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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.



Student Selection Procedures

A reminder that our student selection procedures, for students wishing to join us in September 2017, are taking place next week, on Friday 9 December. To facilitate this, the Academy will be closed to all current students for that day. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused.

Cyclists

It is great to see so many of you still riding in during the winter. Three top tips from the South Glos Road Safety team are:

- Get some lights and be seen; there are still lots of cyclists on the roads without lights or with lights that are totally inadequate.
- Watch out for leaves in the gutter, they can be hiding big pot holes and can also be very slippery.
- Get some gloves; it is very hard to use your brakes with freezing hands.



Check out your local bike shop for some great deals.

Uniform consultation

A letter has gone home (via students) to all parents on Friday 2 December regarding the uniform consultation process. This letter has also been sent home electronically to all parents with email addresses.

New SENCO

Our current SENCO, Mr Andy Watch, will be leaving John Cabot Academy at the end of this term. Earlier this year, we successfully appointed Mr Gethin Howells who will take up post here immediately on our return for Term 3 in January. Mr Howells is currently the Deputy Headteacher of a special school in South Wales. He has a significant amount of experience in the role and a wide range of expertise as a current SENCO. Mr Howells was very impressive at interview and will add much to our Academy.

I am sure that you would want to join me in thanking Mr Watch for his very significant contribution to the work of our Academy and, in particular, to the progress and welfare of students with special educational needs and as a teacher of Maths. We wish Mr Watch well as he takes up a new post within the Cabot Learning Federation in January.

Gambia fundraising



On Sunday 27 November, Miss Ashworth, Miss McMatson and 8 students spent 4 hours raising money for Gambia. They raised a total of £540, which was fantastic; special mention to Vicky Dent who was given three lots or £10 during the afternoon!

We would also like to ask parents if they are able to support with this project further by offering any donations; we are focusing this year particularly on medical supplies and school resources. Or maybe you would be able to sponsor a project? In the past we have helped with electrical cabling, funding a well, chickens for eggs, vegetable gardens, food for premature babies, repairing roofs, paying for new tables and chairs to be made and much more; there are always ways in which we can help and struggle to help every good cause. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Sarah.Ashworth@jca.cabot.ac.uk

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	Dance Show, Monday 5 December, 6.30pm Clothes Show Live trip (various year groups), Tuesday 6 December Christmas Lunch, Thursday 8 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 Term 3 starts, Tuesday 3 January 2017 Gambia trip information evening, Thursday 5 January 2017
Year 7	Y7 Pantomime trip, Thursday 5 January 2017
Year 8	
Year 9	Y9 Meningitis vaccinations, Tuesday 10 January Y9 Parents' & Options Evening, Thursday 19 January
Year 10	ASDAN film review trip, Monday 5 December Y10 mock exam week, w/c Monday 9 January
Year 11	Y11 Drama Show, Wednesday 7 December Y11 mock exam results day, Monday 12 December (pd 6)
Sixth Form	Post 16 Careers Day, Friday 9 December

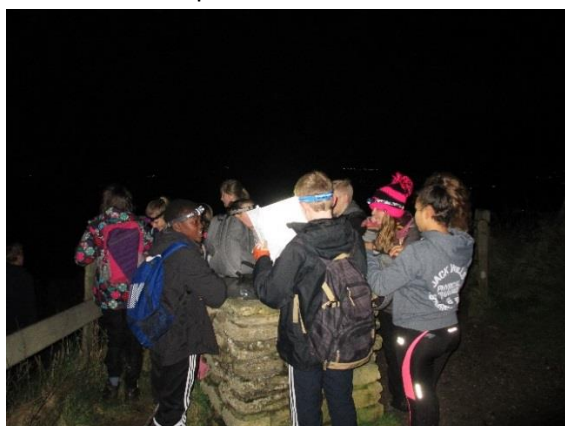
Y9 Meningitis vaccinations

Meningitis vaccinations for all Year 9 students are taking place on Tuesday 10 January. Information leaflets and consent forms will be sent home with students next week and should be returned before Christmas if possible, or in the first week back after the holidays. The nursing team can only give a vaccination if a signed consent form has been returned; verbal or written authority in any other form cannot be accepted. Whilst the nursing team are keen for all students to have the vaccination, please can we ask that all consent forms are returned, even if you are choosing not to have the vaccination, so the nurses can record that the vaccination has been declined.

Duke of Edinburgh



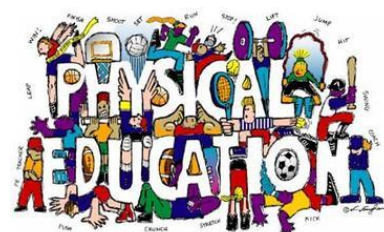
The DoE team were out again last week. This time, they did a circular walk from Swineford up to Bath Race course and back via Upton Cheyney. The photos are from the view point at Lansdown looking over Bath and South Bristol. A great night to be out. Many thanks to the staff who helped out. This weekend we are off to The Wye Valley, more pictures next week!



