



## 1. Reminder: The JCA Improving Communication Survey Closes on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 12:00pm.



To best meet the needs of our parents and carers, we need your input about how you contact the academy, and how JCA communicates general and student-specific information. Please click on this link and complete our short survey:

<https://goo.gl/forms/jo7xiZVM1fXLpyni1>

**On Monday 1st April, we will also host a parent forum to explore your thoughts in further detail.** There will be parent forums in terms 5 and 6 as well, which will be an opportunity for you to try out our new communication solutions and feedback on what does and does not work. Please do indicate on the survey if you would like to attend.

### **Our timeline of events is as follows:**

**Term 4:** Parent survey, followed by a parent forum on 1<sup>st</sup> April – coming to understand the issues and possible solutions.

**Term 5:** Trial run of communication solutions with parents from the forum.

**Term 6:** Full launch of new communication plan with all parents.

## 2. You Can't Stop The Beat: JCA Students Perform A Timeless Version of *Hairspray*.

Over the last few terms, students at John Cabot Academy have been working very hard to pull together a production of the Broadway musical *Hairspray*. The cast, crew and live band have rehearsed together and given three live shows this week to packed audiences. Audience members have praised the production as being "energetic and full of fun," with students "giving fantastic performances, bringing the story to life".

It has been a brilliant production to put on and we have really seen it come to life with costume, make up and a great live band! This is testament to all the hard work of the students and support of the staff and parents too. Well done for a great week of productions; it was brilliant! And you received a standing ovation too! – Miss Grainger & Miss Grierson



### 3. Talented Year 8 Joins Collabro UK Tour.

At the end of last year Jessica Griffin, year 8, successfully auditioned to be one of the backing singers for the male voice group Collabro as part of their UK tour. After extensive rehearsals she appeared with them last Friday evening, 15<sup>th</sup> March, at Weston Super Mare Playhouse to a sold out audience of almost 700 people. Jess loves Musical Theatre, and this was a fantastic opportunity and an amazing experience for her, not just to learn new music but to perform with Collabro on stage. (She can be seen on the front row, sixth in from the right). Needless to say, we are extremely proud of her. Well done Jess!



### 4. The Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP Visits John Cabot Academy.

The Rt Hon MP Nick Gibb, the Minister of State for Schools, visited John Cabot Academy this week. The Minister spent an hour meeting staff and students and touring the Academy escorted by two John Cabot Academy students.

Nick Gibb was appointed Minister of State at the Department for Education on 15 July 2014. He was elected Conservative MP for Bognor Regis and Littlehampton in 1997.



During the tour of the academy he observed a science lesson in the super lab and various Post 16 lessons. At the end of the tour the minister watched a five minute segment of the spectacular musical production Hairspray, produced by John Cabot students and staff. He was then introduced to the cast and crew.

#### 4. (Ctd.) The Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP Visits John Cabot Academy.

Kate Willis, Associate Principal, said: "It was a proud moment for our school to be able to showcase some of the excellent work undertaken across and beyond the taught curriculum. Our school is in its 25<sup>th</sup> year and this visit from the Minister of State is recognition of the excellent work that continues to characterise our school."

#### 5. Year 8 Residential Information Evening: Main Hall, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 6-7pm.

**John Cabot Academy is hosting an information evening for parents and carers of year 8 students attending the Year 8 Residential.** This will take place in the main hall on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 6-7pm. Miss Cannon, Mrs Church and a member of staff from Mendip Outdoor Pursuits will be present for a short presentation and to answer any questions which you may have.

#### 6. Year 10 and 11 Fly High In Rugby Fixtures.

**Year 11 played Bradley Stoke Community School in a home rugby fixture last week.** The stakes were high as one of the GCSE PE moderators this year came from Bradley Stoke. The game was of a particularly high standard with both schools having very strong teams. After a hard fought battle JCA came out winners by 5 points.

