

## **Anti-social and criminal behaviour in the community (19/09/18)**

**Some parents may be aware of a series of incidents after school in the lane behind the school field near the Kingswood Foundation.**

A group of older teenagers, not associated with our school and unknown to us, were physically intimidating and using physical force towards our students. While the students who we know to have been involved have been accounted for and are not harmed, it is of course an alarming event.

Local residents were quick to both call the police and alert the senior team at school and, as you might expect we were out in the community both on the evening and after school today, along with community police.

I would like to thank the parents who were so quick to call us and share information so that we could inform the police, and for sharing information about the event in a helpful way with other families. Whilst this was an upsetting event, it was good to see the information shared in a balanced way so as to raise awareness without causing unnecessary worry or alarm.

Please be assured of our continued support of your children's safety throughout and at the end of the school day. Please do also talk with your children about safe routes and methods for travelling home, advising them about how to contact the police on 101, or 999 in an emergency, should the need arise. Thank you for your support.

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## **Invigilators needed**

**The Academy is looking to recruit a number of invigilators.**

The details will be advertised on the CLF website shortly so please do apply if you are interested.

The role involves overseeing examinations and ensuring that students remain silent and compliant, ensuring that papers are distributed and collected in an efficient manner, supporting students with queries, equipment and seating arrangements and other duties directed by the Examinations Officer.

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## HPV vaccinations

**As in previous years, the school nurse team are again offering HPV vaccinations to all girls in Year 8 and Year 9.**

Vaccinations are taking place in school on Tuesday 16 October. An information sheet, booklet and consent form has been given out to all Year 8 girls this week. Please could we ask that all consent forms are returned, even if you are choosing NOT to have the vaccination. This is so the school nurse team can accurately record that the vaccination has been declined.

As a reminder, girls having the vaccinations should make sure they eat breakfast on the day of the vaccinations and also wear short sleeves if possible.

Year 9 girls do not need a new consent form for this year as the nursing team will use the forms that they signed when they had the first vaccination last year.

Please return all consent forms by Friday 12 October at the very latest.

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## Y10 Business project

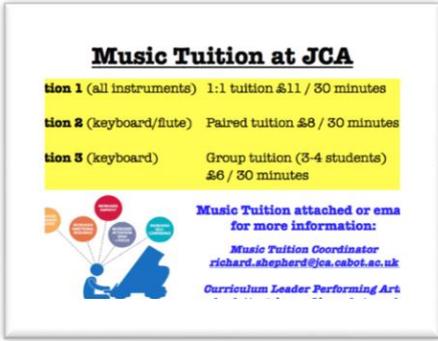
**Our Year 10 Business students have shown outstanding entrepreneurial skills with the design of their poncho for the 'Festival Challenge' set by the Business Studies department.**

They have demonstrated excellent resilience and creativity skills and have worked extremely hard in their groups to create a product that is targeted to young people who may attend a festival. Well done Year 10s, we are proud of you!



## Music Tuition

At John Cabot Academy we offer Music Tuition on a wide range of instruments including piano, keyboard, vocals, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, acoustic & electric guitar, bass guitar, drums, violin and cello.



**Music Tuition at JCA**

<b>tion 1</b> (all instruments)	1:1 tuition £11 / 30 minutes
<b>tion 2</b> (keyboard/flute)	Paired tuition £8 / 30 minutes
<b>tion 3</b> (keyboard)	Group tuition (3-4 students) £6 / 30 minutes

Music Tuition attached or ema for more information:  
Music Tuition Coordinator  
[richard.shepherd@jca.cabot.ac.uk](mailto:richard.shepherd@jca.cabot.ac.uk)  
Curriculum Leader Performing Art

If you are interested in music tuition, we offer a variety of options: 1:1 tuition, paired tuition and group tuition at tiered costs of £11, £8 & £6 for half hour sessions. Reports are generated three times a year for students and students also receive a practice and progress booklet when they sign up.



