

Jessie May Christmas Carol Concert – a date for your diary

On Friday 1 December, from 6.00pm – 7.30pm, John Cabot Students, along with many students from other local schools, will be performing as part of the Jessie May Christmas Carol Concert.

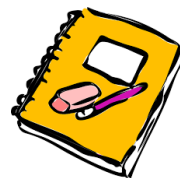
This is open to students, parents and carers of John Cabot student and we would love to see as many of you there as possible to join in the singing and Christmas cheer!

Jessie May is a local charity which acts as a children's hospice at home service, caring for locally terminally ill children. They provide vital respite care, emotional support, end of life care and bereavement support, alongside family events that help create treasured memories. Please come along and join us to support this great cause. Many thanks, Miss Grierson 🎵



Homework Policy

As part of our ongoing drive to support the students in their learning, we are launching a new homework policy.



The policy will have a staggered launch, whereby it will be introduced to year groups at various times throughout this academic year. As part of the policy, you may receive communication from teachers concerning homework completion. Please continue to support your child in completing their homework and do not hesitate to contact the Academy if you have any further questions regarding homework.

Community of the Year 2016/17

Congratulations to Mercury for winning Community of the Year for 2016/17!



This was thanks to great lesson scores, community day participation, sports day and achievement points. A letter will be coming home detailing a reward day for all Mercury students, taking place on Monday 20 November. Miss Grainger and Mr Angell are extremely proud of all the Mercury students who helped secure this victory!

Cross Country Championships

On Thursday this week, over 40 students represented JCA at the South Glos cross country championships.

We have improved our performances year on year and this year we had another fantastic display from students. There were some notable performances from individuals - Ted Willoughby (Y11) coming 2nd, Fenn Willoughby (Y10) coming 9th, Layla Coombs (Y10) coming 4th and Casey Woodman (Y11) coming 11th. However, all students who took part performed very well. We had a large presence at the event and students were superb. One of the most rewarding things as a teacher is for other adults and teachers to comment on the good behaviour or effort of students. Both of those were the case and JCA students helped take down part of the course at the end of the day with no questions or fuss. This is equally, if not more, important than a run... doing the right thing for the right reason! I was proud of them in the event and scanning around at the end it was brilliant to see so many polite, kind and helpful students.

Thank you to all those who ran in this and the other two recent events. We have had several top 10 finishes and 1st places. In addition, we should now have students selected to represent the region. Well done! Mr Thomas.

Advanced Level Apprenticeships with GKN Aerospace & Leonardo

Leonardo have opened their application process for advanced level apprenticeships, which are suitable for school leavers.

There are roles in Business, Cyber Security Engineering and Cyber Security. Further information can be found at <http://www.uk.leonardocompany.com/people-careers/apprenticeships/apprenticeship-opportunities> . The closing date for these apprenticeships is 28th February 2018.

GKN Aerospace are due to launch their application process in the next few days. See <https://www.gkn.com/en/careers/search-and-apply/> to search and apply.

There is useful information in relation to the recruitment process for advanced level apprenticeships at <https://www.careersnearhere.com/flying-high-gkn-aerospace/> . In addition Rolls Royce Early Careers will be visiting JCA on Monday 20th November as part of our Post 16 Pop Up programme to offer advice and support to students in relation to apprenticeship applications.

If you have any questions please contact JCA's Careers Advisor Catrina Holmes (catrina.holmes@ica.cabot.ac.uk). Students can also access drop in support for all applications (including for apprenticeships, college and sixth form) at break times and after school in SF6.

Library News

There will be a Scholastic Book Fair taking place in the library during w/c Monday 20 November.



This will involve lots of competitions, including the chance to win an iPad and lots of books from £2.99. Leaflets are available from the library – they include money off books vouchers!

We also have a large number of overdue books. Please could you check with your children and encourage them to return overdue books as soon as possible so other students have the chance to take them out. Thank you.

We have recently received a very kind donation from a parent of a large number of books that they no longer needed and which are now available to our students. The library is always very happy to receive books in good condition that are suitable for teenage use so do please talk to our librarian (Vickie Baker) if you have any books you would like to donate.

Grease

As parents are aware, the Academy annual production for this year is the hit musical, 'Grease'.

There will be a full cast rehearsal on Tuesday 14 November, 3.00pm – 5.00pm, in the Main Hall and all cast members are expected to attend.

Dates for the Diary

Below are a number of key dates into the near future that parents may wish to be aware of:

Years	Event
All years	Dance Show, Monday 4 December Admissions Day, Friday 8 December (Academy closed to existing students) Winter Music Concert, Tuesday 12 December Ski trip leaves, Thursday 14 December Term 2 ends, Friday 15 December Term 3 begins, Wednesday 3 January 2018 (Tues 2 Jan is an inset day)
Year 7	Y7 Inter Community, Monday 27 November Y7 Parents' Evening, Thursday 30 November, 3.45pm – 6.15pm Y7 Pantomime trip, Thursday 14 December
Year 8	Y8 Inter Community, Monday 20 November
Year 9	Future Quest trip to Aerospace Museum
Year 10	Y10 Inter Community, Wednesday 15 November Y10 Parents' Evening, Thursday 16 November, 3.45pm – 6.15pm Y10 Inter Community, Friday 17 November
Year 11	Y11 Inter Community, Wednesday 22 November Y11 Inter Community, Monday 27 November Y11 Drama Show, Tuesday 5 December
Sixth Form	P16 Parents' Evening at BBA, Thursday 23 November

Lost Property

We currently have the following items of lost property on reception:

North Face black hoodie
Black and brown framed glasses
2 x brown and 2 x blue inhalers
Pink framed glasses
Flower print framed glasses
Black Nike running rain jacket, Medium size
JD Camouflage drawstring bag with XS PE kit inside
Nike water bottle
JCA Black jacket
Sainsbury's bag with Y11 fleece, Puma shorts and black high tops inside

Black Reply glasses case.
AKOA blue joggers
Pink and black short sleeved top
GCSE PE black JCA hoodie
Ted Baker Grey jumper
Black Specsavers glasses case with black glasses inside
Gold key
1 x black Adidas trainer, size 5

Lost – black waterproof coat with the name Layla Harris in various places inside the coat; last seen in the PE changing rooms. If found, please return it to reception.

Best wishes
Mr S White
Principal