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Coronavirus Update

Current Status

There is no immediate cause for concern and your child is safe to attend school as usual, providing they have not returned from Category 1 or 2 countries/areas. See the Travel section below for further details.

The following message is to update and reassure you about the precautions that the Cabot Learning Federation and its Academies are taking, in light of the highly-publicised Coronavirus.

All Academies in the Cabot Learning Federation, are following the School specific advice from Public Health England.

School Attendance

Your child(ren) should attend school as normal.

Unless you have recently returned from one of the category 1 countries/areas, or you have returned from a category 2 country/area and have symptoms. Please see advice under Travel below.

Precautions



Travel

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel during the forthcoming holiday period. If so, please refer to the Foreign Office's latest travel advice.

If pupils travel back from any of the category 1 countries/areas, please follow the current advice and isolation arrangements from Public Health England. Please also advise the academy as soon as possible.



- Wuhan city and Hubei Province
- Iran
- Daegu or Cheongdo (Republic of Korea)
- Any Italian town under containment measures
- Full list of Category 1 countries/areas including maps

If Pupils travel back from any of the category 2 countries/areas and develop symptoms, please follow the current advice and isolation arrangements from Public Health England. Please also advise the academy as soon as possible.

[Click here for a list of Category 2 countries/areas including maps.](#)

Racist Behaviours

Every major disease outbreak brings with it an accompanying element of fear and alarm. When links are made to particular groups or communities, there is potential for racist sentiment to build in our schools and settings. Please support us by challenging such behaviours if they emerge at home. We take a zero-tolerance approach to any racist incidents and we continue to monitor this closely.

Resources

Coronavirus (COVID-19): latest information and advice - [Click here](#)

Information for the public on the outbreak of coronavirus in China, including the current situation in the UK and information about the virus and its symptoms.

COVID-19: guidance for educational settings - [Click here](#)

Guidance for schools and other educational settings in providing advice about the novel coronavirus, COVID-19.

Non-Urgent Queries: How to Get In Touch

For non-urgent queries, please email JCAinfo@clf.uk. This is now the single mailbox for all enquiries, and is monitored by several members of staff. Our staff will forward the email to the relevant staff member, who will reply by phone within 5 working days wherever possible.

For urgent queries only phone the academy on 0117 976 3000 between 8am and 4:15pm. An urgent query is:

- About the safety of your child, or another child



- Something which needs to be actioned immediately (e.g. a change in who is picking up your child, or where your child has to go after school).

[Click here to read our Communications Policy.](#)

Key Dates

[Click here to access the Academy Calendar.](#)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
25/2/2020 – 4/3/2020	Year 11 Mocks: 25/2: Eng Lang 26/2: Maths 27/2: Eng Lit 28/2: Science 2/3: Maths 3/3 Science 4/3: Maths 5/3: Science
3/3/2020 – 5/3/2020	Bugsy Malone School Production – 7pm start.
4/3/2020	JCA Celebrates World Book Day. Your child is invited to dress up as a favourite book character for the day. Those not in costume will wear school uniform as normal. A range of World Book Day events will take place in the Library during its opening times (this Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday).
12/3/2020	Y10 Parents' Evening – Insight login information to follow in due course.
20/3/2020	Y8 & Y9 HPV Vaccinations – Consent forms for Y8 to follow in due course.



Upcoming Payments

<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Item</i>
6/3/2020	Music Tuition – Please ensure all outstanding payments are made by the date shown, or lesson cancellations will be necessary.
20/3/2020	Revision Guides – Please ensure all orders and payments are made by the date shown, as the order will be placed in the morning of 23/3/2020.
N/A	Bugsy Malone – Tickets are available from the Music and Drama departments.

The preferred method of payment is online via SCOPAY. Please use the following link:
<https://www.scopay.com/john-cabot-ac>

Alternatively, there is also an app that you can download via App Store or Google play.

If you have not used SCOPAY before and require an online link code to complete your account set up please contact info@jca.cabot.ac.uk or call Reception and ask to speak with Mrs J Chappell in the Finance Office. The information required for the link code to be produced for you is the full name of your child, their tutor group and your email address so that the code and instructions can be emailed to you.

