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Y9 Pathways



In advance of the Y9 Parents' Evening on Thursday 19 January, we will be issuing information to parents/carers and students in connection with the Year 9 Guided Pathways programme, (you may have previously known this as 'options'). Students will be issued letters guiding them towards one of three pathways. Each pathway is constructed to allow each student to achieve to a high standard and to allow progression to Level 3 courses into the future. We will guide students towards selecting choices that will maximise their chances of passing core and other Ebacc subjects also.

CEIAG

At John Cabot Academy, we recognise the importance of good quality CEIAG, which enables our students to make the right learning and career options so that they can succeed in life after school. The school website has been updated with lots of vital information to



support students from Year 7 – Year 11 towards making the right choices about their education and careers pathways.

Click on http://cabot.ac.uk/ceiag/ for more information.

Free School Meals – how to apply



Parents and carers can now apply for free school meals online via the link below. Your eligibility will be checked online, and the portal will let you know whether or not your child is eligible for free school meals. If your child is eligible, you will receive a confirmation message and the school will be notified directly. If you are not eligible, you will be presented with a message stating this.

Please note, if you have already completed a primary or secondary school place application for the 2017/18 academic year via the portal, you do not need to re-register when applying for free school meals. Please use the login details that you have already set up. Apply for free school meals

Indoor Athletics Championships

On Thursday this week, a group of 26 John Cabot Students from Years 7 & 8 went to Hanham Woods Academy to take part in an Indoor Athletics Competition. Students had to compete in individual track and field events as well as team relays. All of the students at the competition put in a huge amount of effort, which resulted in some great performances. The table below shows the teams and their final competition placings. As a result of their individual performances, there were many students from John Cabot who received letters inviting them to county Athletics trials later this month.

Year 7 Girls - 3rd	Year 8 Girls - 2nd	Year 7 Boys - 2nd	Year 8 Boys - 2nd
Asha Mir	Monell Welisane	Ben Sale	Keyan Harper
Kosi Emeka	Florence Tunstall	Matthew Say	Harvey Parsons
Isobel Walker	Jasmine Brown	Xenon Bridges	Edward Harvey
Kayla Aldom	Sarah Murphy	Kaydon Osbourne	Kieron Brown
Libby George	Olivia Owen	Owen Comley	Sam Bwye
Priya Kaur	Amaritha Kaur		Aaron Sterling
Piper Shone			Batu Temel
			Tom Powell

Well done to all students who took part.

Census information update

Parents will have received this week (by hand via the students) an update form with information required for our school census. Please can we ask that these forms are completed and returned to school as soon as possible, or by Friday 20 January at the latest. *Please note: the email information is to improve our communication with home and will NOT be shared with anyone else, either via the census or otherwise.*

SMSC Fortnightly Focus

The focus for the next two weeks is on 'Coping with Change'. Various activities and discussions will take place during tutor times, please feel free to discuss these with your child.



Textile department request

The Textiles department would be very grateful for any donations of unwanted denim jeans and/or t-shirts for a Year 9 recycling project. Thank you.

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 trip to Ashton Court, Saturday 28 January		
	Term 3 ends, Thursday 9 February (Inset Day on Friday 10 February)		
	Term 4 starts, Monday 20 February		
	Academy Production, 14-16 March		
Year 7	Y7 Parents' Evening, Thursday 30 March		
Year 8	Y8 Parents' Evening, Thursday 9 February		
	Y8 Girls HPV vaccinations, Friday 24 February		
Year 9	Y9 Parents' & Options Evening, Thursday 19 January		
	Y9 Raising Aspirations Evening at UWE, Wednesday 25 January		
	Y9 Girls HPV vaccinations, Friday 24 February		
Year 10			
Year 11	Y11 mock exams week, w/c Monday 20 February		
	Y11 Parents' Evening, Thursday 9 March		
Sixth Form	Post 16 Open Evening, Wednesday 22 February		
	Post 16 Parents Evening, Tuesday 28 February		

Chinese New Year

The canteen invite students to join them in celebrating Chinese New Year on Thursday 19 January. They will be serving up a variety of favourite Chinese dishes to celebrate the start of the Year of the Rooster.

Friends of John Cabot

The next meeting of the Friends will be their AGM on 24 January 2017, starting at 7pm in the staff room – all parents are welcome.

Lost property

Please remember to go along to Student Reception to collect any lost property items belonging to you.

Best wishes

Mr S White Principal