Trepka and Rebekah McColl



Charlie Trepka
Year 9 / J5



Rebekah Mc Coll
Year 10 / S1

Many, many congratulations to both students who produced these fantastic designs for a modern day Superhero. They have been rewarded with a trip to the Clothes Show Live this year with the Textile students.



Fantastic opportunities for students interested in the Creative and Digital GCSE subjects!

Digitech Studio School is a unique community of learning for creative 14-19 year-old students. It is designed on a small scale to give everyone access to personalised learning, where everyone is known and individual needs are met. Digitech warmly invite prospective parents and students to their very first Open Evening in their brand new state of the art building, at Digitech Studio School, situated on Tower Road North, Warmley, Bristol, BS30 8XQ, on Thursday 17 November, from 5pm – 8pm.

Digitech will also be holding open mornings every Friday from 9am – 11am, from Friday 11 November.

Their open events include a tour of the school and the opportunity to meet the Principal, staff and students and to ask any questions you may have about the opportunities they offer. Their open mornings will also provide an opportunity to view quality first teaching unpinning the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science and examination subjects associated with the creative and digital industries.

Staff at Digitech look forward to welcoming you to their new building and showing what they have to offer.

See the Digitech website here: <http://digitechstudioschool.co.uk/>

PE Department

Below is a reminder of the clubs that the PE department will be running this term.

Monday:

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

- Black Adidas waterproof
- Black Berghaus coat
- Mitre holdall
- Black and pink jacket (Next, size 12)
- Nike wallet
- Blue glasses
- Black sports watch
- Black leggings (lace bottom)
- Black school fleece
- Black 'Size?' bag with full PE kit
- Black mesh drawstring bag with full PE Kit
- Black Slazenger bag
- Clear lunchbox with grey lid
- Grey Primark hoody
- Star Wars lunch bag
- Black Slazenger trainers
- Multiple black trainers and shoes

Best wishes

**Mr S White
Principal**