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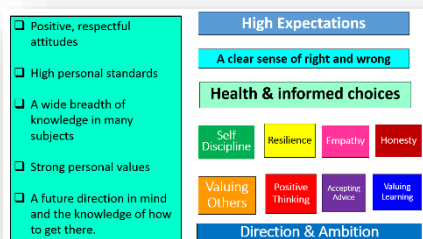
## Term 5



I have been delighted with the impressive start made by students so far this term. Year 11, 12 and 13 students are clearly in our thoughts at this very important time of the year. As staff and parents/carers, it is essential that we are very positive about what is possible with hard work and solid preparation in the weeks ahead. It is also important that we strike the right balance of honesty and positivity in how we advise and encourage our young people. As parents, you should be seeing lots of study at home taking place at this time.

We aim to ensure that we have thoroughly planned, thoughtfully considered lessons/sessions in the weeks ahead as students build towards the important examination season that follows.

## The School Day and JCA Vision



This week we will be discussing the shape of the ‘school day’ with students. We would be keen to understand the views of students on this and will use this information to put the final touches to how we structure our day from September. Similarly, we have discussed our future vision and values with students in assemblies. Feedback on this will be obtained from students this week in tutor time.

## Academy Council

The Academy Council normally meets twice each term. The first is a slightly more informal session to see JCA during the school day and to develop understanding of how the Academy operates, and secondly as a formal governance meeting to hold the leadership team to account for the performance of the Academy and the student outcomes. In Term 4, the first session was a very useful and informative meeting with Jeremy Hunt on both the Academy budget and the Health and Safety position, alongside an opportunity to discuss issues with the Principal. The full Council meeting then scrutinised outcomes in the Humanities faculty as well as going into detail on the uniform proposal, performance of Pupil Premium students, behaviour data, achievement, attendance, safeguarding, school day timings and staff training. Overall, the Council is supporting JCA on a journey of improvement and the members of the Council are committed to both

challenging and supporting the Academy for the benefit of its students. *Ian Webber, Chair of Academy Council.*

### **Free School Meals – how to apply**

Parents and carers can now apply for free school meals online via the Citizen Portal, using the link below. Your eligibility will be checked online, and the portal will let you know whether 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.

[Apply here for free school meals](#)

### **Digitech Studio School**

Please see details below on current opportunities at the Digitech Studio School and details of a forthcoming P16 Information Evening.



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#### **Be 1 of the 12**

The boomsatsuma Media Production Diploma course bridges the gap between school and workplace. To break into the competitive world of media production young people need to be qualified and have a broad range of practical experience. The boomsatsuma course is designed to deliver both. Students undertake a two year full time Level 3 Extended Diploma whilst working as part of real commercial media design and production agency linked to the Engine Shed, at the heart of Bristol's high tech digital and creative hub. They work on real life projects for clients in Bristol, developing their portfolios in photography, film production, graphic design and advertising.

We are looking for 12 young people who will form the first media agency. Each will have the passion and drive to become part of Bristol's exciting media production culture. If you think you're one of them and want to start in September 2017 contact John Saunders now - [john@boomsatsuma.com](mailto:john@boomsatsuma.com).

Visit the web site [www.boomsatsuma.com](http://www.boomsatsuma.com) to find out more.

**Digitech**  
STUDIO SCHOOL BRISTOL

Invite you to a Post 16 Information Evening on  
Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 6-8pm, Tower Road North, Warmley,  
Bristol, BS30 8XQ

Are you interested in:  
A Level: Physics, Maths, Computer Science, Photography  
BTEC Art and Design  
Creative Digital Media Diploma: Film production, AV promotion, Print and AV Advertising, Audio Production, Web Design, Graphics, Radio, Digital Visual Effects  
IT Diploma: Games Development and Design, Cyber Security, Website Design, Network Systems, Technical Support, Installing Software, 2D animation  
Work experience  
EPQ Cyber security

Post 16 September 2017 spaces still available  
Call 0117 9927100 to arrange a visit or email [info@digitechstudioschool.co.uk](mailto:info@digitechstudioschool.co.uk)  
Application forms available online [www.digitechstudioschool.co.uk](http://www.digitechstudioschool.co.uk)



Cabot Learning Federation

## Clubs for Term 5

Please see below for the list of PE clubs available during Term 5.

