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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	Academy Production, 21-23 March Term 4 ends, Thursday 6 April Inset Day, Friday 7 April Term 4 starts, Monday 24 April
Year 7	Y7 Parents' Evening, Thursday 30 March
Year 8	Y8 Residential Information Evening, Wednesday 17 May
Year 9	DoE walk, Forest of Dean, 6/7 May Future Quest trip, Thursday 18 May Inter Community, Friday 19 May DoE walk, Mendips, 27/28 May
Year 10	Y10 exam week, w/c Tuesday 2 May Future Quest trip, Tuesday 16 May Inter Community, Thursday 18 May & Friday 19 May
Year 11	GCSE exams start, Monday 15 May
Sixth Form	

SAM Learning

Will be a new, engaging and exciting way of completing homework for all students at John Cabot Academy. The system is gradually being introduced across our subjects and will enhance how children learn at home.



Students have enjoyed their ICT lessons this week and had the opportunity to complete their homework using our new SAM Learning system. Students showed a strong interest to apply and test their knowledge through different homework activities in order to practice and build their confidence in using the system. The system allows homework to be completed in all subjects by a deadline date shown on the SAM Learning system. In our study this week, students enjoyed receiving the reward points for completing activities and challenging their peers.

Students are welcome to attend the Homework Hub in AF4 supervised by Miss Brimble to use the computers for 15mins to complete any homework on the SAM Learning system. We hope this opportunity will support all of our students to thrive based on a strong interest in learning and a wish to become independent learners.

'The Invisible Ray' Tickets

It's the week of our Academy Production - the world premiere of The Invisible Ray! Sixty students will be involved in the show, acting, singing, dancing, performing the music and providing technical support.

The show is being performed on Tuesday 21 March, Wednesday 22 March and Thursday 23 March. Performances start at 6:30pm and are likely to end at around 8:45pm. Tickets available from the music office priced at £5 for adults and £3 for concessions.



#Harmony at Music For Youth Festival

On Sunday 6 March, John Cabot Academy Harmony group #Harmony, took part in the Music For Youth Regional festival at Cheltenham town hall. Being the only school from Bristol, the students had to perform at a high level and make sure that they gave it their all! They sang a varied programme of three songs which included 'Take me to Church' by Hozier, 'White Winter Hymnal' by Fleet Foxes and 'Make You Feel My Love' by Bob Dylan. We included lots of solos and rich sonorous harmonies, many of which they created and arranged themselves. The students sang unaccompanied for two of their songs and maintained a good balance and blend of voices. Overall, the judges commented saying that this was a 'unique, understated vocal group, which was delivered with style'. They also especially liked our personalised t-shirts!

A special thank you to parents and families who came along to support in Cheltenham and continue to support #Harmony with their performances. Well done to all of JCA #Harmony, Miss Grierson is very pleased and proud of your performances.



An evening of amazing film music

Last Friday, we went on a trip to the Colston Hall to watch the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra play the music of 'Heroes and Legends' from famous films. There was a huge variety of classical and modern movie music throughout the concert and the conductor told us about each piece and how it was created. Some of the film pieces that we recognised were from 'Indiana Jones', 'Hook', 'Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon' and 'Harry Potter'. They even premiered some music by a local composer for a Lego animation game. Grace and I personally thought the highlight of the evening was the 'Hedwig Theme' written by film composer John Williams. Going to the concert was an amazing experience as it was the first time that we had both seen a live orchestra performance. All in all the music was great and the performance has opened our eyes to see many more orchestras. *Grace Dobson & Jess Sewell.*



Achievement, Rewards & Recognition

Achievement Points: Top 10 Students

The following students scored the most achievement points this week. They have worked hard in and out of lessons and are making excellent progress this term. Well Done!



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| 1. Barrie McCue | 6. Cara Rodman |
| 2. Ashleigh Jefferies | 7. Danny Howell |
| 3. Ted Willoughby | 8. Ellie Kadioglu |
| 4. Jude Hayman | 9. Fearne Savy |
| 5. Billie Gigg | 10. Kieran Graham |

Lesson Scores: Top 10 Students

The following students scored the highest lesson scores this week. They demonstrated a strong interest in their learning and made significant progress in lessons by behaving in a way that promotes effective learning. Keep up the good work!

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| 1. Ruby Payne | 6. Dominic Manley |
| 2. Nancy Griffin | 7. Ahmed-Qassin Khaliq |
| 3. Katie Derrick | 8. Emily Jerram |
| 4. Olivia Ramuz-Khunrat | 9. Tessa Stephens |
| 5. Ria Silverthorne | 10. Rosie Towler |

Attendance Improvers

Mercury: Ruby Walsh, Harvey Cook, Cardell Tyler and James Bloomfield Stock. Congratulations also to 7Ma who have consistently good attendance.

