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Proposed New School Uniform for September 2017



Parents and carers will be aware that a consultation took place in Term 2 (for parents/carers and staff) on the proposal for a new uniform for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 next year. To complete this process we have consulted with our Student Council this term to gather the view of students.

This week, the submissions to the consultation were brought together from all parties and offered for final consideration by the Academy Council (the school's Governing Body), which included a parent representation.

During the Academy Council meeting on Tuesday evening, student volunteer representatives also had the opportunity to discuss the issue with members of the Academy Council and showed the preferred uniform options selected by the Student Council as well as offering examples of uniform that were not considered so suitable in the opinion of students.

The Academy Council believes that uniform is an important representation of the school as it can reflect our aspirations and ethos through our students' presentation. The Academy Council heard a range of views from students, both in favour and against the proposal. A compelling view was conveyed that many students wanted to be seen as 'smarter', and more adult-like and it was also felt that a change in uniform would help prepare students for life after their studies with us, whatever their future ambitions. It was also noted from students that the current Academy uniform was more akin to the style now seen in a number of primary schools, and was not in line with what many other secondary schools expect from their students.

After considering the feedback from the whole consultation, the Academy Council offered a unanimous expression of support for the proposal and, as a result, a new uniform will be in place at JCA for September 2017 for students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. Next year's Year 11 students (our current Year 10) will have the option of wearing the new uniform if they wish or they can continue to wear our current uniform in their final year prior to Post 16 study. More detail is available at the end of this newsletter; further information will be provided in Term 4.

Parent Forum

You are invited to join us on Tuesday 21 February between 6pm – 7pm in the main hall, for an update on progress at JCA. The evening will be hosted by senior leadership team members.

JCA students visit The Gambia

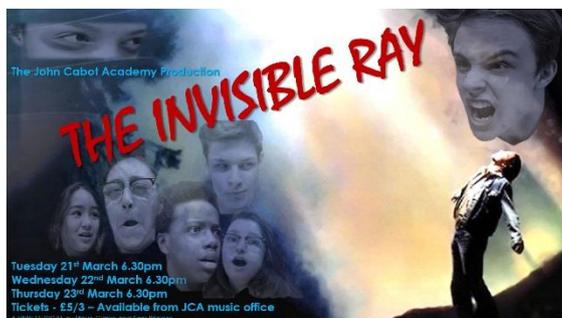


I am pleased to say that staff and students currently visiting The Gambia have arrived safe and well. You can follow the blog here:

<https://jicagambia2017.wordpress.com/>

Academy Production of 'The Invisible Ray' 21-23 March

Around 70 students are currently hard at work preparing for performances of our completely original musical 'The Invisible Ray'. The science fiction extravaganza combines a script by Mr Bridges, songs by Mr Clarke and some fantastic performances from students from Years 7 to 13. Tickets are available from the music office, priced at £5 for adults and £3 for concessions.



Students involved should have brought a letter home about the rehearsal in the holiday but just in case... we are in school on Monday 13 February from 9am to 3pm.



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Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance

GCSE Coursework & Year 9 students are making important decisions about their GCSE options. You might therefore be thinking about Post 16 Education ...

Year 13 student **Sam Tiley** describes below about balancing his academic studies at CLF P16 and his sporting career with Bristol Rugby.



Why did you choose CLF P16?

I chose CLF P16 as I was excited to go and experience new teachers and new schools while having the safety of lessons with people I already knew at my secondary school. The mixture of academic studies and extra-curricular activities was perfect as it allowed me to take part in all the clubs and sports I wanted to while studying. CLF P16 also has a range of support workers and staff who are always available to help you in any way; this direct learner to staff contact is something many post 16 centres don't have.

What A Level subjects do you study?

I study A2 Biology, Drama, Theatre Studies, PE and AS Psychology.

What you are planning to study at University?

Master of Chiropractic.

What is a day in Post 16 like?

Each Academy has a Post 16 common room; this is where I would go to before and between lessons, here you have access to music, computers and kitchen facilities. I would arrive put the radio on and socialise with people from around the CLF, nothing brings people together more than biscuits! During this time, I can ask the SSL or Head of Post 16 any questions I have or get on with some work.

What activities have you been able to participate in with CLF Post 16 (outside of lessons)?

Throughout my time at the CLF I have been able to go on different conferences & listen to talks to help me prepare for university. However, this is not what P16 is all about. I have also been able to practice my public speaking & participate in a variety of drama performances - which were really fun. In addition to this, the CLF has been good at giving me the opportunity to develop my sporting passion through the CLF Rugby programme. This programme ensured I still made the academic progress required for me to get onto my University courses but also fulfill my potential as a rugby player.

