

1. Gary Kennedy – Performing Arts Technician.

We have just received the sad news of Gary Kennedy's passing on Wednesday, 20th March 2019. Gary had been unwell for a considerable amount of time. Whilst this is extremely sad for everybody that knew Gary, for his close family and friends this was not unexpected.

Gary was a colleague who had a profound impact on the students who were part of our dedicated 'tech team' in the many music, dance and drama performances that we have put on during the last six and a half years that Gary worked at JCA. He enabled students who are not performers to recognise their crucial role in the success of our academy performances. With his support, they thrived under the responsibility for ensuring the lights and sound were perfect in the performances and it is a privilege to see our students grow in confidence as a result.

We have already spoken to the parents and students who worked closely with Gary and through our tutors have passed on this sad news to all students. If your child is affected by this news, our pastoral and safeguarding teams are available for them to talk to.

2. Year 11 Revision Sessions over Easter.

Please make a note of these revision sessions for Year 11 subjects, which will take place in the first week of the Easter break.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday 8 th April	PE	9:00am - 2:00pm
	History	10:00am - 12:00pm
	ICT – CIDA	9:00am - 2:00pm
	Drama (Blood Brothers)	9:00am - 11:00am
	Drama (Live Theatre)	11:00am - 1:00pm
	Geography	1:00pm - 3:00pm
Tuesday 9 th April	ICT – CIDA	9:00am - 2:00pm
Wednesday 10 th April	ICT – CIDA	9:00am - 2:00pm
	Drama (Blood Brothers)	10:00am - 12:00pm
	Drama (Live Theatre)	12:00pm - 2:00pm
Thursday 11 th April	Computing	9:00am - 2:00pm
	Drama (Blood Brothers)	10:00am - 12:00pm
	Drama (Live Theatre)	12:00pm - 2:00pm
Friday 12 th April	ICT – CIDA	9:00am - 2:00pm



3. Envision Community Apprentices Raise Money with Direct Line.

JCA's Year 9 Community Apprentices have been working with Envision and Direct Line to raise awareness for their chosen charity, Plastic Pollution. This week they held a cake sale at Direct Line to raise money to help with projects which aim to eradicate single plastic usage. Through the Envision Community Apprentice programme, JCA students have been able to hone their presentation skills, experience life in a workplace environment, engage in the community, and build their confidence all at once. They deserve a huge congratulations for all their efforts – very well done.



4. Piano, Flute, Voice and Keyboard: One-Off Taster Sessions Available.



In the first week of Term 5, we are offering your child the opportunity to sign up for a taster session on either the keyboard, piano, flute or voice. The taster session will be with Richard Shepherd at a discount of 80% on the usual tuition fees, prices shown below. This would bring the taster session fees to £8.80 for solo sessions and £6.40 for paired sessions. If you are interested, please contact Miss Grierson or Mr Shepherd.

5. CLF Careers: Construction Pop-Up on Tuesday Lunchtime.

On Tuesday the 2nd April JCA will be joined by Louise from On Site Construction who will have a pop up stand in the street over the lunchtime period. Please use this opportunity to discuss any questions you may have relating to careers and apprenticeships in bench Joinery, electrical, bricklaying, carpentry, painting and decorating, plumbing and plastering.

You may also wish to take a look at On Site's website at www.onsitebristol.co.uk

6. Lost Property – Final Chance To Claim: Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th April.

Final Reminder: we will be displaying ALL lost property in the Atrium at the end of the school day, on the last Wednesday and Thursday of Term 4. Please could students then claim what is theirs. Anything left over will be given to charity

7. Dates For The Diary

Dates for the Easter Holidays enclosed below. Please see Item 2 for Year 11 holiday revision sessions.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
	<u>After school revision sessions for Y11:</u>
Mon 1 st April	Y11 English Revision Club Y11 Drama Revision Club
Tue 2 nd April	Y11 Maths Revision Club
Thu 4 th April	Y11 Science Revision Club Y11 Music Revision Club
5 th -22 nd April	<u>School Closed for Easter Holidays, as below:</u> Thursday 4 th April – last day of Term 3. Friday 5th April – INSET Day (staff only). Monday 8th April – Friday 19th April: Easter Holiday (school closed). Monday 22nd April – Bank Holiday (school closed). Tuesday 23 rd April – First Day of Term 4.

Best Wishes,

*Kate Willis
Vice Principal*