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Dance Show



On Monday of this week, it was a privilege and pleasure to attend our annual Dance Show. I knew the show would be of a good quality because of the clear and evident practice that I had seen around JCA in the days leading up to the event. The performance itself surpassed my already high expectations on the evening. The students who took part were simply brilliant and a huge credit to themselves and their families. The precision, fluency and imagination of the dancers made for very high quality entertainment. It was also wonderful to see the stage looking so festive as we approach the holiday. My thanks to Mrs Church and Mrs Price who organised the event so beautifully and all the staff that contributed to make the evening so special. 'Hats off' also to the staff dance group who entertained us so well.

My sincerest congratulations to the students and staff who took part, the quality of the show was fabulous – a real delight!

Attendance - Congratulations

Congratulations to all the students who have achieved attendance over 97% this term. We welcome the support that we have received from students and their families in improving attendance. During the final week of term, celebration events will be taking place for students who have achieved over 97%. It has been discussed with students the importance of hand washing and using tissues to catch and bin germs - please can this be reinforced at home to try and support the reduction in spreading of illnesses.

Uniform Consultation

The consultation publicised in last week's newsletter, on a change to our current school uniform will stay open until the end of this term. This will hopefully allow parents and carers who might still wish to express a view an additional period of time to do so.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

Unfortunately, it is no longer possible for the Academy to make a referral to CAMHS for students who may require support with their mental health. We have been advised that referrals can only be accepted from health professionals into the future.

Friends Christmas Raffle



Please can we encourage students and parents to sell as many raffle tickets as possible and to return the stubs and money to reception by Monday 12 December; the draw will take place on Tuesday 13 December. There are some great prizes on offer (as shown) and all monies raised



will go towards funding additional and much needed resources for your children.

Bus passes

Please can we remind parents that in order to travel on the school buses, students **MUST** show their bus pass. Travel will be refused if no pass is shown: no pass – no entry – no questions!

Winter Music Concert



Our winter concert is taking place on Wednesday 14 December, starting at 6:30pm. This will feature performances from choirs, bands and our GCSE & A Level music students. Tickets are available from the music department office, priced at £2 for adults and £1 for concessions.

Year 7 Pantomime Trip



We are still waiting for replies from a lot of Year 7 students regarding the trip to the pantomime at Bristol Hippodrome on Thursday 5 January. Please could you return your slip to the music or drama office as soon as possible to ensure you get a place on the trip.

Individual Music Lessons

There are no individual music lessons in the final week of term. Please can you ensure that your account is up to date if you have not already paid for Term 2's tuition. If you wish to make any changes to your requirements for Term 3, please email Steve Clarke: (steve.clarke@jca.cabot.ac.uk) to inform him. Lessons will begin again in the 2nd week of Term 3.

Clothes Show Live trip

This week, the John Cabot Textile students joined the Hanham Woods Textile students and embarked on the last ever trip to the Clothes Show. After 27 years, the show is moving to Liverpool from Birmingham. Needless to say, the girls acted impeccably and much fun was had by all. We will be thinking of somewhere new and exciting to attend in the future to feed our fashion inspiration.





Learning for Life

The next Learning for Life session takes place on Monday 12 December. Topics are:

- Y7 - Body Image and Puberty
- Y8 - Diversity
- Y9 - Options Taster Sessions
- Y10 - When is the right time? Sexual Consent & Condoms
- Y11 - Taking Risks - Smoking & Alcohol

Friday 16 December - Festive Non Uniform Day

Students are encouraged to wear red, green, Christmas jumpers or something festive. All students wearing non uniform should bring in a suggested donation of £1. All money raised will go to Save the Children as part of their Christmas Jumper Day.

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	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	Y10 CLF mock exams – English & Maths, Tuesday 10 January
Year 11	Y11 mock exam results day, Monday 12 December (pd 6)
Sixth Form	P16 Performing Arts Show @ BBA & BMA, Tuesday 13 December P16 Performing Arts Show @ KOA & CAB, Wednesday 14 December

Y9 Meningitis vaccinations

Information leaflets and consent forms were sent home with all Y9 students this week for the meningitis vaccinations taking place on Tuesday 10 January. Consent forms 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.

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**