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Year 9 Pathways

Thank you to all parents/carers who supported our Year 9 parents' evening on Thursday. Subject choices must be returned by 10 February. Details of the pathways booklet explaining our approach can be found [<here>](#).

A final briefing for parents (for those who could not attend the Principal's talk) will be held on Tuesday 24 January in the Main Hall, starting at 5.45pm. The presentation will last around 30 minutes.

In connection with this process, if you wish to contact a member of staff in charge of a curriculum area for more information, contact details can be found [<here>](#).

Improved Parent Communication

Parents will know that we are working hard to improve communication with home as one of our priorities. Hopefully, this newsletter is being well received. It has been nice to have received positive feedback on this initiative from parents.



This week, we have also introduced our Parent Portal to Year 9 parents. Details of achievements, behaviour issues and attendance can be found [here](#) for your child. This facility will be introduced to parents in other year groups over the remainder of the school year.

Attendance - Thank You



Thanks to all the parents who are working with us to ensure students are here on time and improving / maintaining attendance. We are continuing to improve Academy-wide attendance and are running tutor group competitions this term to continue to raise the profile of school attendance.

Late Gate

Please note that if a student is late to the Academy, they receive an automatic lunchtime 25 min detention on the same day. Non attendance to the lunchtime detention will result in an escalation to 30 mins after school on a Wednesday (3.15pm - 3.45pm). Many thanks to all parents for your support in improving punctuality which, in turn, helps to improve overall attendance.

Lesson Scores



In every lesson, students are given a score of 1-4 (1 = outstanding, 2 = expected learning, 3 = behaviour or effort concerns, 4 = placed out of lesson due to disruption to learning). The majority of our students are focusing positively in lessons, with 187 students achieving 100% 1/2 lesson scores, and the majority of our students achieving over 90% scores of 1 or 2 in lessons during Term 2. As a result of this, we know that the vast majority of our students in the Academy are working hard every single day and aspiring to be the best that they can be. As an academy, we will be continuing to work positively with students to see these numbers increase.

From Term 1 to Term 2, we also saw a significant increase in the number of students who are engaging fully in lessons and focusing on learning.

Engagement/Behaviour System Updates

As an academy, we are seeing improvements in behaviour and the ethos and culture of the students in the Academy. As we continue to raise standards and expectations, we will be making adjustments to our Engagement System (behaviour and achievements); full details of this will be shared next week. It is, however, important to inform parents/carers that we will be running immediate teacher detentions every day for 15 mins (students will still be able to catch the buses); faculty detentions on Mon, Tues and Weds until 3.45pm each day; and SLT detentions that will take place on Weds and Fri for 60 or 90 mins. Parents will be informed of detentions that would finish beyond 3.30pm, either by text, email or letter. Please, therefore, can you ensure that we do have the correct email address so that we are able to easily contact 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 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

Chinese New Year was celebrated in the canteen on Thursday 19 January with lots of Chinese style dishes on the menu for the students to try.




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. The Friends are also looking to recruit new members, please see the poster below with more details.



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The Friends of John Cabot




**Volunteers
Needed!**

The Friends of John Cabot Academy raise money for the school which allows additional resources for the students to be purchased.

This has included:


- An I pad for the music department
- Donation towards a new stage floor for drama
- Books for the catering department
- Instruments for music
- A donation towards the Thrive trip

And this is just to mention a few, the list goes on !



V O L U N T E E R
all that's missing is U!

If you would like to volunteer or want further information please e-mail
Annmarie Bellamy at annie@ab-cd.biz
or find us on Face Book:
Friends of John Cabot Academy



Learning for Life

On Tuesday this week, students had Learning for Life (personal, social and health education) for a double lesson. Students focused on the following topics:

- Y7 Personal Hygiene
- Y8 Drugs Education
- Y9 Homophobia
- Y10 BREXIT - Hate Crimes
- Y11 Revision Skills

Y7 - Y10 also spent a period learning about the realities of Child Sexual Exploitation and Grooming as part of our commitment to educating students about staying safe - specifically online. As part of this session, Miss Hodge (Assistant Principal for Student Support) and Miss Bishop (Designated Safeguarding Lead) spoke to students about grooming and two specific cases to highlight that grooming can happen to boys and girls at any age. Videos were shown highlighting the case of Kayleigh Hayward and Breck Bednar, two young people who were groomed and lost their lives.

Y7 students were shown a shortened version of Kayleigh's Love Story due to the nature of the content, Y8-10 viewed the full film. The video was produced by Leicestershire Police Force and Kayleigh's parents documenting some of the last days of Kayleigh's life so that it could be shown in schools to students aged 11 and above. This film was originally shown to students in Leicestershire before being shared with schools across the country.

The Breck Bednar video that was shown is a BBC Three Brief production; there is a full documentary called Murder Games which can be viewed online and is worth watching as it documents the different stages of grooming that took place and has the views of Breck's family and friends.

The PowerPoint presentation shown to students in the CSE/Grooming session is available [here](#). The students responded positively and many appropriate conversations were generated between students and staff on the realities of grooming and child sexual exploitation and how to ensure that students keep themselves safe. This topic is a significant concern locally and nationally and we want our students to feel that they can come and discuss concerns that they have with us so that we can provide the appropriate support. Outlined below are some key websites that provide support, guidance, information and ways to report if you are concerned about the safety of a young person.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Online-grooming/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/grooming/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/online-grooming/>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

<http://www.breckfoundation.org/>

<http://www.bristolpost.co.uk/child-safety-concerns-raised-over-popular-kids-gaming-website/story-30063601-detail/story.html>

Resound Family

Resound Family Resources offer a number of services for parents, which are run by a dedicated team of professionals and volunteers. Please find a copy of their latest Newsletter [here](#), which gives details of Positive Parenting Courses that they will be delivering over the next few months. Also available [here](#) is a flyer promoting 'Time out for Parents - Handling Anger', which is an evening course running over 4 weeks, starting on 21 February at Resound, 7.30pm - 9.30pm. See the flyer for more details.

Use of the library

From Monday 23 January, the library will only be available before school starts to Year 11 students who wish to use it for quiet study. Students from other year groups will be unable to access it during that time.

Lost property

Please remember to go along to Student Reception to collect any lost property items belonging to you. The current list of items waiting to be collected is below:

Adidas boot bag with Adidas boots	Blue notebook
Blue Sports Direct water bottle	Clear lunchbox
Adidas football boots	Clear pencil case
Pandora bow ring	Navy 'SEN Sport' joggers
Navy H&M jumper	Black Karrimor gloves
Green Nike water bottle	Black New Look shoes (lace detail)
Clear green water bottle	Grey Trespass gilet
Clear pink water bottle	Black pencil case
Camouflaged pencil case	Black glasses
Black pencil case	Blue Nike coat
Nike underlayer	Black New Look coat
1 grey Superdry glove	Black sweatshirt (Route One)
Grey pencil case	Grey Slazenger hooded jacket
Green combat trousers	Black and red Frampton Rangers hat
X2 rose gold rings (found in the Cabot Eye)	Team GB tin pencil case

Best wishes

Mr S White
Principal