Cash and cheques (made payable to John Cabot Academy) can currently still be accepted and should be brought to the Finance Office by your child where a receipt will be issued. Please write your child's full name and tutor group along with the trip name on the reverse of cheques.

Canteen Announcement: Student Overdrafts

Student overdrafts will no longer be allowed as of Term 5. Please ensure all overdrafts are settled before the start of this term so that your child can still use their canteen account.



Extra-Curricular Activities

Note that days, times and rooming are subject to change. Always speak to the Staff Contact to confirm.

Misc. Clubs

Club Name	Weekday	Time	Staff Contact	Room
Board Game Club	Mondays	Lunchtime	D Coe	AF6
Bugsy Malone Rehearsals	Tuesdays	3:00-4:30	C Grierson	Music
Bugsy Malone Band Only	Weds & Fri	Lunchtime	C Grierson	Music
Choir	Mondays	Lunchtime	C Grierson	Music
Further Maths (Invitation Only)	Tuesdays	3:00-3:45	A Walton	TF4/5
Harmony Group	Thursdays	Lunchtime	C Grierson	Music
LGBTQ+ Society	Thursdays	Lunchtime	G Simpson	SF1
Mental Health and Wellbeing Drop-in	Thursdays	Lunchtime	K Richards	SF5
Ukelele Club	Tuesdays	Lunchtime	C Grierson	Music

Revision Clubs

Club Name	Weekday	Time	Staff Contact	Room
Y10 & 11 Business Studies	Tuesdays	3:00-4:00	J Allen	AF8
Y11 BTEC Performing Arts	Thursdays	3:00-4:00	S Shousha-Nady	Stage
Y11 Computer Science Revision	Mondays	3:05-4:05	Gareth Foster	AF10
Y11 Design Technology Revision 1	Mondays	3:00-4:00	C Oxley	DC1
Y11 Design Technology Revision 2	Wednesdays	3:00-4:00	L Barraclough	BG8
Y11 English Revision 1	Mondays	3:00-4:00	S Graydon	AG4
Y11 English Revision 2	Thursdays	3:00-4:00	F Ford	AG2
Y11 Food Tech Coursework	Tuesdays	3:00-4:00	J Shipp	BF10
Y11 French Revision	Mondays	3:00-4:00	T Groskop	AF2
Y11 History Revision 1	Mondays	3:15-4:15	S Williams	TF3
Y11 History Revision 2	Tuesdays	3:15-4:15	D Coe	AF6
Y11 Music Coursework	Mon & Thurs	3:00-4:00	C Grierson	Music
Y11 Music Revision	Tuesdays	Lunchtime	C Grierson	Music
Y11 Photography Revision	Thursdays	3:00-4:00	H Smith	BF7
Y11 Spanish Revision	Mondays	3:00-4:00	T Groskop	AF10
Y11 Study Room	Every	Lunchtime	Steve Church	CG2



PE Clubs

Club Name	Weekday	Time	Year Group
Girls' Football	Mondays	After School	All
Fitness Suite	Mondays	After School	Y10 & Y11
Basketball	Mondays	After School	All
Hockey	Mondays	After School	All
Boys' Football	Tuesdays	After School	Y7 & Y8
Fitness Club	Tuesdays	After School	Y7, Y8 & Y9
Bugsy Malone Dance Rehearsals	Tuesdays	After School	All
Duke of Edinburgh's Award	Tuesdays	After School	Y9 (invite only)
Sports Science Coursework	Thursdays	After School	Y10 & Y11

Parking Restrictions on the JCA Site

A reminder of parking restrictions on our school site:

- Our site follows a One-Way System. You must obey this when driving on the school site.
- Parking on double yellow lines is strictly prohibited unless you are a disabled Blue Badge holder.
- Yellow zig-zag lines outside schools indicate a length of road where stopping is strictly prohibited and traffic enforcement officers can penalise those who park on them.
- Parents are strictly prohibited from parking in the car park nearest the academy at the end of the day to wait to pick up their child.

Failure to observe these rules can result in serious consequences and very heavy penalties. A recent incident involved a visitor to the school site reversing into a resident's driveway and hitting their parked car.



Calculators Available

Calculators are available for all year groups to purchase. We have two kinds recommended by the Maths department, which have been deemed appropriate for all numeracy-based exams conducted at the Academy.



