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Coronavirus Update

Where to find up-to-date information

We have no reported cases of any student or staff member diagnosed with COVID-19 in any of the Cabot Learning Federation's institutions.

Although this is a fast-changing and complex situation, we are following the available government guidance in full. We monitor this guidance at regular points every day for any changes.

The Cabot Learning Federation has created a web page for all academies, which provides up-to-date information, guidance, and even online awareness training for our school communities:

- <http://www.clf.uk/coronavirus-advice>

The Department for Education has also launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education:

- 0800 046 8687
- DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk
- Opening hours 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

You may have heard speculation about school closures in response to COVID-19. On this front, Public Health England's advice is very clear: in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case, no academies should close unless directed to do so by Public Health England.

To reiterate, this is a dynamic situation that we are monitoring closely. If the situation changes, we will update staff and parents via our normal communication routes.



Key Dates

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
11/3/2020	Sport Relief – Charity wristbands on sale at lunchtime. Speak to Mr Thomas for more information.
12/3/2020	Y10 Parents’ Evening – Bookings are now live.
20/3/2020	Y8 & Y9 HPV Vaccinations – First dose for Y8 boys and girls; second dose for Y9 girls. Y8 medical consent forms must be returned no later than Thursday 12 March. Y9 forms were collected during their first dose last year.
21/3/2020	Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Day Walk 1
24/3/2020	Y11 MFL Mock Speaking Exams Y11 Music Recital
27/3/2020	Y11 Trip to Bristol Neuroscience Festival

Upcoming Payments

<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Item</i>
24/2/2020	Year 9 Visit to Paris - £100.00 due. 2019/20 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award - £30.00 due.
25/2/2020	Y8 Residential Camp - £20.00 due.
28/2/2020	PGL Water Sports Trip to France 2020 - £225.00 due.
28/2/2020	Geography Field Trip 2020 - £50.00 due.
6/3/2020	Music Tuition – Overdue payments for Term 4 must be made as soon as possible or lessons will be terminated.
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.

Entries in red: some payments are overdue. If you have not made payments on time, you must



do so urgently, or your child’s opportunity will be withdrawn.

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 JCAinfo@clf.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
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
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.



#JCA100days

This Thursday 12 March marks the start of the final 100 days leading up to the last Year 11 exam of 2020. If you have a child in Year 11, please follow us on social media for regular updates, including available support, top tips and key events in the buildup to exam season.

We will be encouraging students to do so this week through assembly and tutor time, and it would be great for parents and carers to be able to share in this and be kept up to date. Your ongoing support at this important time is invaluable and much appreciated.

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Performing Arts News: Bugsy Malone



Our school production of Bugsy Malone was a rip-roaring success! The students completed three splurgetastic performances this week, including to an almost sell-out crowd on the final evening. Combined with the excellent sound, lighting, slick set changes and live band, the performances were outstanding, showcasing the

vast amount of talent in Performing Arts from year 7 to year 11.

Miss Grierson and Ms Shousha-Nady are incredibly proud of all of your hard work, commitment and motivation over the last few months and we can't wait to see the DVD! If you would like a copy of the DVD when it is complete, please email Miss Grierson. Many thanks for all your support with Bugsy Malone; we look forward to seeing you at the next Academy production!

Library News

World Book Day – Dozens of Activities, Scores of Costumes, Hundreds of Stories

JCA celebrated World Book Day by hosting a number of activities running from Monday through to Wednesday. Many staff and students dressed up as their favourite book characters, with Aardman Zone winning the coveted “best dressed” award for the second year running.

Students were also tasked with matching paired characters together: members of staff wore badges all week, and students had to match the characters on these badges together (e.g. Ron & Hermione, or Lennie and George). Results of this competition are to be announced.

Staff at the Academy also shared 915 stories with students this week – a huge feat and sound contribution to the **Share A Million Stories** initiative.

Scholastic Book Club – Orders due on 16 March

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/john-cabot> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month’s Book Club, our school will earn 25p in Scholastic Rewards.

