

## Ready to Learn Programme

At the beginning of Term 3, we will be introducing a new Ready to Learn programme.



During assemblies to all year groups this week, I have outlined to your children how our new, simpler and more effective behaviour system will work and what our expectations are going forward. The focus is on ensuring that learning can take place at all times for all students, so that they make progress and achieve their potential. The full system is outlined in detail in the letter below – please do note the fact that if they are asked to leave a lesson, students will be expected to stay until 4pm on the same day. We will of course inform you of this in the course of the day.

### [Ready to Learn letter](#)

We recognise that parents may want to know more about this system so there will be two Parent Information Systems where the programme will be explained in more detail and you will have the chance to ask any questions. The Information Evenings will take place on Thursday 4 January and Tuesday 23 January, both starting at 6.00pm. There will be a follow on session at 6.30pm on each date, enabling the families of students with SEND to ask particular questions about the impact of the system for their child so that we can work together to ensure we meet the needs of all our students.

Also available below is a link to the uniform letter sent recently as a further reminder of the uniform requirements.

### [Uniform Letter Jul 17](#)

Finally, you will see below a number of links to the '12 days of Christmas', which is a selection of English, maths and science work that has been specially prepared for Year 11 students in the CLF to complete over the holidays, one for each day!

The activities are short and allow students to complete a sensible amount of regular revision over the holiday period, avoiding anxiety on their return. There are just 16 weeks of teaching until the terminal GCSE examinations and you can be assured that we will do all we can to ensure our Year 11 students are well prepared in terms of knowledge, skills and resilience.

Some of our younger students may also want to have a go and they are very welcome to do so.

[12 days of Christmas - English](#)

[12 days of Christmas - Maths Foundation](#)

[12 days of Christmas - Maths Higher](#)

[CLF Maths - Foundation](#)

[CLF Maths - Higher](#)

[Combined and Triple Chemistry](#)

[Combined Biology - Foundation](#)

[Combined Biology - Higher](#)

[Combined Chemistry - Foundation](#)

[Combined Physics - Foundation](#)

[Triple Physics - Higher](#)

[Revision Maze - Foundation](#)

[Revision Maze - Higher](#)

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## CLF Post 16 opportunities

We would like to remind any Y11 students who are seeking their next options for Post 16 that the CLF Post 16 is still accepting applications; please apply online.

If any student requires a guidance meeting, please email the admissions team on: [admissions@clf.org](mailto:admissions@clf.org) to request an appointment.

The CLF Post 16 are also offering an opportunity for a taster morning for all JCA Y11 students to try out a range of A Level lessons as students make their decisions on subject choices. Reply slips need to be returned to Catrina Holmes (Careers Adviser) by Friday 5 January.

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## Year 7 Pantomime Trip

On Thursday 14 December, almost all Year 7 students went on a trip to watch this year's pantomime, Aladdin, at the Bristol Hippodrome.

Everyone had a great afternoon and really enjoyed the show and the ice cream!



## John Cabot Ski Trip – Austria 2017

As you know, the John Cabot ski trip departed on Thursday 14 December.

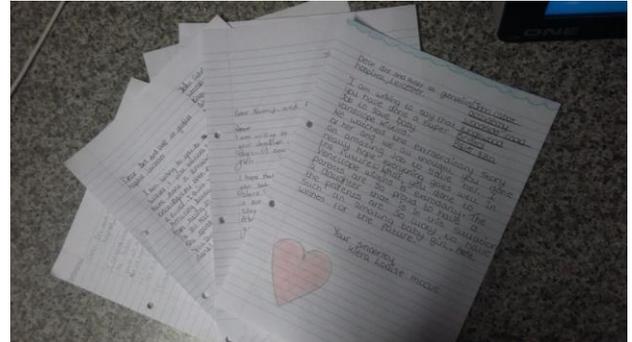


Please keep up to date with all the daily events by checking out the blog at: [cabotski2017.blogspot.co.uk](http://cabotski2017.blogspot.co.uk)

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## Year 8 Science

Some of our Year 8 students have been learning about the heart and circulatory system in their science lessons.



Students found out about the recent news story of baby Venelope Wilkins, who was born with her heart on the outside of her chest. Students were so moved to hear of the amazing work done by the medical team at Leicester Glenfield hospital that they wrote letters of thanks and support to the medical staff and the girl's family. These letters showed understanding and compassion, and in many cases outlined the students aspirations to work in a similar field in the future. I was really proud to read such wonderful work. *Miss Hamlin.*

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## Message from Miss Grainger

**After seven years as Mercury's Head of Community, I have made the difficult decision to step down from the role.**

It has been such a pleasure to work with so many amazing Mercury students over the years, watching them grow in confidence and become incredible young people has made me so proud. I am so pleased that we won 'Community of the year' in 2016/2017, what a great way to end my time with Mercury. It has been great getting to know so many parents and carers over the years and I want to say thank you for all of the support you have given me.