However, one of the best bits of P16 life are the pizza parties & socials where you get to meet a really wide range of people & make some awesome friendships.

Would you recommend CLF P16?

For anyone who wants a wide support system, a wide range of opportunities, a wide range of extra circular activities and focus on academic success, CLF Post 16 has the right balance for you.

Term 4 in Performing Arts



We have a very busy term coming up in the Performing Arts faculty. Below are some of the events that you may wish to support in Term 4:

1 & 2 March: Post 16 Performing Arts show '#YOLO'

Our Post 16 students are working on a project in conjunction with the National Theatre which involves students learning and performing a new show '#YOLO'. The show will be performed at JCA for two nights and then showcased at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre on 30 March. It will be well worth trying to catch one of the shows if you can!

Sunday 5 March: Harmony Group in the Music for Youth Regional Finals

Our harmony group will be travelling to Cheltenham to take part in the regional finals of the Music for Youth Festival. This is a fantastic opportunity for the group to share their work with students, staff and parents from across the south west region. Miss Grierson is working hard to prepare a really interesting range of music for their performance. We wish them all the best for the event!

Tuesday 7 March: Year 11 GCSE Drama assessed shows

Our Year 11 GCSE drama students will be presenting their final performances of 'Scary Play' to parents, friends (and the AQA examiners!). The group are currently working hard under Miss Grainger's direction to develop their characters and learn their lines in preparation for their final assessment.

Wednesday 5 April: GCSE / A Level Music Performance Evening

Our GCSE and A Level musicians will be presenting their solo performances during an evening performance in the Main Hall. This is always a quality event and is the culmination of a lot of work from the students, leading to their final performances that are assessed for their qualifications.

Colston Hall trip

A reminder to Y9, Y10 and Y11 students to return their permissions slips for the 'Heroes and Villains' film music trip to the Colston Hall on Friday 10 March. The ticket cost is £4 and we have great seats for the performance!

Individual Music Lessons

Please do let Mr Clarke know (steve.clarke@jca.cabot.ac.uk) if your child wishes to start, change or stop their individual music lessons. We currently have some spaces for students to start guitar lessons if any students would like to have a go.

Go4SET visit

Team B from the Go4SET project went on a company visit to the Arcadis building near Bristol Temple Meads last week. Students were given a tour of the company building and an educational STEM talk on career prospects within Arcadis for young people. The team also met some of the different staff who work in different areas within the company and discovered what

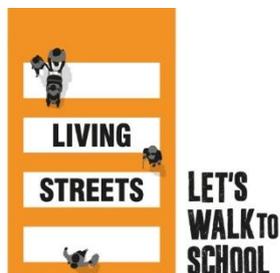


projects they have worked on, including a field mouse bridge in Cumbria designed to help them cross a busy road and some new virtual reality programmes, which was all very interesting. Students were lucky enough to have a practise run through presenting their projects and the staff at Arcadis were thoroughly impressed, even though the students found the whole experience rather nerve wracking! Finally, students finished their visit by enjoying a lovely company lunch provided from Arcadis. The CEO of the company, who we met as we were leaving, was very interested in the project!

School Travel Parent Survey

South Gloucestershire Council would like to find out what problems there are on your child's school walking route. The Road Safety Team are completing a school route audit on 20

February with students, staff and the Academy Council. The information gathered from this audit will

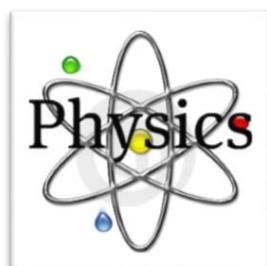


provide recommendations to the Council for how they can improve your child's school walking route. To support the auditing process, John Cabot Academy and Living Streets would like your feedback to help us find ways to enable more students to walk to school by completing the online survey below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JohnCabotparentsurvey>



Physics Events



On Monday 20 February, all Year 9 students will be exploring the physics of flying. Students will discover how the physics they study in the classroom is an integral part of the work that engineers undertake in the RAF and other engineering organisations. Using exciting demonstrations, students will take part in some literally jaw dropping experiments. Drones, balloons, airships and even jet engines are explored in a way that will literally make their hair stand on end.

Then, on Tuesday 21 February, some of our Year 9 and Year 10 classes will be taking part in workshops with UWE to crack the genetic code and build pro-bots. They will work out the genetic codes in special lego robots. More information and photographs from these events will be featured in the first newsletter next term.

