

## Winter Music Concert

**Roll up, roll up, it's time for the Winter Concert!**

Students from Year 7 to Year 13 will be performing a range of music from 6.30pm on Wednesday 13 December. The Friends of JCA will also be selling refreshments, including mulled wine and mince pies prior to the concert, alongside some pre-concert entertainment.



Adults £2 / Concessions £1. All tickets available from the Music Department.

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## Word Millionaires!

**All Year 7 and Year 8 students take part in a reading scheme called Accelerated Reader.**

Students read books (not surprisingly) 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.

There is a display in the Library in which they climb the stars, trying to reach one million words!! If they do this, students will now receive a star pin to wear on their blazer.

There are a few students who are already quite close to achieving a million words, which is an amazing achievement. We will keep you posted when they get there!



## Application/Careers Drop In Support

Application and general careers drop in support is available for all students in the careers office (SF6).

Regular drop in sessions are on Wednesday lunchtime and on Mondays after school but can be arranged at other times if requested. Support may include (but is not limited to) completing Post 16 applications, registering on the National Apprenticeship website, CV guidance, interview practice and general careers questions/information. Parents are also welcome to attend careers appointments, which can be arranged with the school careers advisor Catrina Holmes ([catrina.holmes@jca.cabot.ac.uk](mailto:catrina.holmes@jca.cabot.ac.uk)).

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## Renishaw Apprentice Information Evening

6:15pm Wednesday 13th December

Renishaw Innovation Centre

New Mills

Wotton-under-Edge, GL12 8JR

Interested in a career in Engineering, Design, Technology, Computing, Maths or Science?

The Renishaw Apprentice Information Evening 2017 will be take place on Wednesday 13 December, from 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start time. This is only open to students in Years 11, 12 & 13 and due to limited spaces, only one adult can accompany each student. To find out more or book tickets to the event please follow the link below:

<https://renishawapprenticeevening.eventbrite.co.uk>

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## Ski Trip 2017

The ski trip leaves in just 3 weeks!



Please could we remind parents that the deadline for handing in your EHIC card to Mr Simmons is Friday 1 December. Please don't forget!

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## Swimming success

On Thursday evening this week, Heather Witcombe (Y11) took part in the Secondary Schools Swimming Championships, having qualified a few weeks ago. Mr Titterington accompanied Heather to the event.

Heather performed amazingly well and achieved the following success in her events:

Senior Girls 50 Backstroke: 1<sup>st</sup> Place in a new Bristol Schools Swimming Association Record! (held since 2014)

Senior Girls 50 Freestyle: 3<sup>rd</sup>

Senior Girls 50 fly: 4<sup>th</sup>

The photo shows Heather with her medals; alongside Heather is a friend of Mr Titterington, Jemma Lowe, who just happened to be there! Jemma is a two time Olympic Swimmer 2008/2012.

Fantastic achievement – well done Heather!



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## Jessie May Christmas Carol Concert – a date for your diary

Don't forget that on Friday 1 December, from 6.00pm – 7.30pm, John Cabot students, along with many students from other local schools, will be performing as part of the Jessie May Christmas Carol Concert.

See the flyer for more details or speak to Miss Grierson.



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## Year 7 Parents' Evening

A reminder that the Year 7 Parents' Evening is taking place on Thursday 30 November, from 3.45pm – 6.15pm.

The Parent Portal booking facility is still open for parents to book appointments online. We look forward to seeing parents on Thursday 30 November.

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## Supportive Parents

Supportive Parents is a charity providing information, advice and support to parents, children and young people with any type of Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND).

Their support group meets monthly to give parents the opportunity to meet other parents, share experiences and concerns and to find out more about SEN. Meeting dates are below:

### Yate Meeting Dates:

Brimsham Green Secondary School, Room 1, Broad Lane, Yate, BS37 7LB  
Tuesdays 7.30pm – 9.00pm  
16 January 2018  
20 March 2018

### Kingswood Meeting Dates:

Kingswood Children's Centre, Hollow Road, Kingswood, BS15 9TP  
Tuesdays 7.30pm – 9.00pm  
21 November 2017  
20 February 2018

For more details, contact their Information, Advice and Support Line on 0117 9897725 or visit their website: [www.supportiveparents.org.uk](http://www.supportiveparents.org.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	Meet the Executive Principal Evening, Monday 27 November, 6.00pm Dance Show, Monday 4 December Admissions Day, Friday 8 December (Academy closed to existing students) Winter Music Concert, Wednesday 13 December Ski trip leaves, Thursday 14 December Term 2 ends, Friday 15 December Term 3 begins, Wednesday 3 January 2018 (Tues 2 Jan is an inset day)
Year 7	Y7 Inter Community, Monday 27 November Y7 Parents' Evening, Thursday 30 November, 3.45pm – 6.15pm Y7 Pantomime trip, Thursday 14 December
Year 8	
Year 9	Y9 Future Quest trip to Bristol Old Vic, Thursday 7 December
Year 10	
Year 11	Y11 Inter Community, Monday 27 November Y11 Drama Show, Tuesday 5 December
Sixth Form	

## Lost Property

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

John Lewis velvet grey glove	New Look black bomber jacket
Year 11 blue fleece and black joggers in a carrier bag	AKOA blue joggers
John Cabot Academy black jacket	B & C Sirocco black waterproof
Ted Baker grey jumper size 3	Medium John Cabot Academy PE hoodie
Pink and black short sleeved sweater	Small blue container/lunch box
Thinsulate gloves grey	3 blue inhalers
Blue and red football boots pencil case	2 brown inhalers
JD camouflaged drawstring bag with XS PE kit inside	Aero chamber
Blue and black drawstring bag with PE kit inside	Replay glasses case with pens inside
Nike black rucksack	Nike water bottle
Supply and demand blue jacket	Two black and pink glasses
F & F black puffer jacket	Plain black glasses
	Two brown and black glasses
	Black and red football boots

I look forward to meeting parents on Monday 27 November at the Meet the Principal evening.

Best wishes

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