

Word Millionaires!

Parents will remember from a previous newsletter back in November that all Year 7 and Year 8 students take part in a reading scheme called Accelerated Reader.

Students read books and when they have finished, they complete a quiz on that book. If they pass that quiz (by achieving 60% or more) they will collect the word count for that book. Their word count will accumulate throughout the school year; they climb the stars on the display in the library, trying to reach one million words!! We are very pleased to announce that we now have five Word Millionaires in Accelerated Reader!

Year 7

Aaliyah Rasheed
Senan Hylton
Piper White
Jun Hao Chen

Year 8

Sehrish Hussain

Huge congratulations to all of them! Well done, this is a fantastic achievement.



Tutor team changes

As parents are aware, there have been some changes recently to the tutor teams.

As notified previously, Mrs Tanya Price is now the Head of Community for Jupiter and Mrs Amanda Morris is the Head of Community for Mercury. In addition, Miss Emily Grainger has now taken over as Tutor for J8, with immediate effect.

Year 9 Options

Below are some key dates regarding the forthcoming Y9 options process.

Thursday 18 January:	Year 9 Parents and Options Evening.
Week commencing 22 Jan:	Y9 Subject Q&A session
29 January – 9 February:	Tutor group guidance with CHO, expression of interest. Online course information.
Week Commencing 19 Feb:	Options booklet and forms sent home.
26 February – 10 March:	Follow up guidance and advice sessions with identified students.
14 March:	Deadline for return of Options forms.

If parents would like a copy of the full presentation given by Miss Hodge during the parents' evening, they should email her at: charlie.hodge@jca.cabot.ac.uk

Year 9 Raising Aspirations Event

Year 9 parents and carers should have received a letter over the Christmas break with information about the Raising Aspirations Event on Monday 5 February.

This is a great event, which helps students to potential explore career pathways and educational routes. It is essential that we receive a signed reply slip to enable students to attend. A link to the letter can be found [here](#). Students can also pick up additional printed copies of this letter by dropping into SF6. If you have any questions in relation to this event or any aspects of careers support at JCA, please contact the Academy Careers Advisor, Catrina Holmes (catrina.holmes@jca.cabot.ac.uk).

Apprenticeship & Application support

From next Wednesday (24 January), application support will be available to students in the Cabot Eye during Wednesday lunchtimes.

For the first session, we have invited 3aaa (<https://www.3aaa.co.uk/>) who offer apprenticeships at Advanced level (equivalent to A Level qualifications) through to Degree level. Students can drop in to ask questions and get practical support in relation to completing their applications and exploring their future progression.

Year 11 uniform

As you know, the current Year 11 cohort are the last to wear the legacy John Cabot uniform.

It is important to us that all Year 11s continue to look smart and take pride in their uniform in the coming months as they approach their examinations. To this end, we would like to provide to each Year 11 a brand new polo shirt and jumper free of charge.

Whilst we will not be charging parents for this uniform, we would like to suggest a donation to the Year 11 Leavers' Fund, which will be used to ensure that the Leavers' events for this cohort are the best events they can possibly be. A suggested donation of £10 would make a significant difference – of course, parents are welcome to donate more if they wish. We will guarantee that all funds raised through this initiative will be spent solely on the Class of 2018.

Donations can be brought to the main reception and any cheques should be made payable to John Cabot Academy.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

HPV vaccinations for Y8/Y9 girls

A reminder that HPV vaccinations for Y8 and Y9 girls are taking place on Tuesday 30 January.

Consent forms were issued at the end of last term to all Y8 girls. Thank you to those parents who have returned consent forms already. Please could we ask that all remaining forms are returned as soon as possible so that vaccinations can take place. Students will not be able to receive a vaccination if we have not received a signed consent form.

Please note: Y9 girls do not need to return another consent form as they did this last year in Y8.

Y8 Accelerated Reading

All Year 8 students need to bring their Accelerated Reader books into school for their lessons.

Students should be taking these books home to read but making sure they come back into school for the appropriate lessons.

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	Parent Information Evening re Ready to Learn, Tuesday 23 January, 6pm Friends AGM, Tuesday 23 January, 7pm Term 3 ends, Friday 9 February Term 4 begins, Monday 19 February
Year 7	
Year 8	Y8 Girls HPV jabs, Tuesday 30 January
Year 9	Y9 Girls HPV jabs, Tuesday 30 January Y9 Raising Aspirations Event at UWE, Monday 5 February 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

Best wishes

Sally Apps
Executive Principal