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Happy Holiday

I want to wish all students, parents/carers, staff and friends of JCA a very peaceful and restful two weeks of holiday ahead. There has been a significant amount of hard work by everyone in the first four terms of this year, in particular, in examination classes. Parents/carers of Year 11 students will find additional revision information in this newsletter and will almost certainly be aware of the revision support materials that have been sent home electronically or via students. I am sure you will join me in thanking staff for this excellent initiative.

Our advice on revision: We hope that our students preparing for final examinations in Terms 5 and 6 take the time to rest and have fun with family and friends over the holiday. We also hope that students take the time to revise regularly throughout the holiday. Students will not be ready for examinations if they rely solely on the learning and revision that takes place in school. Disciplined, independent study at home is absolutely essential preparation for the examinations that lie ahead. On behalf of all staff, please can I ask parents and carers to reiterate this essential message to students over the holiday period.

This advice applies to all year groups who will face external or internal examinations in Terms 5 and 6.

Our examination timetable for summer GCSEs can be found <[here](#)>

A short presentation giving some ideas on how parents can support can be found <[here](#)>. Your support as parents/carers is invaluable and makes all the difference to students as they strive to have excellent outcomes in their studies.

School Uniform Update

We have worked closely with our new school uniform supplier ([Trutex](#)), in order to ensure that the process of providing school uniform is ready for ordering at the end of the summer term. We have been informed that our dedicated web page for orders will be available for parents/carers to view early in Term 5. Our original announcement regarding our new uniform to parents/carers from last term can be viewed: [here](#).

In Terms 5 and 6, we will have opportunities for students to try on blazers here at school in order to gauge the size required when purchasing a new item.

Parents are advised to purchase uniform in the second half of July and early August in order to allow time for delivery over the summer holiday. Just a reminder:

- The new uniform is compulsory for next year's Year 7-10 students from September 1st 2017.
- Next year's Year 11 students can buy our new uniform if they wish. If Year 11 students do opt for this then they must wear the full uniform.
- Year 7 students will have a new PE kit which is also available through Trutex. Year 8-11 students can wear the old PE kit for one more year or buy our new kit from Trutex if they wish. Similarly, our old PE kit will remain available to buy from CR Clothing during next year for students in Years 8-11, subject to availability.
- Our current white polo shirt (currently worn as our daily uniform) can be worn in PE lessons next year if parents/students wish.

More details will follow early in Term 5.

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 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 not be available from the end of Term 5.

A small number of students have also booked transport and then cancelled arrangements late in the day. For students who continue to repeat this behaviour in Term 5, the service will be immediately withdrawn as this leaves the school having to pay unnecessary costs.

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 then I would be pleased to hear from anyone who has a solution to this issue.

Year 11 revision packs

We have now finished teaching content in Science and are now really focusing on preparing students for their exams. We know that the most successful students put in the effort outside of the classroom when it comes to their GCSE exams. In order to help with this, we have sent home a pack with every Y11 student. The pack includes an individualised letter that will let you know your child's target grade and current progress, along with a breakdown of what their weakest areas are.



To help with this there will also be revision booklets that will help in the needed areas, a leaflet with the dates and times of revision clubs that we will run up until the exams, a leaflet explaining some good revision activities and some additional resources and stationary to help with the revision. In such we will try to support your child to be proactive and independently strive for the highest possible grades so that they have the best chances for the future. Your help and support with this will greatly improve their likelihood of success.

Year 11 destinations

During the next month, we are required to communicate with South Gloucestershire regarding destinations of our Year 11 students. Students have been asked to think about their pathway beyond Y11 and, upon their return after Easter, tutors will be speaking to students in order to obtain this information. The destination categories are:

- Full-time Education – same school
- Full-time Education or training – different school, sixth form college or Further Education (details of where)
- Traineeship or apprenticeship
- Full-time employment/self-employment or volunteering combined with accredited part-time study
- Employment without training
- Application awaiting outcome
- Other destination – please specify
- Re-Engagement Activities
- Personal Circumstances prevent learning at this time
- No appropriate provision
- Considering options not yet applied for learning
- Undecided

Year 10 external exams

In May, Year 10 students will be doing external exams that will be sent off and marked by Edexcel. This is being done as it is a new GCSE and this service is being offered by all exam boards to help support the learning and assessment of students where there will be no past exam material to accomplish this with. These exams will **not** go towards any grade that will be awarded for the subject in 2018; they are simply for benchmarking purposes on the part of the exam board and support of assessment for our students. The results of these exams will be published on 14 September, 2017. Below is a list of the exam dates and an itemised breakdown of what will be in the exams. Students will already know about the exams and should be revising out of school to make the most of this opportunity.