The students of both schools were well behaved, respectful and skilful. Jack Cusak at scrum half and the flying feet of Ryan Cengiz were able to carve open gaps in defensive lines while Tom Sims ploughed through in midfield and broke down rucks. Mr Wilson refereed fantastically and it was good to see Mr Church down supporting as well as a trainee teacher. Thank you for your support in the rain. A notable thanks also goes to Ed Harvey, Billy Marsden and CJ for stepping in to help the year 11s. Some of the tackles the boys put in were fantastic!



**Year 10 had the pleasure of playing King's Oak this week in a rugby fixture.** The students at JCA played to a very high standard with multiple tries going over in the opening few minutes. In an effort to keep the game a 'friendly', the pitch was narrowed and students changed teams in an attempt to even up the sides. JCA were gracious in victory and supported the KOA students, and the KOA students never gave up, putting in effort right to the end. This is a fantastic sporting mindset, especially when many of them were not players from the club and were there to boost numbers. Both teams enjoyed and it, and the game was well umpired by Mr Wilson.

In both games, the students' leadership and attitude was real credit to the school. Well done. - *Mr Thomas*

#### 7. This Tuesday, come for a VR Tour of Life in the Gaming and Media Industries.

**Charlie from Access Creative College is coming to JCA for a pop-up stand in the Street during lunch time on 26<sup>th</sup> March.** He will bring examples of Games Design & Media work and a VR tour of their new centre for the students to have a go with.



## 8. JCA Students Give Their All In GCSE PE Moderation.

**Always a nervous day for staff and students alike, during PE moderations an exam board representative comes in to assess the sporting ability of our GCSE students to ensure they match up to our evaluations of them.**

While we won't learn the outcome until the summer, we do know that the moderator and the chief moderator were impressed with the efforts and attitudes of the students, as well as how the day was run. A huge 'thank you' to Nathaniel Williams, Joe Brice, Kaiden Bridges and also Charley Adams who helped out for the day.

All students have put in an immense amount of effort in preparation for the day over the last few months, staying behind for hours and hours each week. The examiner noted that it was 'good to see students in a school with a high level of sporting ability in an activity they don't play at club'. Well done to all. You did yourselves and us proud. *- Mr Thomas*

## 9. Lost Property – Final Chance To Claim: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

**We will be displaying ALL lost property in the Atrium at the end of the school day, on the last Wednesday and Thursday of Term 4.** Please could students then claim what is theirs. Anything left over will be given to charity.

## 10. Year 11 Revision Sessions over Easter

**Please make a note of these revision sessions for Year 11 subjects, which will take place in the first week of the Easter break.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	PE	9:00am - 2:00pm
	History	10:00am - 12:00pm
	Computing	9:00am - 2:00pm
	Drama (Blood Brothers)	9:00am - 11:00am
	Drama (Live Theatre)	11:00am - 1:00pm
	Geography	1:00pm - 3:00pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Computing	9:00am - 2:00pm
	Music	10:00am - 3:00pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Computing	9:00am - 2:00pm
	Drama (Blood Brothers)	10:00am - 12:00pm
	Drama (Live Theatre)	12:00pm - 2:00pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Computing	9:00am - 2:00pm
	Drama (Blood Brothers)	10:00am - 12:00pm
	Drama (Live Theatre)	12:00pm - 2:00pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Computing	9:00am - 2:00pm

## 11. Dates For The Diary.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y9 Direct Line Envision Trip. PIXL Maths Strive for Five Trip. Y8 Residential Evening: Main Hall, JCA, 6-7pm
28 <sup>th</sup> March	<u>Y11 Parents Evening.</u>
29 <sup>th</sup> March	First Story Trip.
5 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> April	School Closed for Easter Holidays, as below: Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April – last day of Term 3. Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April – INSET Day (staff only). Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April: Easter Holiday (school closed).  Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April – Bank Holiday (school closed). Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April – First Day of Term 4.

***Best Wishes,***

***Kate Willis***  
***Associate Principal***