

Early closure

As is usual at Christmas, the school will be closing earlier than normal on the last day of this term, on Friday 21 December.

Students will finish at 12.40pm with buses departing at 12.50pm. There will be no lunch facility for students on that day but a Christmas 'Grab Bag' will be provided for all students who are normally entitled to a free school meal. They can collect this from the canteen at break time or before they leave at the end of the day. The new term for students will begin on Tuesday 8 January 2019 (Monday 7 January is an inset day for staff).

Please remember that HPV vaccinations for all Year 8 and Year 9 girls will take place on the first day back, on Tuesday 8 January. Please return the signed consent form before the end of this term if you haven't done so already.

Anti-Bullying week

Thank you very much to everyone who supported anti-bullying week recently.

It was great to see lots of staff and students wear odd socks last Monday. Thank you very much to students who helped run the drop in sessions and well done to students who read in the assemblies.



Year 7 'Cinderella' Pantomime Trip

All Year 7 students have been given a letter to invite them on an exciting trip to see 'Cinderella' at the Bristol Hippodrome on Thursday 13 December.

The trip details are in the link to the letter below. Any questions or queries over payments or the trip, please contact charlotte.grierson@jca.cabot.ac.uk

[Y7 Panto letter](#)

Swimming success

Thomas Stiby (Y10) has recently won a gold and two bronze medals in swimming competitions outside of school.

Well done Thomas!



PE Uniform

Please can you check your child's school uniform and PE kit to ensure that they have the correct name written inside.

Any incorrect kit can be returned to main reception and be reunited with its owner.

Youth Music Theatre UK - National Auditions

Students aged 11-21 who enjoy performing or are keen to work in this industry can audition to take part in a full scale production of a popular piece of theatre.

Auditions will be held in January and February 2019 across different cities and YMT are looking for enthusiastic young actors and musicians who have a flair for performing and theatre - making. Click on the link to find out more:

<http://www.youthmusictheatreuk.org/>

Jessie May Charity Concert

On Wednesday 5 December, 25 students from John Cabot will be taking part in the Jessie May Charity Concert to celebrate the work that this fantastic charity does to support young people who are terminally ill.

Students, parents and carers are all welcome to attend this exciting concert full of Christmas cheer, free of charge in the local community. There will be mince pies, teas and coffees too! The venue is Kingswood Holy Trinity Church, from 6.00pm - 7.30pm on Wednesday 5 December.



Red Box Project

We are excited to announce that we now have a Red Box in PE.



The Red Box Project

The Red Box Project provides sanitary items to girls who may otherwise not be able to afford them in a bid to end period poverty. The Red Box will be kept in the PE office. Students are welcome to come into the office, asking for the box and take the sanitary items which they require. We ask that you only take what you need, whether it be one pad as you have been caught unaware, or a whole pack as you are currently unable to purchase them at home.

Similarly, we ask that any families who are able to donate to our Red Box for those who are less fortunate donate items such as sanitary towels, tampons, new pack of underwear and tights to support others within the school. Any questions please contact Miss Cannon in PE.

Y11 Leavers

Letters have been sent to all our Year 11 students who took their GCSEs in the summer.

The letter is to invite them to attend a short, informal GCSE Certificate Presentation evening on Wednesday 5 December, from 4.15pm – 5.15pm. Light refreshments will be available and it's an opportunity to catch up with staff and students from their year group. We look forward to seeing as many of them as possible on 5 December.

On Site Bristol

On Site Bristol are holding an open evening on Wednesday 28 November, from 5.00pm – 7.30pm.

It is appropriate for any students currently in Years 11, 12 and 13 looking to start an apprenticeship scheme in September 2019. Students usually go along with parents / carers and it gives them an opportunity to find out how an apprenticeship scheme operates in the construction industry. There will be an opportunity to speak to larger companies on the evening to find out about their company an apprenticeship schemes. See poster below for more details.

Apprenticeships in the Construction Industry **on site**
Bristol

On Site Open Evening
No need to book just turn up on the evening

Wednesday 28th November 2018, 5—7.30pm
At The Create Centre, Bristol. BS1 6XN
Tel: 0117 3521960 www.onsitebristol.co.uk

- Are you interested in a career in the construction industry?
- Are you leaving education after year 11, 12 or 13? If so this event is for you!
- Come along to find out how and when to apply.
- Speak to Training Officers to gain advice on various trades.
- Find out more about apprenticeship wages and the qualifications you will gain. Meet some of the employers we work with.
- Presentations will take place at 5:30pm, 6:00pm & 6:30pm

**Bricklaying, Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical,
Bench Joinery, Plastering, Painting & Decorating.**

on site creating **CONSTRUCTIVE** careers
Apprenticeships

Girls Mathematical Olympiad 2018

Congratulations to five Year 11 students who were selected to compete in the National Girls Olympiad set up and run by the UK Mathematical Trust based at the University of Leeds.

This National competition is extremely challenging giving the girls five very complex mathematical problems to solve. Well done to Scarlett Hutton (who received Best in School), Ellie Kadioglu, Ruby Payne, Shau'ri Wiggins and Jorja Wiggins who all received certificates.

If you would like to try one of the problems have a go at the following:

Triangle ABC is isosceles, with $AB = BC = 1$ and angle ABC equal to 120° . A circle is tangent to the line AB at A and to the line BC at C. What is the radius of the circle?

Schools swimming

On Thursday 15 October, JCA had 6 swimmers go to the Bristol Schools' Swimming Association Secondary Championships at Easton Leisure centre.

