

Parent Survey

Thank you for your continued engagement with our parent survey.

One area that was striking was the degree to which families are aware of the resourcing issues that our school (and in fact all schools) face. In response to this, we have ascertained an easy and free way to raise funds for our school whilst making your usual online purchases, using a site called Easy Fundraising. More information about Easy Fundraising is included below, with links via our school website and also sent out to you via email this week.

In summary, by using this link to access your usual online shopping sites, our school can receive charitable donations without any extra spend on your part. Charitable donations are made to the school by over 3400 different online sites when you use them to purchase your usual goods and services. The link for our page is:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/johncabotacademy/>

Please encourage your friends, family and neighbours to use the Easy Fundraising site for their own purchases. Our school could be literally thousands of pounds better off without a single family giving us a penny.

For more information about Easy Fundraising as a concept, please feel free to watch this short video:

https://youtu.be/Sn2dsQGAe_w

Thank you in advance.



Parent Councillor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent councillor on the Academy Council.

Please see the link below to obtain a letter from the Clerk to the Council with more information and details of how to apply.

[Parent Councillor Vacancy ltr](#)

Invigilators needed

The Academy is still looking to recruit more invigilators.

The details are on the CLF website 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.

National Online Safety

As part of our #WakeUpWednesday campaign, National Online Safety has teamed up with MusicAlternative to launch a Fortnite online safety song for your school to share with its whole school community!

Our song encourages parents and carers to "stay switched on" to online dangers when their children are playing Fortnite. We hope you love this video just as much as we do!

Please help us spread the message far and wide by retweeting our Fortnite song for parents & carers here:

YouTube link: <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1052469311388958720>

Download link: <https://we.tl/t-wa4OjQ2iPu>

Apprenticeship Parents' Pack – October 2018

The Amazing Apprenticeships website have just released a new parents' pack.

It includes resources aimed at helping parents understand the benefits of apprenticeships, including dates for your diary and 6 ways to keep informed! You can download the pack at: <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/parents-pack-october-2018/>

Careers Open Evening

North Bristol NHS Trust are holding a careers open evening in November for anyone thinking of a career in healthcare. Please see the poster below for more details.

[NHS Careers Open Evening](#)

National Careers Week competition

Catrina Holmes, our former Careers Advisor, entered JCA into the National Careers Week 2018 Case Study Competition before she left in the summer.

We are pleased to announce that our entry is one of just 16 entries the NCW has decided to publish as examples of good practice. Our case study is currently being designed and will be uploaded to the NCW website on 16 January.

In recognition of our contribution, the NCW will also be sending us a commendation certificate. The CEO of NCW, Nick Newman, said: "Quality careers education and guidance starts with quality careers engagement; this example is inspiring and should inspire others to maximise the opportunity that National Careers Week provides."

Thanks to Catrina for her work towards obtaining this recognition.

Hairspray reminder

Please can we remind all students involved in Hairspray that there is a whole cast rehearsal on the first Tuesday back after the holidays, on Tuesday 6 November.

The rehearsal is for everyone involved, including all dancers, and will take place from 3.00pm – 4.45pm.

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 5 November is week 1 on the timetable Term 2 begins, Monday 5 November Senior Maths Challenge, Tuesday 6 November Watersports Trip Information Evening, Tuesday 6 November, 6.00pm Charity Basketball Event, Friday 23 November, 3.15pm
Year 7	Y7 Parents & Meet the Tutor Evening, Thursday 15 November, 3.45pm – 6.15pm
Year 8	
Year 9	Y9 Future Quest trip to Aerospace, Thursday 8 November
Year 10	Y10 Drama trip to Tobacco Factory, Thursday 25 October at 7.00pm Y10 Future Quest trip, Wednesday 21 November
Year 11	Y11 mock exams, w/c Monday 5 November and w/c Monday 12 November
Sixth Form	

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