JCA PE Extra-Curricular Clubs			
<b>MONDAY</b>			
	<b>PE CLASSROOM</b>	Year 11 GCSE PE Academic support	Mr Thomas
	<b>FIELD</b>	KS3/4 Mixed Rounders	Miss Ogden
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
	<b>FITNESS GYM</b>	Girls Fitness Gym	Mr White
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
	<b>PE CLASSROOM</b>	D of E Club	Mr Wilson
	<b>FIELD</b>	KS3/4 Mixed Athletics	Mr Thomas & Miss Ogden
	<b>LARGE ASTRO</b>	KS3/4 Girls Football	Mr Harrold & Mr Adams
	<b>AF8</b>	Health & Social Care Academic Support	Miss Cannon
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
	<b>SPORTSHALL (Lunchtime)</b>	Year 10 GCSE PE Academic Support	Miss Ogden
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
	<b>OFFSITE AT BBA</b>	CLF Rugby	Mr Sheppard
	<b>OFFSITE AT MET</b>	CLF Fencing	Mr White

## Late transport

Following a period of review, it is with regret that we are in a position where we must end the provision of late transport for John Cabot Academy students at the end of Term 5. Whilst the late transport system has been well used by a small number of students this year, the relatively high cost to the school cannot be justified by the take up among the student body as a whole. The late transport will therefore no longer be available from the end of Term 5 (on 26 May 2017). After this date, with lighter nights in the summer terms, I hope that the vast majority of students will be able take public transport to home following attendance at after school clubs.

We understand that this will be a disappointment to some of our families but we sincerely hope that all of our parents will understand that the decision has not been taken lightly. The school receives no central funding for this arrangement and it is with regret that we can no longer continue to pay for this scheme. If parents/carers wish to write to express a view, I would be pleased to hear from anyone who has a solution to this issue.

### **Ski trip payments**

The deadline for the last payment instalment was Friday 28 April 2017. There have been a few requests by parents to allow payments through the online system. This facility is now in place if you would prefer not to send in a cheque. If you have missed the deadline, please could we ask that this final amount is paid no later than Friday 5 May. *Mr Simmons*

### **Useful information for parents/carers**

Some of you may have heard of a new game that has become popular in some areas of the UK, which encourages children to self harm or even commit suicide. We have not had any reported concerns of students at JCA taking part in this activity but we wanted to make you aware so you can be extra vigilant for your child's online safety. Please see the article below from a local newspaper about the game.

<http://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/sick-blue-whale-suicide-game-32216>

### **Dates for the Diary**

Below are a number of key dates into the near future that parents may wish to be aware of:

<b>Years</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>All years</b>	<b>Learning 4 Life, Thursday 11 May</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Y8 Residential Information Evening, Wednesday 17 May</b>
<b>Year 9</b>	<b>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</b>
<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Y10 exam week, w/c Tuesday 2 May Future Quest trip, Tuesday 16 May Inter Community, Thursday 18 May &amp; Friday 19 May</b>
<b>Year 11</b>	<b>GCSE exams start, Monday 15 May</b>
<b>Sixth Form</b>	

### **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  
X3 rose gold rings (found in the Cabot Eye)  
Black F&F coat  
Leopard print hair band  
Black Thinsulate gloves  
Black scarf  
Black Adidas trainers  
Black Superdry coat  
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  
Black woolly scarf  
Khaki short coat, New Look, size 6  
Black Sports Direct pencil case  
Brown glasses  
\*At least 4 pairs of glasses of different colour/styles  
Silver angel charm (with blue diamantes)

Keys x 2 (1 with smiley face print, 1 plain silver)  
Black coat with silver markings  
Short black Top Shop coat  
Red Toy Story pebble  
Black Karrimor gloves  
Black Nike trainers  
Nike drifit ¾ length trousers  
Khaki New Look coat (size 14) with fur hood  
Thin black overhead waterproof  
Grey skinny jeans  
Navy North Face fleece  
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  
Blue glasses

Best wishes

**Mr S White**  
**Principal**