

NOTICE: All students will finish the school day at 1:50pm on Tuesday, 10th September.
This is so staff can prepare for the John Cabot Academy Open Evening, which runs from 4pm-8pm.

A Welcome Message from the Associate Principal, Kate Willis

Welcome to the start of a new school academic year and a special welcome to our new families and Year 7 students who have just started secondary school. We had an emotional day in the summer holidays with our year 11 students receiving their exam results. There were some tremendous performances from individual students and overall, as is usual, the outcomes for students at JCA were good (please see the website for more detail). It is lovely to see so many of our year 11 students returning for Post16.

All students have made an excellent start to the new year. Perhaps however the week is best summed up in the words of a year 7 student to me as he left on Friday afternoon: "I've really enjoyed my first week at JCA. The teachers are really kind the the food is excellent!"

*Open Evening for Year 7 student entry in 2020: Tuesday 10th September 2019, 4pm - 8pm.
Early school closure at 1:50pm.*

Parents of children entering secondary education in 2020 are invited to attend our Open Evening in September, when they can visit departments and meet staff and students. Presentations by the Associate Principal will be given throughout the evening in the main hall.

School will close early at 1:50pm on 10th September so that school staff can prepare for the evening.

We will also be holding Open Mornings from 9:30am - 10:30am on the following dates

Monday 16th September
Friday 20th September
Tuesday 24th September
Thursday 26th September
Tuesday 1st October
Friday 4th October.

Please contact the Academy on jcastudentenquiries@jca.cabot.ac.uk to book a space.

Follow us on Twitter

Between each weekly newsletter, John Cabot Academy operates a Twitter presence **@johncabotnews**. Follow us to keep up to speed with Academy events throughout the school year.

If you would like to keep up to date with Performing Arts news and opportunities at John Cabot Academy, please follow us on Twitter **@cabotmusic** or Instagram **@jcamusic**. We post about lots of exciting Music and Drama opportunities in and around Bristol. Watch this space for our school production auditions for this year.

You can also follow our lively and literary JCA Library page **@libraryjca**.



Above: Tweets from the last day of the 2018/19 Academic Year, and our GCSE Results Day.

Period Poverty: The Red Box Project at John Cabot Academy

As you may be aware, here at John Cabot Academy we are supported by the Red Box Project to help eradicate period poverty. This means that any child within the school is able to receive free sanitary products when required. They are available in the PE office.

Our products are all donated. Should you be able to donate to those who require this service, please drop items into reception for the attention of Miss Cannon. Similarly, we currently require packs of new underpants sizes 6 - 16 and small packs of wet wipes.

Number 1 Bus Route

We were dismayed to receive notice from the South Glos Bus and Coach Company on the last day of last term that they were cancelling the number 1 bus route. We share your frustration with the short amount of notice. The school bus routes are not organised directly by JCA, but instead are run by a private company and they have decided this route is not profitable.

If this affects you, we are happy (with your consent) to share your email addresses with each other so you can work together to share lifts. We are also happy to host a meeting for parents and students where you could discuss lift sharing or alternative solutions. If you would like us to do this for you, please do email the academy on jcastudentenquiries@jca.cabot.ac.uk.



See overleaf for Key Dates.

Key Dates

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
10/9/2019	School Finishes at 1:50pm JCA Open Evening: 4pm – 8pm
16/9/2019	JCA Open Mornings – please email jcastudentenquiries@jca.cabot.ac.uk to book a space.
20/9/2019	
24/9/2019	
26/9/2019	
1/10/2019	
4/10/2019	
10/10/2019	Y11 Parents Evening 3:45pm – 6:15pm
18/10/2019	Community Concert at Holy Trinity Church, Kingswood
22/10/2019	CLF Post 16 Open Evening at Bristol Brunel Academy
24/10/2019	Last Day of Term 1 2019/20
25/10/2019	Inset Day – School Closed to Pupils
4/10/2019	First Day of Term 2 2019/20

Best wishes



*Kate Willis
Associate Principal
John Cabot Academy*