Casio Scientific Calculator FX83GT
£13.50



Casio ClassWiz FX 991EX Scientific
Calculator
£22.50

(For students considering A Level
Maths after GCSE)

Both these calculators are available for purchase via SCOPAY, or from the Finance Office by cash or cheque.

Years 10 and 11: Revision Guides – Final Order for Academic Year 2019/2020

The final order for revision guides this academic year will be placed on Monday 23 March 2020. Deadline for orders and payment is Friday 20 March. Orders can be made online via SCOPAY. Online payments are necessary as the system has been tailored to your child's academic requirements: for subjects where students are in Foundation and Higher groups (e.g. Maths and Science), only the guides relevant to your child's needs will be displayed on SCOPAY. Please see the "Upcoming Payments" section of this newsletter for login information.



Vice Principal Appointment

During the course of the last week, we have conducted an appointment process for the permanent Vice Principal of JCA. I am pleased to tell you that Chris Ballard was the successful candidate.

Chris has been acting Vice Principal for the last year and prior to that Assistant Principal.





Throughout the process he demonstrated his values-led leadership, his passion for JCA and his commitment to continuing to improve the quality of education we offer our students.

Our students were involved throughout the process in lessons, assemblies and a student panel. They made me very proud with their willing participation and thoughtful feedback. All the candidates commented on how amazing our students were. – *Kate Willis*

Mia Wins CLF Bake-Off

JCA Student Mia only went and won the CLF Bake Off!

She and the food tech team submitted a "world cake" which scored a staggering 5*/5 in all categories.

The competition involved blind testing of cakes from nearly 20 CLF schools. A huge congratulations to Mia for all her effort and skill!



Performing Arts Updates

Violin Lessons – Free Taster Sessions on Wednesday 4th March

Are you interested in learning the violin? Free taster sessions will take place this Wednesday! Please speak to Mr Shepherd for more information. Thereafter, prices per lesson are £11 – or £55 per term.



Student Performance: Buggy Malone – This Week!

Our school production returns on 3, 4 and 5 March. This year we are performing *Buggy Malone* with a cast and team of over 60 students.

The performance will feature students from year 7 to year 11, a live band accompanying the vocalists, and eye-catching and innovative sets designed by Year 10 Design and Technology students. Please come along and support our students as they put on the custard pie, splurge filled spectacle of *Buggy Malone*.

Tickets are available from Music and Drama - £5 for adults, and £3 students/concessions. All evening performances will start at 7pm.



JCA Students in Project Fearless

On Wednesday 12 of our students joined 12 Oasis John Williams students at the Integrate UK studios in Bristol to begin script writing for 'Project Fearless.' This was an amazing opportunity for our young people and the lucky chosen 12 were able to work with a professional script writer from the BBC, creating an original film which they will be also be able to perform in and help make. The film will be screened at the Integrate conference at the Tobacco Factory in July.

Maths Updates

JCA Students Excel in Bristol Maths Feast

We are delighted to share that Harry, Curtis, Brook & Ruby represented us superbly at the Bristol Maths Feast yesterday. Thanks to their tremendous knowledge & skill, John Cabot Academy ranked 2nd out of the 20 schools who attended. Definitely cause for celebration!

Opportunities

Writing Competition: Tall Tales, Short Stories

The Royal Society of Literature is running a competition called *Tall Tales, Short Stories*, and the deadline for entries is Friday 27 March 2020. [Click here for more information.](#)

This writing competition is open to UK-based 14-18 year olds and celebrates 20 years of the V. S. Pritchett Short Story Prize, the great range of the short story form, and what is possible



when we use other writers as inspiration.

Entrants are asked to select a story from the Tall Tales, Short Stories anthology to complete in 500 words, and send in their ending with a completed entry form, by email or post. If you would like copies of the Tall Tales, Short Stories anthology and printed entry forms let me know and I'll post them out to you – we have plenty!

Deadline for entries Friday 27 March 2020. Winner and runner-up stories will be published on the RSL website and their authors will receive National Book Tokens.

[Click here to read the full job description and person specification, and to apply.](#)



Best wishes



*Kate Willis
Principal
John Cabot Academy*