Biology: 2 May 2017
Chemistry: 3 May 2017
Physics: 4 May 2017

Specification reference	Specification topic name	Edexcel Combined Science resources reference
BIOLOGY		
Topic 1	Key concepts in Biology	CB1 Key Concepts in Biology
Topic 2	Cells and control	CB2 Cells and Controls
Topic 3	Genetics	CB3 Genetics
Topic 4	Natural selection and genetic modification	CB4 Natural Selection and Genetic Modification
CHEMISTRY		
Topic 1	Key concepts in Chemistry	CC3 Atomic Structure CC4 The Periodic Table CC5 Ionic Bonding CC6 Covalent Bonding CC7 Types of Substance CC9 Calculations Involving Masses
Topic 2	States of matter and mixtures - States of matter	CC1 States of Matter
Topic 2	States of matter and mixtures - Methods of separating and purifying substances	CC2 Methods of Separating and Purifying Substances
PHYSICS		
Topic 1	Key concepts in Physics	NA *
Topic 2	Motion and forces	CP2 Forces and Motion
Topic 3	Conservation of energy	CP3 Conservation of Energy
Topic 4	Waves	CP4 Waves
Topic 5	Light and the electromagnetic spectrum	CP5 Light and the Electromagnetic Spectrum

KS4/5 Music Evening

Huge congratulations to all of the students from Years 11, 12 and 13 who performed at the music event on Wednesday 5 April. There were



some fantastically assured and mature solo performances, showcasing a real variety of musical styles and influences, from romantic piano works to Rage Against the Machine via musical theatre ballads. The evening ended with Robert



Moore's Year 13 A Level recital - 10 minutes of insanely complex Dream Theatre...! Well done to all students involved!

Individual Music Lessons

With Year 11 and Year 13 students moving on soon, there are a few additional spaces available for music lessons. Please email Mr Clarke (steve.clarke@jca.cabot.ac.uk) if you would like your child to start having music lessons in Term 5.

If your child currently has music lessons, please could you check that your payments are up to date on the Scopay system. Do get in touch with Maria Morris in the school office if you have any issues with the payment system.

Sporting Superstar

Heather Witcombe (Year 10) made a splash when she competed in 32 races over 6 days at the Gloucester County Championships – collecting 31 medals and trophies in the process! Swimming her way to success after working tirelessly in her training sessions whilst balancing her GCSE studies, the hard work has paid off in tremendous style. During the championships, Heather worked her way through heats where the standard of swimming was high, keeping her focus to secure her place in the finals. After competing in round after round of very competitive swimming over several weekends, Heather came away with the following outstanding results. Congratulations Heather!



<p><u>Junior County Champion Shield x 4</u> 400m Freestyle 200m Individual Medley 100m Freestyle 50m Freestyle</p>	<p><u>Junior County Champion Trophy x 2</u> 200m Individual Medley 400m Freestyle</p>	
<p><u>Open Age Group County Championship – Bronze</u> 200m Individual Medley</p>	<p><u>Open Age Group County Championship Top 8 x 4</u> 200m Backstroke 400m Freestyle 400m Individual Medley 200m Freestyle</p>	
<p><u>Gold x 11</u> 100m and 200m Backstroke 50m, 100m, 200m and 400m Freestyle 200m Butterfly 200m and 400m Individual Medley, Freestyle and Medley Relay</p>	<p><u>Silver x 4</u> 50m and 100m Butterfly 50m Backstroke 100m Individual Medley</p>	<p><u>Bronze x 1</u> 800m Freestyle</p>

Duke of Edinburgh walk

Last weekend’s DofE practice walk was in the Mendips. This was the first time the students had walked by themselves. There were several wrong turnings taken during the day, which resulted in us overrunning by a couple of hours; however, the mood in the three teams was good!