Also, Tutor Groups N2, N3, M5, S1 and S2 who are all making good progress this term. Well done!

Comic Relief – Friday 24 March

As part of Comic Relief we would like as many students and staff as possible to wear RED for the day. Everyone who wishes to participate should bring a minimum suggested donation of £1. There will also be a cake sale and a joke competition.

Please note the following: school trousers / skirts must be worn, no football shirts, low cut tops / midriff showing tops are not permitted.

Y7 Football Match Report - John Cabot Academy vs Kings Oak Academy

Result: John Cabot 11 – 1 King's Oak



The Year 7 team travelled to King's Oak Academy for their second match of the season with expectations high after their win against Bristol Brunel Academy. With a couple of boys pulling out, the team travelled with 11 players, meaning that every player would have to work hard to get the win.

Remembering the team talk from last week, the boys started the game strongly and played like a team rather than a group of individuals. Lots of hard work, slick passing and non-stop movement allowed the JCA boys to dominate the first half, scoring 4 goals through James x2, a strong header from Amari and a lovely finish from Cade. Due to the dominance, the team began to push up the pitch to put pressure on the opposing team. This tactic did work against them in one instance as it allowed too much space for one of the KOA boys to run through unchallenged and slot the ball past our stand in goalkeeper, Ben.

With this in mind, the half time team talk was full of positives and praise with the only thing to think about was keeping a strong defensive line, not too far up the pitch. The second half began and the team continued to work together fantastically, winning the ball back whenever it was lost, passing simply and always creating an option for the player on the ball. This led to a further 7 goals scored by JCA in the second half despite players being moved around to play in a position they were not familiar with. An amazing performance from the boys, well done. *Mr Harrold*

Goalscorers:

- James x 3
- Cade x 2
- Warren x 2
- Amari x 1
- Ahmed x 1
- Owen x 1
- Kaydon x 1

Man of the match: Cade Lovell – for scoring 2 brilliant goals, working hard for the team and being incredibly unselfish in assisting his team mates.

Stationery for sale

A reminder that the library has various items of stationery available for students to buy at very reasonable costs. They also now sell 4GB USB Flash Drives at a cost of £3.30. Students can pop in during breaks and lunch or before or after school to buy any of these items.

Ladies Pamper Night for Charity

A reminder that members of the Downend community are holding a Ladies Pamper Night next week, on Friday 24 March 2017 to raise money for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) in memory of James Hedge, a local teenager, who tragically died last year from a complication of his Type 1 diabetes. (Full details were in the newsletter issued in week 1, on 24 February.) The event will take place from 6.30pm to 10.30pm on Friday 24 March at St Augustine's School in Downend. Tickets cost £3 in advance or £5 on the door. Half price for under 16s. Tickets are available from Clare Davis. Email her on: clare@novaassociates.co.uk



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
Navy H&M jumper	Navy 'SEN Sport' joggers
Green Nike water bottle	Black New Look shoes (lace detail)
Clear pink water bottle	Grey Trespass gilet
Camouflaged pencil case	Black pencil case
Black pencil case	Black glasses
Nike underlayer	Black sweatshirt (Route One)
1 grey Superdry glove	Grey Slazenger hooded jacket
Grey pencil case	Team GB tin pencil case
Green combat trousers	Keys x 2 (1 with smiley face print, 1 plain silver)
X3 rose gold rings (found in the Cabot Eye)	Black coat with silver markings
Black F&F coat	Short black Top Shop coat
Leopard print hair band	Red Toy Story pebble
Twist & pout keyring	Grey 'Aladdin' water bottle
Brown glasses	Black Karrimor gloves
Black Thinsulate gloves	Black Nike trainers
Black Puma lightweight jacket	Nike drifit ¾ length trousers
'Twist and Pout' lip gloss	Khaki New Look coat (size 14) with fur hood
Black scarf	Thin black overhead waterproof
Black Adidas trainers	Grey skinny jeans
Pandora 'crown' ring (silver)	Navy North Face fleece
Black Superdry coat	

Blue Bristol Rugby hoody
Black South Bay joggers
Black Top Shop coat (petite size 6) with floral lining
Pink scarf/snood
Black TU trousers
Black candy couture leggings
Grey 'leavers 2015' hoody

Silver leggings
Gilbert shorts
Stanno black shorts
Grey joggers
Black long sleeve top
Black underlayer
Black M&S trousers
Green New Look short coat (petite)
Red Cubus coat
Khaki coat with black leather sleeves and fur collar

Best wishes

Mr S White
Principal