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Learn one of the following instruments:  
piano, keyboard, voice, flute, clarinet,  
saxophone, trumpet, drums,  
acoustic/electric guitar, bass guitar,

Please see the letter below for more details or contact our Music Tuition Coordinator via email at:  
[richard.shepherd@jca.cabot.ac.uk](mailto:richard.shepherd@jca.cabot.ac.uk)

or the Curriculum Team Leader for Performing Arts: [charlotte.grierson@jca.cabot.ac.uk](mailto:charlotte.grierson@jca.cabot.ac.uk)

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## Free music opportunity

Amazing FREE opportunity for students interested in entering or getting experience in the music industry.

On Saturday 28 September, there will be live jam sessions in Bristol, free expert advice, industry links and free evening showcase performances of musicians and all for FREE! Sign up at the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/music-for-youth-frequencies-2018-the-station-bristol-registration-48552447678>

## Do we have your details?

Do you receive texts and emails from us?

If you are a Priority 1 parent of a student at JCA and don't receive texts or emails from us, please can you contact Sharon Bracey via email at: [sharon.bracey@jca.cabot.ac.uk](mailto:sharon.bracey@jca.cabot.ac.uk) and Sharon will ensure that we have the correct details for you on our system. This is particularly important should we need to contact you in an emergency. Thank you.

## #WakeUp Campaign

**As part of the National Online Safety #WakeUp campaign, we would like to share the YouTube guide for parents.**

YouTube is the world's largest video platform and the second biggest search platform (after Google), with over 1.8 billion users per month, and this free guide for parents covers what you need to know about the platform to help safeguard children from potential online risks including; *age inappropriate videos, in-app messaging, dangerous challenge/viral videos, digital wellbeing and more.*

Please find the guide via Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1042355435871846401>

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## Lateness Policy

**Our Lateness Policy has been updated recently; the main changes are detailed below.**

Students should be on site by 08:30 every morning, ready to begin their learning at 08:40. Any student who arrives late to the Academy should sign in at the main reception. The sanction for lateness is a 20 minute lunch time detention, on the same day in AF8, which commences at 12:40.

Late marks will be recorded on the 'Attendance and Punctuality Tracker' and the register, parents will be notified where lack of punctuality is becoming a persistent problem. When the late is caused by reasons beyond a student's control, e.g. the Academy bus breaks down, the student will be marked late but will not be expected to attend a detention on this occasion.

Failure to arrive at the lunch time detention will lead to a same day one hour after school detention in the SLR.

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## Hairspray

**Thank you to all of our students who have auditioned so far for Hairspray the musical.**

There are a few more auditions to go before a cast list will be going up. We have been blown away by the amount of confidence and talent in our Academy and we are very excited about starting rehearsals soon! If students have any questions, please see Miss Grainger or Miss Grierson. Thanks!

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## Plastics & the Ocean

As detailed in last week's newsletter, some of our students are taking part in an enrichment programme, looking at plastics and the effects they have on the ocean.



As part of the programme, the students will be making a large sculpture entirely from plastic. With this in mind, could we please ask parents and staff to bring in donations of any type of plastic bottles. Students can give their bottles to Emma Roch in the Technology department; staff can leave theirs in the designated bag in the staffroom.

Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project.

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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	Admissions Open Morning, Tuesday 25 September (by appt only) Friends of John Cabot meeting, Tuesday 25 September, 7.30pm Term 1 ends, Wednesday 24 October Term 2 begins, Monday 5 November Senior Maths Challenge, Tuesday 6 November
Year 7	Y7 Parents & Meet the Tutor Evening, Thursday 15 November, 3.45pm – 6.15pm
Year 8	Y8 Girls HPV vaccinations, Tuesday 16 October
Year 9	Y9 Girls HPV vaccinations, Tuesday 16 October Y9/10 Future Quest Parents Evening, Wednesday 17 October, 5.00pm Y9 Future Quest trip to Aerospace, Thursday 8 November
Year 10	Y9/10 Future Quest Parents Evening, Wednesday 17 October, 5.00pm Y10 Future Quest trip, Wednesday 21 November
Year 11	Y11 Parents' Evening, Thursday 18 October, 3.45pm – 6.15pm Y11 mock exams, w/c Monday 5 November and w/c Monday 12 November
Sixth Form	P16 Open Evening at BBA, Wednesday 10 October, 4.30pm

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## Lost Property

We currently have various items of lost property on reception.

Please ask at reception if you have lost anything.

Best wishes

**Sally Apps**  
Executive Principal