Year 11 match report

The Year 11 team played Hanham in their second match this year. Despite a heavy loss, the play and attitude was fantastic. The current Year 11s haven't won a game since Year 7 and did struggle for team cohesion in KS3. However, this year they have developed and grown as a team with a real emphasis on positive reinforcement. The transformation has been fantastic! Players enjoying and wanting to play more, a higher work rate on the pitch and supporting peers, encouragement and better standard of football. Last term, they drew 3-3 with King's Oak in a friendly and this week they could have been very much in contention.

A 'boys inspired formation' for the first half saw them go into the break at 3-0 down, but a pep talk and a more traditional formation with a few targets created a very close second half. It finished a narrow 2-1 loss in the second half with equal opportunities at either end. A fantastic work rate and attitude saw a 5-1 loss but a vast improvement on the 12-0 from last year. Well done gents, what a great improvement! Let's carry the focus and effort levels through to next week. *Mr Thomas.*

Join CLF Post 16!

Applications are welcomed from all students wishing to study in the CLF's Post 16. We offer one of the widest selection of courses in Bristol and our multi-site approach ensures that students are taught by subject specialists and have access to a wide range of fantastic facilities. We offer both traditional A Levels as well as vocational pathways and a unique transition curriculum. For further details, and to complete the online application, visit <http://www.clfpost16.org/student-form>

Post 16 Open Evening

The Post 16 Open Evening will be taking place on the same night as Year 11 Parents' Evening, on Thursday 9 March. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to meet the Post 16 team, visit the school and find out more about the opportunities provided by the CLF for your son/daughter. A wide range of subject teachers will be available to discuss course details and to ensure that students make informed decisions. We look forward to welcoming you then!

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 |
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| All years | Term 4 starts, Monday 20 February Parent Forum, Tuesday 21 February, 6pm – 7pm Gambia trip returns on 22 February Academy Production, 21-23 March |
| Year 7 | Y7 Parents' Evening, Thursday 30 March |
| Year 8 | Y8 Girls HPV vaccinations, Friday 24 February |
| Year 9 | 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, Thursday 9 March Post 16 Parents Evening, Tuesday 28 February |

Uniform (September 2017): Further information

- **Parents/carers do not need to take any action now.**
- We have considered carefully, and set out details in our consultation, of the costs to parents and carers of changing to a new uniform. We include below some details of the transition arrangements – further information will be included in a specific communication on uniform in Term 4.
- We want a uniform that is smart, age-appropriate and consistent with JCA and, importantly, student expectations and standards moving forward.
- The new uniform will be required for all students who will be in Years 7 – 10 from September 2017.
- Any parents/carers concerned about their ability to meet this deadline should contact the school, confidentially if they wish.
- The new uniform will consist of a blazer, a white shirt, a tie, black trousers, blue skirt (one style only) and shoes (not daps or trainers). An optional jumper layer will be available but this is **not** to be worn in place of a blazer. Further details on the precise nature of the uniform will be made available in Term 4 via this newsletter and our website.
- The uniform will be available to purchase from Term 6 and into the summer holiday.

- The new uniform **including the blazer** will be machine washable.
- At the discretion of the Principal, students will be allowed to take off blazers in hot weather. A common sense approach will be adopted to ensure student comfort.
- The shirt is plain white and can be purchased from many different retailers, often at low cost, allowing students to change their shirt regularly throughout the week.
- Our current PE kit will remain the same for students in Years 8 – 11 for at least one year.
- New Year 7 students will wear a new PE kit which will be available from the same stockist. Students in Years 8 – 11 will be able to buy the new PE kit if they wish for September 2017.
- Current T-shirts worn as our daily uniform, will be able to be worn in PE lessons by students in Years 8, 9 and 10 from September 2017.

End of Year Exam Timetable

Please find [here](#) a copy of the draft summer end of year exam timetable for all year groups. Students will receive their individual timetables in April.

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:

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|---|---|
| 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 New Look shoes (lace detail) |
| Green Nike 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 sweatshirt (Route One) |
| 1 grey Superdry glove | Grey Slazenger hooded jacket |
| 1 grey Nike glove | Team GB tin pencil case |
| Grey pencil case | Keys x 2 (1 with smiley face print, 1 plain silver) |
| Green combat trousers | Black coat with silver markings |
| X3 rose gold rings (found in the Cabot Eye) | Short black Top Shop coat |
| Black F&F coat | Red Toy Story pebble |
| Leopard print hair band | Grey 'Aladdin' water bottle |

Best wishes

Mr S White
Principal

