



Photo of the Week: Lola Humphries raises £700 for Heart Research UK by carrying out an eye-watering 10,000 ft. skydive!

1. Duke of Edinburgh Information Evening – Tues 25th June, 6pm

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Information Evening takes place on Tuesday 25th June at 6pm. This is for Year 8 students who are thinking about taking part in the award in year 9.

2. Certificate in Further Maths Information Meeting – Weds 26th June, 12:20pm

Letters have been sent home via students for students in Maths sets Y10 set 1 and 2 and Y9 set 1 and 2 regarding the **Certificate in Further Maths**. Parents/carers are reminded to fill in the slips and ensure their child brings these back to their maths teacher stating whether they are interested and therefore whether they can attend the information meeting on this course at 12.20pm Wednesday 26th June in TF4.

3. JCA Students Join Film and TV Writers for Integrate Project

Today (Friday 21st June), a group of YR 8 and 9s are off to the Integrate studios to begin script writing and developing their own film in collaboration with film and TV writers. The results of their work will then be screened at the Tobacco Factory on 13 July. The project is about racism and Islamophobia and is a very exciting opportunity for our students. Integrate will be working with them every Monday in Term 6.

4. FutureQuest Students Celebrate Success at Bristol City Hall



Our Year 10 Future Quest students spent a morning at Bristol City Hall on Friday 14th June celebrating their achievements and time spent on the Future Quest program over the last two academic years.

Each student was presented with a certificate, in front of other participating Future Quest schools and parents.

This Y10 FQ cohort will finish their experience for the year with a trip to the Houses of Parliament on 8th July.

5. Year 8 Rounders at Downend School

On Wednesday our Year 8 rounders team took part in a tournament at Downend School. The girls played against Mangotsfield, Kings Oak, Hanham Woods and Downend School. A massive well done to all students who took part – they worked really well as a team and had great communication skills!

6. Spare Football Boots Needed at JCA

When we come back from summer many students will need new football boots. If you have some unwanted pairs at home not needed, please recycle them and bring them into school. We can give them to individual students who cannot afford or use them for students who forget their boots so they can still take part in PE. Any donations in any size would be very welcome!

7. Friends of JCA Formally Unveil New Zone Murals



The JCA Zone murals were shown to the Friends of John Cabot Academy last Friday. Students from across each year group at John Cabot Academy have been collaborating with artist Harriet Wood and the Creative Youth Network to produce four murals around the academy representing each house.

Students brainstormed, with the assistance of the Creative Youth Network, what each mural should look like and consist of. Their concepts and ideas were then sent to artist Harriet Wood who transformed these ideas into hand-painted murals on the interior walls of the Academy.

The Friends of John Cabot Academy very kindly donated money to pay for the cost of painting the Murals. They have been instrumental in this process throughout. Maria Murphy from the Friends formally unveiled the murals in front of staff and students on Friday.

8. Success for Josh Maggs in Athletics

Recently, Josh Maggs has had an impressive string of Athletics wins. Having run fast enough to get selected in the 200m for South Glos Schools, Josh won the area event. The next level up saw him travel to Plymouth where he came 2nd in just over 22 seconds for the 200m. Then the wait – did he get through to English Schools and was his time quick enough?

Josh came to tell Mr Thomas the news later that day. “The answer was clear,” Mr Thomas says. “Grinning from ear to ear, Josh told me he had been selected to run in Cardiff. He will be staying overnight, have heats, and if his speed is quick enough will remain another day for the final. This is the first time that I am aware of that a student has got to this level at JCA.”

“Josh is currently the 12th quickest runner in year 10 in the country. It's worth saying that again: from the hundreds of thousands of students across the UK, Josh is 12th fastest. What is more astonishing is he only took up athletics less than a year ago when a certain PE teacher nagged him to get involved – although I still think he could be a national league hockey player!”

“Well done Josh, the PE team and I are dead chuffed for you!”

9. Lunchtime Tennis Competitions

Mr Thomas will be running a tennis competition over lunch times. Any students wanting to enter need to let the PE team know and I will enter them into the draw.

10. Upcoming Badminton Opportunities

A coach from Badminton England is due to come in and conduct some girls-only badminton sessions for terms 1 and 2.

We also now have a direct link to a local club at SBL on a Friday night. The club is looking for girls to come along to play some games and have fun. Any ability is welcome. If interested, please let the PE department know as soon as possible; spaces are limited!

11. Dates For The Diary

<u>Year</u>	<u>Event</u>
Year 7	
Year 8	Duke of Edinburgh info evening – 25 th June 2019, JCA, 6pm Year 8 Residential – Week commencing 8 th June 2019
Year 9	FutureQuest Clifton Suspension Bridge Trip – Thursday 4 th July
Year 10	Futurequest London Trip – 8 th July
Year 11	Year 11 Prom – Friday 28 th June
All	Battle of the Bands – 1 st July 2019, City Academy Bristol, 6pm Sports Day Throws – 2 nd July 2019, JCA Cabot's Got Talent – 2 nd July 2019, JCA, 6:30pm Sports Day – 3 rd July 2019, JCA Y7-11 Bristol Old Vic Trip – 4 th July 2019, 7pm

Best Wishes,

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