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Year 6 Transition Day

It was superb to welcome the Year 6 students this week who will join us in September as Year 7 students. The event was wonderfully co-ordinated by Mrs Jarrett who ensured that students had the opportunity to meet the Principal, sample lessons, meet staff and older students and understand our routines and expectations. We explained the requirements of our new uniform and the Principal's project that we want each student to bring on their first day in September.

As well as meeting our excellent group of Year 6 students, it was incredibly impressive to see the quality of leadership shown by our Year 9 students who went to exceptional lengths to ensure that new students were made to feel welcome.



Year 8 Residential

Over 100 of our Year 8 students enjoyed a superb visit to the Wye Valley this week on the Year 8 residential visit. I am delighted to hear how much students enjoyed the visit and, of course, we are all very grateful to members of staff who gave of their own personal and family time to support the visit. In particular, Year 8 parents/carers will doubtless want to join me to thank the leader of this visit, Mr J Wilson.

Ofsted Visit Feedback

We have not yet received our formal feedback letter following the recent visit from Ofsted to JCA on 9 June 2017. As soon as this arrives, we will share information with parents/carers.

New Uniform

Students are in the process of trying on uniform samples so that parents/carers will be in a position to buy uniform items. Over the next few weeks, we will provide opportunities for parents to come to JCA after school to see uniform samples and for students to try on samples of uniform with parents being present. The plan for this will be communicated next week.

New School Day Timings

Our school day has to change slightly in 2017-18. This because JCA is one of the two academies within the CLF that will be delivering Post 16 lessons next year. This is a real coup for JCA but one of the adjustments we have to make is ensuring our school day is the same as the other Academy delivering Post 16 lessons (Bristol Brunel Academy). Therefore, our school day in 2017-18 will begin at 8:40am and end at 3:00pm.

However, we have freedom in how we structure our day between 8:40am and 3:00pm. During Terms 4 and 5, Ms Willis worked with our staff and students to discuss how we would structure the day. Ms Willis wants to express her thanks to our students for their feedback on the possible options she presented to them. Special thanks also go to our Student Council members who worked with her to finalise the structure of the school day. They asked her some challenging questions and raised excellent points that had not been considered. Please click below to see the final timings of the school day for 2017-18.

[New school day timings 2017/18](#)

To help our Year 7 students' transition into secondary school, they have a separate lunch from the rest of the school. This has worked really well this year and so we wish to continue it into next year. Hence, you will see we have two separate lunch periods.

Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies

You may have noticed that the Y11 leavers' hoody has the new school logo on the left breast of the garment. This logo was printed following an incorrect assumption made by the printer. If your son/daughter might wish to have a leavers' hoody with the correct school logo then we would be pleased to organise this for you. If your son/daughter would like to take advantage of this, please hand your current hoody into reception by Friday 30 June. We will then have the hoody reprinted and available for collection near the end of term. We are sorry for the mistake and would want to ensure that any student who feels strongly about this can have their hoody changed to a garment with the old school logo if they wish.

Normal uniform for next week

Now that the hot weather has subsided, shorts are no longer permitted so students should be wearing normal school uniform from Monday 26 June.

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	Sports Day, Wednesday 5 July CLF Inset Day, Friday 7 July – all CLF academies closed Learning 4 Life, Monday 17 July, pds 1/2 Term 6 ends, Friday 21 July – Community Day
Year 7	Y7 Music Festival, Wednesday 28 June Y7 Drama Festival, Tuesday 18 July
Year 8	Y8 Music Festival, Tuesday 27 June Y8 Drama Festival, Monday 17 July
Year 9	
Year 10	Y10 Geography Field Trip, 12 – 15 July Y10 Geography Field Trip, 17 – 19 July
Year 11	
Sixth Form	

Achievement, Rewards & Recognition

Achievement Points: Top 10 Students

The following students scored the most achievement points this week. They have consistently worked hard in and out of lessons and are making excellent progress in Term 6. Well Done!



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| 1. Harry Bowley | 6. Yasmine Awad |
| 2. Declan Jewell | 7. Tyrone Jackson |
| 3. Amira Ismail | 8. Emily Hunter |
| 4. Joshua Barrett | 9. Connor Francis |
| 5. Archie Bird | 10. Emma Jane Smith |

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. Jasmine Gotts | 6. Jacob Brown |
| 2. Ella-Mae Hemmings | 7. Laura Kerswell |
| 3. Carrie-Anne Maccabee | 8. Gemma Raybould |
| 4. Ryleigh Burgess | 9. Max Gaines |
| 5. Nancy Griffin | 10. Benjamin House |

Sainsbury's vouchers

Thank you very much to all the students, staff and parents who have brought in Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers this year; as a school we have managed to collect 5299. The collection box is no longer on the main reception; the collected vouchers will be used to order new equipment for the PE department. Thank you again to all students, staff and parents for bringing in their vouchers, they are greatly appreciated.

End of Year Exams

Next week, there will be end of year science exams taking place for some students. Year 7 students will have their exam on Monday 26 June and Year 9 students will have their exam on Friday 30 June.

In addition, all Year 9 students have an English exam on Monday 26 June, starting at 12.40pm in the Main Hall. Students will need to go to lunch with Year 7 at 12 noon and then line up outside the Main Hall at 12.35pm. The exam runs for 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Y9 Future Quest Visit

Year 9 Future Quest students will be visiting Clifton Suspension Bridge on Wednesday 28 June. Students will leave the Academy at 9.00am and will return by 3.00pm. Student can wear non uniform and should bring a packed lunch. Please be ready for the outdoors and wear sturdy shoes or trainers.

Lost Property

Due to space constraints, we are changing our system for dealing with lost property. From now on:

- Items with students' names in will be returned to them.
- Valuables including waterproof/winter coats will be kept until the end of term, then sent to charity.
- Other lost items will be kept in student reception for *one week*, then recycled or thrown away.

We currently have approx. 30 high quality and expensive, premium branded winter coats in lost property. If your child has lost theirs, please encourage them to come and have a look. Or you can telephone the school and ask to speak to Miss Skuse in student reception with a description and she will see if she can find a match.

Best wishes

Mr S White
Principal