You can also use your £1 World Book Day voucher towards the cost of any book priced £2.99 and over, saving you even more money!



Please place your order online by 16 March.

Don't forget to follow @LibraryJCA on Twitter for more news!

Sports News

Y7 - Mangotsfield v JCA 13-0

Year 7 played a rearranged game vs Mangotsfield in which they continued to show great resilience. Not only that – they also play fairly, they never get annoyed with each other, and they are always supportive. While the results may not be what they wanted, the way they conduct themselves is a credit to JCA. Well done!

Y7 - King's Oak Academy v JCA 6-0

The second Year 7 game was against King's Oak. Playing on a reduced-size pitch, the game was a lot more open. The King's Oak goalkeeper was simply incredible and somehow kept out multiple shots. Without a recognised goal keeper, Lindit stepped in. After an initial half with a few mistakes his second half was superb, palming away several shots going into the roof of the net. Malachi was a rock in defence, often having to fend off a 3v1, and doing so multiple times. Another display of good sportsmanship and team play. Their coach highlighted Modou for his good honesty. We lost the first half 5-0, had a pep talk and lost the second 1-0. We are making progress!

From a teacher's point of view, I am genuinely impressed with the enthusiasm and attitude of these students in the face of defeats. They play with smiles and are always polite. When giving up time to provide these opportunities what more could you want as a teacher? Well done chaps – your attitude is the reason we like to do clubs and matches!

Y8 – JCA v Mangotsfield 10-1

Year 8 played Mangotsfield on Tuesday evening. On a very wet pitch with grass up to the ankle, they produced a quality performance. The team was captained by Cieran, who is simply fantastic in this role. Multiple teachers have now said how good it is to see him leading by example, being positive to all his team mates and running the warm-ups to a particularly high standard. The squad played really well and proceeded to win 10 -1.

Y8 – JCA v King's Oak Academy 19-0

The year 8's final game was against King's Oak. A mixed JCA team played, giving some students their first experience of competitive school sport. The game was quite comprehensive, with JCA winning 19-0. Being significantly in the lead at half time, and to keep it friendly, JCA were asked if any students would like to swap. Cieran stepped up, and proceeded to work with 100%



effort to try to nick a goal for KOA. Really fantastic leadership qualities from a student who had already impressed!

Well done to all players on this week's efforts. Positive attitude, resilience and determination were in abundance!

A special thank you to Mr Wilson for supervising the 19-0 game; thanks, too, to Miss Cannon and Miss Price, who supported a game when I was off for the day looking after my son.

- Mr Thomas

Opportunities

Black Police Association at JCA

On Wednesday 18 March, we will be joined by Kernal from the Black Police Association who will be in the Street over the lunch time period ready to answer questions on careers within the police, racism, gang affiliation and knife crime. For more information, please contact Emma at careersjca@clf.uk.

Employment Opportunity: Exam Invigilators

We are looking for Exam Invigilators to join our supportive and talented exams team within Cabot Learning Federation. We are a diverse multi-academy trust, looking for professional and ambitious people, with a passion for transforming our students' learning. Our Academies need exam invigilators, readers and scribes to assist with scheduled exams across the Federation.

As this is a casual position you will work when available and will be called upon when required to support the Academies during exam season. As the CLF will need a number of Exam Invigilators to assist with the approaching exam season, this vacancy will remain active and applications will be reviewed on a monthly basis.

This position requires flexibility as there are various exams held throughout the academic year, these usually fall within November, January and March. The Summer exams are held in May and June. There are also mock exams for Years 9, 10 and 11 at different times throughout the year.

The working hours for this role can vary as exam environments have to be set up before the beginning of the school day and on occasions can sometimes continue after the school day has finished. This position will be paid on an hourly rate plus holiday pay.



When completing your application, please specify which academies you would like to invigilate within. This information is required in order for your application to be processed.

Please click here to view the full advert, job description and person specification, along with information about how to apply.



Best wishes



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