This year, Harry Harrison, Amber/Ben/Heather Witcombe, Owen Comley (pictured below) and Tom Stiby all raced in the 50m events. They all raced very well and did themselves and the school proud. For the second year in a row, Heather has qualified for the final of the 50m freestyle and backstroke, she goes in as 1st and 2nd fastest respectively. Good Luck Heather!



National Online Safety

As part of our #WakeUpWednesday campaign, this week we've created a free guide for parents and carers to help them understand the risks young people face when 'sexting'.

Often referred to as the 'new flirting for children', sexting is the act of sending sexually explicit messages, images or videos over a digital device. It's important that parents understand the risks and legalities around sexting to ensure that their children know how to protect themselves from harm. This free guide for parents and carers covers what they need to know to help keep their children safe, including the law, information about what to do if an indecent image/video has been shared, and more.

You can download the guide at the link below:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/sexting-guide-for-parents/>

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.

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.

Parenting Courses

Both Bristol and South Gloucestershire LAs are offering parenting courses for adolescents.

If you would like any more information on attending a course, please email Vicky Scott, our Safeguarding Lead, on vicky.scott@jca.cabot.ac.uk

easyfundraising.co.uk

The next two weeks is the busiest shopping period of the year.

Help raise money for John Cabot Academy whenever you shop online this Christmas. Use #easyfundraising to shop with over 3,500 big name retailers including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis and ASOS – when you shop, you'll raise a FREE donation with every purchase you make. To find out more, visit:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/C8Q3IQ/36OFAP

Online Safety

Please use the link below to access some excellent resources for all age groups, parents and students.

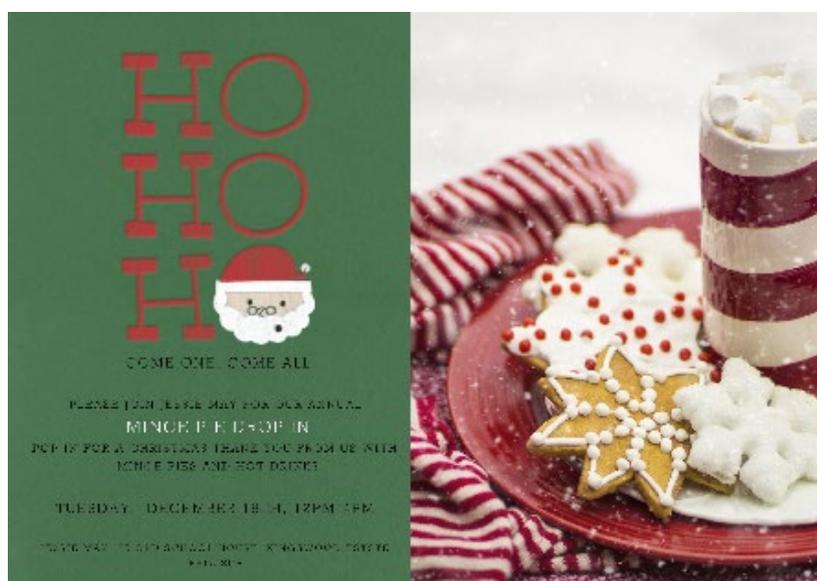
<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/esafety-leaflets-resources/>

Jessie May Mince Pie Drop In

The Jessie May Trust is holding a Mince Pie Drop In on Tuesday 18 December, at their offices in Kingswood, 35 Old School House, Kingswood Estate, BS15 8DB.

See poster below for more details and for more information on the Jessie May Trust, click on the link below.

www.jessiemay.org.uk



Business West Sector Skills Statements

Business West have recently released their sector skills statements.

The documents highlight the key industries in the West of England, including predicted sector growth and skills shortages. They can be viewed and downloaded at:

<https://www.businesswest.co.uk/grow/skills/local-sector-skills-statements>

St Monica Trust Work Experience Open Evening Event

Thursday 29 November 2018

The St Monica Trust would like to invite you to its work experience open evening on Thursday 29 November 2018, from 4:00 – 6:00pm.

This exciting event will provide students, parents and teachers with an opportunity to learn more about our organisation, gain an overview of our work experience programme, the roles that we are able to offer and how students are able to submit an application. Drinks and nibbles will also be available and attendees will be provided with time to ask questions and speak with members of our dedicated Training and Development team. Please find a poster attached, detailing full information about the event, along with a map of site.

[St Monica Trust Open Evening](#)

[St Monica Trust Site Map](#)

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 26 November is week 2 on the timetable Jessie May Charity Concert, Wednesday 5 December, 5.30pm Dance Show, Thursday 6 December, 6.00pm Winter Music Concert, Tuesday 18 December, 6.30pm Christmas Lunch, Wednesday 19 December Zone Day, Friday 21 December (early closure at 12.40pm)
Year 7	Y7 Hippodrome Pantomime trip, Thursday 13 December
Year 8	
Year 9	Y9 Envision trip to Direct Line (Envision students only), Thursday 6 December Y9 Future Quest trip to Bristol Old Vic, Friday 7 December (Future Quest students only) Y9 mock exams, w/c Monday 10 December Y9 mock exams, w/c Monday 17 December
Year 10	Y10 mock exams, w/c Monday 10 December Y10 mock exams, w/c Monday 17 December
Year 11	Y11 mock exam results event, Wednesday 28 November

Sixth Form	Y11 Leavers GCSE Certificate event, Wednesday 5 December, 4.15pm – 5.00pm P16 Parents' Evening at BBA, Thursday 13 December

Lost Property

We currently have various items of lost property on reception.

Please ask at reception if you have lost anything. Please note, all unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of this term.

Best wishes

Sally Apps
Executive Principal

