

GLAD TIDINGS!

We are proud to announce that Ofsted rates our school as Good in all areas.



John Cabot Academy
Woodside Road, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 8BD

Inspection dates 27–28 November 2018

Overall effectiveness	Good
Effectiveness of leadership and management	Good
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment	Good
Personal development, behaviour and welfare	Good
Outcomes for pupils	Good
16 to 19 study programmes	Good
Overall effectiveness at previous inspection	Requires improvement

Summary of key findings for parents and pupils

This is a good school

- This is a rapidly improving school. Leaders and teachers are working effectively together to improve all the key aspects of school life.
- Behaviour in lessons is good. Teachers can focus on teaching and pupils can concentrate on learning.
- The executive principal and senior leaders are ambitious for the school. They have put good plans in place to achieve their goals. As a
- Pupils treat each other well. They are lively and friendly. Relationships between pupils and teachers are warm and respectful. However,

‘Pupils are increasingly proud of their school. They recognise the school is improving and believe it is helping them to realise their ambitions.’

Dear Parents

As you know, a team from Ofsted visited John Cabot Academy at the end of last month. They noted that standards and results are rising, with all groups of students making strong progress, and they praised the high expectations of leaders and staff. The report opened:

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Here are some other highlights:

STUDENTS

'Pupils treat each other well. They are lively and friendly. Relationships between pupils and teachers are warm and respectful.'

'Pupils are taught to be respectful of everyone ... the diverse nature of the school is celebrated by leaders and pupils.'

STAFF

'School leaders are ambitious, experienced and knowledgeable. [Their approach] has led to steady improvements in standards, behaviour and attendance.'

SAFEGUARDING

'Keeping pupils safe is given the highest priority. There is a well-established culture of vigilance.'

OPPORTUNITIES

'... good opportunities to study a broad range of subjects, supplemented by strong mix of artistic and cultural experiences and enrichment programme'

SIXTH FORM

'Leaders have a clear vision of ensuring that all students can be successful, regardless of ability or circumstance.'

There are many more positive comments in the report, which you can read in full on our website: [Ofsted Report Dec 18](#) The inspectors also suggest areas to work on as we continue with our ambition to become outstanding by 2020. One of these is to improve communication with parents and we have taken on board the need to ensure all families feel their concerns are being fully addressed. I would like to draw your attention to this statement:

'Parents' views of the school are significantly more negative than those of their children.'

I hope Ofsted's verdict will help to convince families that John Cabot Academy is indeed a Good school. As always, we thank all parents, carers and family members for the support they give the school; it is by working together that we can best serve the needs of all our young people.

Season's greetings to you all!

One way system trial period

Parents will be aware of the congestion issues in the car park at the end of the school day.

Student safety is our main priority so, in order to try to alleviate the problems, we will be trialling a new one way system for the last week of term, from Monday 17 December. Between the times of 2.45pm – 3.15pm every afternoon, cars will enter the car park in the usual way but will then be directed around the front of the school and out through the Kingswood Foundation exit. Barriers will be in place preventing cars from exiting any other way and staff will be on hand to help direct cars. The usual 5mph speed restriction will still apply.

A decision will then be made as to whether or not this system continues into the new year. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this trial which we hope will reduce congestion for everyone.

Year 10 Work Experience opportunity

Bristol Old Vic theatre school are keen to support Year 10 students with some work experience opportunities in July next year.

This would run from 1-5 July 2019 and is for budding actors and actresses and those interested in getting involved in the performing arts. More information can be found on the website at this address: bristololdvic.org.uk/join-in/schools/work-experience

If successful, you would need to request leave of absence from JCA for the week from the Principal. Please read and speak to former work experience experts in Year 11 if you are interested. See Miss Grierson, Miss Grainger or Miss Shousha-Nady for more info or support with this.

Help the Homeless

John Cabot's 'Help the Homeless' enrichment group are going to be doing a collection again for Bristol's homeless until the end of term.

If you can support, please can you bring in any of the following and leave in the boxes in reception:

Food: Rice, pasta, biscuits, squash, canned food.

Clothing: Scarves, gloves, hats, socks, underwear.

Toiletries: Toothpaste, toothbrushes, shower gel, soap.

Thank you in advance for your support of this worthwhile charity.

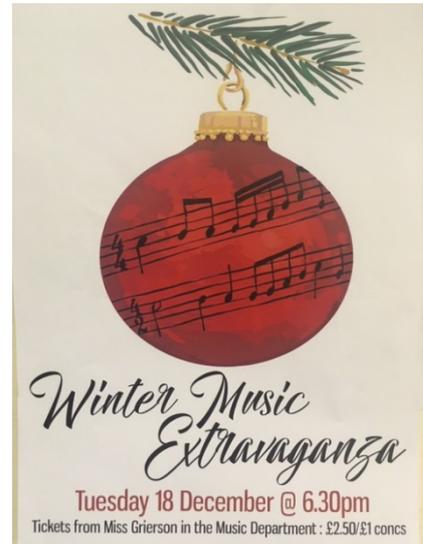
JCA Winter Concert extravaganza

In the final week of this term, we will be hosting our annual winter concert.

This will consist of fantastic performances by students from Y7 - Y11 and will take place on Tuesday 18 December at 6.30pm. The *Friends of JCA* will be selling refreshments prior to the concert whilst you enjoy pre-concert entertainment and again at the interval. All ticket money raised will go towards purchasing new equipment for the practice rooms in the music department. We hope to see you there to support over 80 students who will be taking part in the evening; it will be festive and full of amazing student performances. Tickets can be purchased from (Miss Grierson) in the Music Office or via email to reserve tickets:

charlotte.grierson@jca.cabot.ac.uk

Adults £2.50 / Concession £1



Bristol Jobs Fair

The next public Jobs Fair event is taking place in January, details below.



Ready to Learn update

A letter has been written by Sally Apps with some important updates to our Ready to Learn system and a uniform reminder.

A copy of the letter is available on our website and through the link below.

[Ready to Learn Update letter](#)

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	w/c Monday 17 December is week 1 on the timetable Winter Music Concert, Tuesday 18 December, 6.30pm Christmas Lunch, Wednesday 19 December Zone Day, Friday 21 December (early closure at 12.40pm) Inset Day for staff, Monday 7 January 2019 Term 3 starts, Tuesday 8 January 2019
Year 7	
Year 8	HPV vaccinations for Y8/9 girls, Tuesday 8 January
Year 9	Y9 mock exams, w/c Monday 17 December HPV vaccinations for Y8/9 girls, Tuesday 8 January Y9 Future Quest Bristol Old Vic workshop, Wednesday 9 January (for Future Quest students only)
Year 10	Y10 mock exams, w/c Monday 17 December
Year 11	Y11 Future Quest trip to Sky Studios (for Future Quest students only)
Sixth Form	

Lost Property

We currently have various items of lost property on reception.

We are putting all lost property items on display at break times. Any unclaimed items by the end of term will be disposed of or donated to charity.

Best wishes

Sally Apps
Executive Principal

