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Communication home

A letter has been sent home electronically today to all parents and carers concerning the outcome of a hearing that was recently held by the National Council for Teaching and Leadership. The hearing involved an ex-member of staff at John Cabot Academy. Students in all year groups in the main school and Sixth Form attended short assemblies on Friday so that this matter could be explained in appropriate terms to all year groups. A letter has also been sent home via overland mail to ensure that parents/carers are informed. If any parent or carer hasn't received a letter then please let us know and we will send you a copy by return.

French School Visit



On Tuesday 28 March, 49 Year 9 French students and 4 members of staff visited JCA for the day as part of our partnership with College St Joseph, Challans, Vendée, FRANCE.

During their visit, students were able to attend a Drama lesson with Miss Grainger and some brave French students even joined in and performed for us. They then delivered a fantastic presentation to Year 7 MFL classes about their beautiful region, the Vendée, as well as local food and delicacies, leaving our JCA students in total awe. After lunch and a tour of the school, Mr Thomas introduced the group to games of Rounders.



The visit was extremely successful and both French and British students expressed strong interest in a future exchange/trip.

Non Uniform Day

It is non uniform day for all students on the last day of term, Thursday 6 April. Students should bring in a minimum of £1 contribution which will go towards their Community charity. Students must ensure that they still follow rules regarding jewellery, mobile phones and headphones. It is also important that students ensure they wear tops that are not low cut or revealing their mid-drift.

Safety

Following several alleged incidents of students being followed home, the Police have recommended that should any student be approached on their way to or from school that they phone 999 immediately rather than wait to report it to parents or school later. They also advise students to take a photo on their phone of either the car number plate and/or the person if it is safe and possible to do so.

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	Term 4 ends, Thursday 6 April Inset Day, Friday 7 April Term 4 starts, Monday 24 April
Year 7	
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	Y11 Post 16 guidance meetings, 4/5 April GCSE exams start, Monday 15 May
Sixth Form	

Best Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to Tutor Groups 7Ma and 7Sa for having the highest overall attendance at 97.2%. Well done!

Congratulations also to 7Jb who have the best punctuality to date – winning each term and set to win again in Term 4!

Attendance Celebration Events

As our attendance as an Academy continues to improve, in the final week of term we will be celebrating excellent and outstanding individual attendance. Students who have over 97% attendance will be invited to a doughnut and hot chocolate celebration at 10.40am on the day of their assembly. They will have also received a certificate, which acts as their golden ticket to the event.

Students who have achieved 100% attendance will be invited to an event at the end of the day where they will receive a boxed Chocolate Egg. This event will start at 3.00pm; again their certificate will act as their golden ticket.

Digitech Studio School

Please see flyer below regarding the open day sessions available at Digitech Studio School, every Monday. Please contact them directly if you are interested in finding out more.



Post 16 Easter Revision

The following revision classes will be running for Post 16 students over the forthcoming Easter holidays. Students will be receiving a letter via their home academies, which contains a reply slip to indicate planned attendance. This allows us to ensure that we have adequate staff coverage and support on each day.

Subject	Students	Location	Times	Date	Teacher
Applied A Level Business	Year 13	KOA	0900-1500	10th April 2017	Mrs AlamLloyd
Business BTEC	Year 12	KOA	0900-1500	11th April 2017	Mrs AlamLloyd
Chemistry	Year 12	JCA	0900-1500	18th April 2017	Mr Church
Drama	Year 12/13	BBA	0900-1500	11th April 2017	Mrs Shaw
English Functional Skills	Year 12	CAB	1000-1300	10th April 2017	Miss De Luca
History	Year 13	JCA	1000-1500	11th April 2017	Mrs Robson
History	Year 13	HWA	1200-1500	18th April 2017	Mr Singleton
Law	Year 12	JCA	0900-1500	19th April 2017	Mrs Keller
Maths	Year 12	JCA	0930-1100	18th April 2017	Miss Walton
PE	Year 13	JCA	0930-1200	12th April 2017	Miss Ogden
Photography	Year 12/13	CAB	0900-1500	18th April 2017	Mrs Sheardown
Sociology/Psychology	Year 13	JCA	1000-1500	12th April 2017	Mr Carter
Textiles	Year 12	CAB	1000-1400	11th April 2017	Ms Betts
Textiles	Year 13	JCA	1000-1500	20th April 2017	Miss Barraclough

Ladies Pamper Night

Over £5000 Raised for Charity in One Night!

The St Augustine's Community in Downend would like to thank you all if you participated in any way at the Ladies Pamper Night on Friday 24 March. The school was heaving with nearly 500 people present. Over 60 stalls were selling their wares from pizza, to shellac nails, spray tans, sports massages, retro gifts and even a local bee keeper, to name a few. Over £4400 was raised for JDRF, a charity which works to cure, treat and prevent Type 1 diabetes. There are currently 400,000 people in the UK with Type 1 diabetes and more than 29,000 of them are children. In January 2016, Downend teenager and member of the St Augustine's community James Hedge tragically lost his life to Diabetic Ketoacidosis. The 18 year old had lived with Type 1 diabetes from the age of three.



Over £600 was also raised for Brain Tumour Support, a local charity founded by Tina Mitchell Skinner whose husband died suddenly of a brain tumour. The charity is dedicated to providing support for patients, families and carers so that no one feels alone when facing the effects of a brain tumour diagnosis.

I am particularly touched by the sincerity of the people who attended. The whole atmosphere was amazing and it's impossible to describe, as it is nothing that I have experienced before. This is because a fabulous community came together and achieved a goal for the right reasons. I cannot thank everybody who was involved enough, from the Headteacher at St Augustine's, to the helpers, stallholders and the people who attended. You were all there for the right reasons and made the evening extremely special. **Clare Davis, Organiser of the Ladies Pamper Night**



Friends of John Cabot – Easter Tombola



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
Brown glasses	Black Karrimor gloves
Black Thinsulate gloves	Black Nike trainers
Black Puma lightweight jacket	Nike drifit ¾ length trousers
Black scarf	Khaki New Look coat (size 14) with fur hood
Black Adidas trainers	Thin black overhead waterproof
Pandora 'crown' ring (silver)	Grey skinny jeans
Black Superdry coat	Navy North Face fleece
Black South Bay joggers	Silver leggings
Black Top Shop coat (petite size 6) with floral lining	Gilbert shorts
Pink scarf/snood	Stanno black shorts
Black TU trousers	Grey joggers
Black candy couture leggings	Black long sleeve top
Grey 'leavers 2015' hoody	Black underlayer
Black woolly scarf	Black M&S trousers
Khaki short coat, New Look, size 6	Green New Look short coat (petite)
Black Sports Direct pencil case	Red Cubus coat
Black North Face coat	Khaki coat with black leather sleeves and fur collar

Best wishes

Mr S White
Principal