

Year 9 Parents' Evening is on 14th February.

If you have a child in year 9, please fill in and return the appointment booking form, which your child will bring home with them next week.

Employment Opportunities

Current vacancies at JCA include Afternoon Receptionist and Exam Invigilator roles.

Applications close soon. Please visit cabot.ac.uk for more information.



Duke of Edinburgh Parents Information Evening

On Tuesday 5th February from 6pm till 7pm, JCA is holding an information evening for the DofE programme.

We will have a representative from DofE present at the meeting to answer any specific questions. Come along!



Red Box Project

JCA has been involved in the promotion of Bristol City Council's new scheme to ensure that sanitary products are available to any student who may require them.

Whilst we are excited to be involved in this we would also like to remind parents and carers that schemes like this work solely through donations. Here at John Cabot Academy, our Red Box currently has a range of sanitary items, pants, tights and wet wipes. If you have the opportunity please donate items to be used by the students, therefore allowing them to stay in education throughout what can be a difficult time of the month.



Harry Potter Book Night Update

The owls have been and the Hogwarts acceptance letters are delivered.

Students, please remember to return your confirmation slip to the Library by the morning of Tuesday 6th February to reserve your place at JCA's 2nd annual Harry Potter Book Night. And don't forget: though costumes are optional, there

will be a prize for the best dressed witch or wizard! You can also follow us on Twitter: @LibraryJCA



The Kindness Roll of Honour: Term 2

These wonderful students and staff received “thank you” postcards for acts of kindness in term two. Thank you all for being kind!

Aardman	Banksy	Naz	Rowling	Staff
★ Aathika Rafiq ★ Dan Marsh ★ Eloise Cooper ★ Ewan Preston ★ Freya Cooper ★ Harry Milton ★ Honey-Leigh O’Shea ★ Kris Webb ★ Mustafa Abdiaziz ★ Myfi Sumner ★ Piper Iles ★ Sahib Singh ★ Salmaan Mohamed ★ Sam Dalgleish ★ Zaki Guleid ★ Zeph Bayliss	★ Archie Tantram ★ Callum Cuffy ★ Emily Olika ★ Evie Walker ★ James Phillips ★ Kamal Abdul Nur ★ Kitty Seymour ★ Luke Bishop ★ Oliver Heenan	★ Muaad Omar ★ Mohamed Haji ★ Jess Tozer ★ Jaspreet Kaur ★ Jade Chamberlain ★ Harry Harrison	★ Amanda Kaca ★ Amaritha Kaur ★ Daniel Bohin ★ Faye Perryman ★ Kacper Balabuch ★ Samatar Mohamed	★ Miss Dutton ★ Miss Ford ★ Miss Fuorvito ★ Miss Grierson ★ Mrs Jarrett ★ Mr Barratt ★ Mr Darlaston ★ Mr Kombate ★ Mr Sheppard ★ Mr Shoker ★ Mr Williams ★ Mr Wilson ★ Mrs Church ★ Mrs Price ★ Mrs Shipp

Introducing Tassomai!

A new online learning program for JCA students.

Here at JCA, we are always looking for ways to extend our students’ learning. Part of our improvement plan in science now includes the use of Tassomai, an online service that provides a personalised approach to support your child’s science education. The data suggests that students using Tassomai regularly and significantly outperform those not using it, with 90% achieving at least a standard pass and 50% achieving the equivalent of an A or A*.

In addition to independent revision, the service enables homework to be set; this means that we can easily monitor your child’s progress.

Students are able to access Tassomai anytime and anywhere. Students should first join their science class by visiting tassomai.com/signup/code and entering class code 9XUS4DT5.

After completing this step, students can log onto the site by visiting tassomai.com and entering their unique login details.

We hope that your child is able to take full advantage of Tassomai. Thank you in advance for supporting this initiative.



Final Reminder: Musical Theatre Opportunity

In February half term there is an excellent opportunity to take part in a musical-filled two day workshop singing some well-known songs from Movie Musicals!

The two days will culminate in a 'Musical Revue' performance to friends and family. Participants will get the opportunity to see what it's like singing in a musical theatre ensemble, creating dynamic vocal harmonies. There will be the chance also for selected students to perform solo in the concert, soloists will be chosen by an informal recorded audition submission. **Follow the link below for an online application form, which should be completed by below by Friday 8th February.** <https://goo.gl/forms/Canrbd48d4kYsxQz2>

Those wishing to audition for a solo need to submit a 30-60 second audio clip of them singing any musical theatre song of their choice.

This can be recorded on a phone, with or without backing accompaniment. Please note the song they sing in the performance will be pre-selected and I will send music to the selected soloists in advance.

Please upload solo audio auditions via WE TRANSFER, ensuring the name of the student is attached, via wettransfer.com. This is an easy FREE website that requires no registration, where you can upload files and share with the coordinator via her email address hollie.clark@southglos.gov.uk

For any further information, please contact charlotte.grierson@jca.cabot.ac.uk

Reminder: A New Style of Report for Parents

During the first part of this academic year, we have been reviewing the reports which go home to Parents.

There were two reasons for doing this. Firstly, we have data on our students which we have not included in reports in the past (e.g. lesson scores or attendance) but which we think you would find very informative. Secondly, we want to improve the quality of the written comments.

Therefore, the reports that you receive this academic year will have a different format. They will contain data on your child's attendance, their average lesson score, a progress 8 figure (if they are in years 10 or 11), their target and predicted grades in every subject. You will receive this report twice in the academic year. Additionally, once in the year, your report will also contain a highly detailed set of comments from your child's tutor.

We will be sending out reports at the following times over the coming term:

w/c 28th January - Year 11 report with tutor comments.

Y10 Parents' evening (postponed from 31st January due to adverse weather) - Year 10 data only report (the written report will follow towards the end of the year.)

Thursday 14th February (Y9 Parents' evening) - Year 9 report with tutor comments.

w/c 4th March - Year 8 report with tutor comments.

w/c 18th March - Year 7 report with tutor comments.

Dates for the Diary

Below are a number of key dates that parents may wish to be aware of:

Years	Event
Year 7	• Year 7 Reports: week commencing 18 th March.
Year 8	• Year 8 Reports: week commencing 4 th March.
Year 9	• Year 9 Parents' Evening is on Thursday 14 th February. Letters to follow nearer the time.
Year 10	• Year 10 Parents' Evening is currently postponed. More information to follow.
Year 11	• The CLGF Post 16 Information Evening takes place at JCA on Wednesday 27 th February 2019 – 6pm to 7pm.

Best Wishes,

Sally Apps
Executive Principal