The students are now looking forward to the practice expedition, carrying full packs, in May.



'Grease' the musical

There is a trip to see Grease the musical at the Bristol Hippodrome for Year 9 students who have chosen GCSE Drama and also the current Year 10 GCSE Music and Drama students. We have 45 tickets available, to be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Tickets cost £13 each; the trip will take place on Wednesday 7 June. Please see Miss Grainger for a letter.

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. Katie Derrick | 6. Renee Weber |
| 2. Ashleigh Jefferies | 7. Zaki Guleid |
| 3. Tom Cummins | 8. Barrie McCue |
| 4. Scarlet Person | 9. Jude Hayman |
| 5. Ted Willoughby | 10. Molly McKay |

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. Emmy Bowers | 6. Nancy Griffin |
| 2. Darnell Brown | 7. Carrie-Anne Maccabee |
| 3. Isabel Cunningham | 8. Ruby Payne |
| 4. Antonia De Cordova | 9. Max Gaines |
| 5. Katie Derrick | 10. Ayaan Sheikh |

Best Attendance

Congratulations to 7Sa who have won the Best Attendance Award this term, with a figure standing at 97.8% for the year to date. Well done!

Mercury are currently the winning Community overall for attendance since the start of the year, with 96.3%.

Resound summer newsletter

We delivered a 4 week **Handling Anger** course for the first time recently and have decided to run another one after Easter (starting 2 May, 9.30am), because of the huge demand that there is for this course. We will not be running the Primary Course now, due to very low take up. We will also be running an **Early Years** course (starting on 3 May) at 7.30pm Fishponds Baptist Church. We have a Hot Topics session focused on **Self Esteem and Bullying**, on 27 June, 7.30pm at Resound. More details of the above and our **Parent Buddies** service can be found on the Newsletter, which is available to download [here](#).

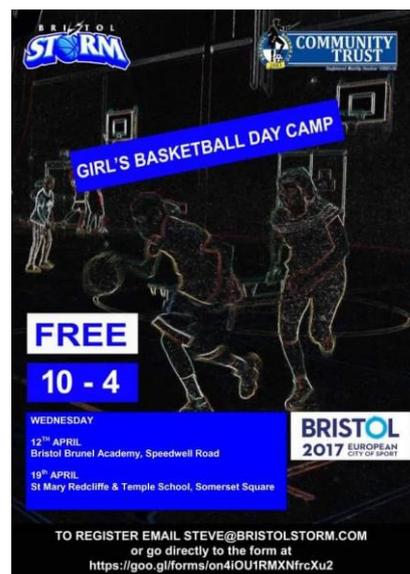
Girls Easter Basketball Camp

Please see the poster for details of a girls' basketball camp over Easter. The camp is completely free, from 10am - 4pm, games competitions and skill work. Camp dates are:

12th April @ Bristol Brunel Academy

19th April @ St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School

To register, email: steve@bristolstorm.com or go directly to the form at: <https://goo.gl/forms/on4iOU1RMXNfrcXu2>



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 13	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	Ms Keller
Maths	Year 12	JCA	0930-1100	18th April 2017	Miss Walton
Media	Year 12	CAB	0900-1200	12th April 2017	Ms Fuller
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
Psychology	Year 13	CAB	0900-1300	10th April 2017	Mrs Power

Y11 study timetable

Please click [here](#) to find a copy of a study timetable that may be helpful when organising revision. This has been shared with all tutors so they can help Y11 students but it may also be useful for parents. One is an example of a finished study timetable and the other is a blank template for students to complete their own.

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	GCSE exams start, Monday 15 May
Sixth Form	

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
	Stanno black shorts

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
Black North Face coat
Navy Longwell Green sport hoody (initials SP)
*At least 4 pairs of glasses of different
colour/styles

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