I have tried to reassure your sons/daughters that I will still be around if they wish to see me or need to chat to me about anything. I will be doing a handover in week one when we start back in Term 3 and then will be focusing on my job as a Drama teacher. The new Head of Community will be confirmed at the start of next term and will be working alongside Mr Luke Angell who has been with Mercury since June. Have a wonderful Christmas and thank you again.

*Mrs Grainger-Trott*

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## GCSE certificate event

We have sent letters this week to all last year's Year 11 students inviting them in to collect their GCSE certificates.

The informal event is taking place on Thursday 4 January, 2018, from 4.00pm – 5.00pm, in the Main Hall at John Cabot Academy. Students will be presented with their GCSE certificates and will have chance to catch up with the rest of their year group and staff. Light refreshments will also be provided. For catering purposes only, students who would like to attend are asked to email Sam Crew ([sam.crew@jca.cabot.ac.uk](mailto:sam.crew@jca.cabot.ac.uk)).

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## Safeguarding Information

We have received the following information from Bristol City Council to pass on to parents.

Below are links to the latest bulletin from the Early Help team, a safeguarding adults booklet and information on preventing radicalisation.

[Early Help Bulletin](#)

[Prevent update](#)

[Safeguarding Adult Booklet](#)

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## Winter Music Concert

On Wednesday evening we held our annual Winter Concert, which was brimming with musical talent from Year 7 to Year 13.

The concert was presented by two Year 7 students, Maui and Ella, and included exam performances from GCSE Music students and a number of other talented ensembles. All of which was served with a mulled wine and a mince pie. I would like to extend my thanks to all who came along to support the students and I look forward to seeing you at our next musical event.

Happy Christmas from JCA Music. 🎵🎵



## Start – a free online careers resource

**Start** is a new free online careers tool that students and parents can access to help them to explore information about careers and education options.

Students can create an account on **Start** <https://www.startprofile.com/> and update their profile with details about their skills, qualities, interests and work preferences. This then provides a starting point for students to explore information matched to their personal preferences and interests. As they update their profile, **Start** will personalise this information, helping them to navigate the thousands of jobs, courses, providers and opportunities available. **Start** will help students to understand where they are on their journey and what's important as they make their choices in relation to their GCSE options, as well as Post 16 and Post 18.

It is suitable for all year groups and students will be able to access resources appropriate to their educational stage.

As **Start** is an online resource, it can be accessed at home as well as in school. Parents are also able to set up their own profile on the website. Once you have registered on the website you can log in and select 'I am a Parent and would like to use Start with my children' to view all of the resources.

This is a new tool so if you do use it with your child we would appreciate any feedback that you may have. To do so, please contact Catrina Holmes (Careers Advisor) via email at: [catrina.holmes@jca.cabot.ac.uk](mailto:catrina.holmes@jca.cabot.ac.uk)

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## 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	Term 3 begins, Wednesday 3 January 2018 (Tues 2 Jan is an inset day)
Year 7	
Year 8	Y8 Girls HPV jabs, Tuesday 30 January
Year 9	Y9 Options/Parents' Evening, Thursday 18 January Y9 Girls HPV jabs, Tuesday 30 January Y9 Future Quest workshop at Old Vic, Thursday 8 February
Year 10	Y10 Future Quest Skills Day, Thursday 1 February Y10 Drama performance, Thursday 8 February
Year 11	
Sixth Form	

## Lost Property



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

Black Joggers  
Year 11 Fleece  
John Cabot Academy black jacket  
Ted baker grey jumper size 3  
Pink and black short sleeve sweater  
Thinsulate gloves  
Blue and red pencil case  
Black, white and yellow pencil case  
J.D bag with PE kit  
Nike black bag  
F & F bomber jacket  
New Look bomber jacket  
Akoa blue joggers  
B & C Sirocco black waterproof jacket

Medium JCA PE hoodie  
5 blue inhalers  
2 brown inhalers

Aero Chamber  
Nike water bottle  
Black and pink glasses  
Plain black glasses  
Brown and black glasses  
Nike ID trainer bag with black Adidas trainers  
Small John Cabot Academy PE top  
Disney store bag with black and white Adidas trainers  
Medium John Academy P.E hoodie  
Black Nike trainers, size 6  
Black Nike zip up fleece  
Karrimor black weatherite jacket, 13 years  
Thinsulate grey bobble hat

Black JD drawstring bag, black and red Adidas trainers and PE kit  
Small grey jumper  
Pink and black Nike bottle

We hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break and wish you a very happy new year.

Best wishes

**Sally Apps**  
**Executive Principal**