PE news

WES Sport Key Stage 3 & 4 Table Tennis / Badminton Tournament

On Wednesday 30 November, a group of 11 John Cabot students went to the KS4 Boys & Girls Badminton competition and the KS3 Table Tennis competition at Hanham Woods Academy. Most of the students involved in the Badminton competition for KS4 were GCSE PE students and they performed really well as part of their GCSE assessment. The Girls team finished 4th overall, and put in a great amount of effort during the competition. The Boys competition was played at a very high standard, and was really close between all the teams that took part. The John Cabot Boys team finished joint 2nd overall which was a great achievement considering the standard of play at the event. Special mention goes to Sam Maslin & Daniel Murphy for their performance as a doubles pair and for winning all of their games during the competition.



In the KS3 Table Tennis competition, the John Cabot team finished 2nd overall after a very close final match against the Hanham Woods (A) team. This means they have now qualified for the Level 3 School Games in January 2017 at the UWE sports centre which is a great achievement, and is the second year

in a row they have qualified for Level 3 School Games. Well done to Joshua and Jacob Penney & Kaiden and Oakley Bridges.

<u>KS4 Boys Badminton</u>	<u>KS4 Girls Badminton</u>	<u>KS3 Table Tennis</u>
Dan Murphy	Jess Brain	Kaiden Bridges
Sam Maslin	Freya Digby	Oakley Bridges
Cardell Tyler		Joshua Penney
Alonzo Kallarachully		Jacob Penney

Inter Community Sport

Well done to all students who braved the challenging weather conditions 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

Inter Community Results

Year 10 (Netball)

- 1st = Neptune
- 2nd = Jupiter
- 3rd = Saturn
- 4th = Mercury

Year 10 Boys (Rugby)

- 1st = Saturn
- 2nd = Neptune
- 3rd = Mercury
- 4th = Jupiter

Yr7 – 10
Overall Winner

Saturn

Congratulations to Heather Witcombe who competed in the Bristol Secondary Schools Swimming Gala.

Heather achieved 2nd, 3rd and 4th in Backstroke, Freestyle and Butterfly respectively.

Good luck in your upcoming National Finals on December 16th



Netball Match Reports

Year 7

John Cabot Academy vs Hanham Woods Academy

Score: 15 - 2 WIN

Captain: Zoe Cummins

Player of the Match: Zoe Cummins

Year 8

John Cabot Academy vs Hanham Woods Academy

Score: 4 – 2 WIN

Captain: Kareena Kochar

Player of the Match: Tom Cummins

The first half of the match saw John Cabot Academy develop a two goal advantage by playing the better netball. After lots of practice our passing has become significantly sharper and more accurate which allowed us to out play Hanham. However, in the second half, Hanham stepped up their game and reduced our chances of getting the ball and this led to a very close 10 minutes of play. Fortunately, we kept our cool and focused on getting the simple passes right and communicating with our team which allowed us to keep ahead and win 4-2.

A special thanks must go to Piper Shone (Year 7) for stepping up to play with us and to Tom Cummins who won player of the match.

UPCOMING FIXTURES: JCA (Year 10 / 11) vs KING'S OAK ACADEMY ON MONDAY 12 December @ JCA (3.20 – 5pm)



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

Year 11 GCSE Drama performance

The Year 11 GCSE Drama performance is taking place on Wednesday 7 December, starting at 6.30pm. Please do come along to support the students.

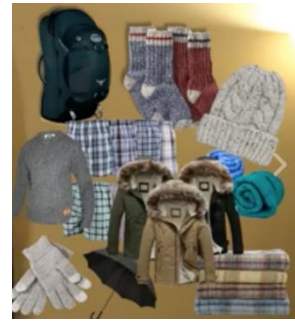
Anxiety Toolkit

It is normal for students to experience anxiety from time to time. Please see the link below with guides for students and for parents from South Glos that may be useful:

<http://www.southglos.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/staying-healthy/mentalhealth-emotionalwellbeing/anxiety-toolkit/>

Keeping Bristol Warm event

Next Sunday, 11 December, students from JCA will be performing lots of Christmas songs and other pieces as part of the Keep Bristol Warm event which aims to support homeless people in Bristol this winter. Donations of warm clothing such as hats, scarves, blankets, etc., will be given out to homeless people next Sunday along with the launch of 'coffee pending' where individuals can buy 2 coffees, leaving one pending for homeless people in Bristol (map attached of participating coffee shops).



If you would like to donate any warm clothes, blankets or rucksacks, please drop them off in the Bearpit next Sunday from 3pm or drop into reception at school.

If you would like to know more about the event, or would like to support our singers, please visit the link or come along next Sunday!

TWITTER: @cabotmusic @warmbristol

FACEBOOK: keepbristolwarm #kbw

Friends Christmas Raffle



Please can we encourage students to sell the raffle tickets that were distributed recently. There are some great prizes on offer (as shown below) and all monies raised will go towards funding additional and much needed resources for your children.



Lost property

Please remember to go along to Student Reception to check the long list of lost property items that have been handed in.

Best wishes

**Mr S White
Principal**