



Year 10 Parents' Evening

There is a Year 10 Parents' Evening taking place on Thursday 16 November, from 3.45pm to 6.15pm. Reminders have been sent out to parents this week.

Appointments with teachers **can only be made** using the Parent Portal INSIGHT booking system, which is now open for parents to book convenient times. Parents have previously been sent their log in details in order to use this system. Any parents who have not provided us with an email address will not have received log in details and will not be able to use this booking facility. Can we therefore ask any parents who have not yet done so to provide us with an up to date email address as soon as possible so that log in details can be sent to you.

As this is a crucial time in your child's education, we look forward to seeing as many parents as possible on 16 November.

Special Educational Needs

We have been informed by South Gloucestershire Council that Ofsted will be working locally (6-10 November) to evaluate effectiveness across the South Gloucestershire Local Authority in:



- identifying the needs of children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities;
- meeting the needs of these children and young people so that their outcomes and chances of participating fully in society improve.

If you wish to be involved, please click on this internet link:- <http://bit.ly/SouthGlosLASEND>.

Parents and carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) can also complete an online Ofsted survey by midnight on Tuesday 7 November <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SouthGlosLASENDinspectionsurvey>. Young people with SEND are also encouraged to contribute their views.

Remembrance



On Friday 10 November, we will gather as a whole school to remember those who have lost their lives in conflicts globally. This will take place at 10.40am and will involve all members of the school community. This week, assemblies have focused on remembrance and students have been asked 'How do you use your freedom?'

Pupil Premium Spending Plan 2017-18

John Cabot Academy receives additional funding for any students who are free school meals, have received free school meals in the last 6 years, who were adopted from care, who are a child in care or who are the children of a parent in the armed services.

These groups are collectively known as Pupil Premium. The government says it is the Academy's decision how this money is spent to best support our students in their education. The government use a variety of methods to check we are spending the money correctly, Ofsted and South Gloucestershire inspections are just two. Furthermore, they insist that on our website we publish both the current year's spending plan and the evaluation of the previous year's spending plan. Both documents are available here: <http://cabot.ac.uk/pupil-premium/>

In order to decide how we spend the money, we have used the following sources: academic research, the review by South Gloucestershire from July 2017 and an evaluation of how we spent the money in 2016-17. There are three broad areas upon which we spend the money:

- (i) interventions to support teaching in the classroom, e.g. tutors, additional teachers;
- (ii) bespoke interventions e.g. music tuition.
- (iii) Leadership within the Academy to ensure we are focused on these students;

All the detail on how we are intending to spend the money is available in this year's spending plan.

Student Voice



Following feedback from over 40 of our Year 11 students towards the end of last term, they identified areas that they felt have a significant positive impact on their learning experiences.

Please click on the link below to see what areas were highlighted by our students.

[Student Voice Feedback](#)

Parent Councillor Election



At the end of last term, ballot sheets were sent home with all students.

Completed ballot sheets (which are on coloured paper) must be returned to the Academy by Friday 10 November. There is a ballot box in reception to collect the sheets. Please can we remind parents to return the completed sheet with your choice of who will represent the parents on our Academy Council. We look forward to letting you know who the successful candidate is as soon as possible after the closing date.

'Upload' music event

On Wednesday evening this week, two groups of students represented John Cabot Academy at "Upload", a showcase of musical talent from across South Gloucestershire schools, hosted at Winterbourne Academy.

There were nine acts in total who performed a variety of own compositions, rock, pop, indie and jazz! The evening was full of talent from all the students and our JCA students did incredibly well. We hope to host the event back at John Cabot in the New Year. Stay tuned for more information on that.

Many thanks to the parents who supported this event by providing transport and being a great audience!

Well done to the student involved: Ellie Kadioglu, Scarlett Hutton, James Bloomfield-Stock, Dylan Eldemire, Noah Ball, Grace Veitch and Kelsey Alderman 🎵🎵



Hinkley Point C Careers Resources

EDF Energy have recently launched their Inspire programme for young people.

The aim of the programme is to help young people to explore the wide range of employment opportunities linked to the creation of Hinkley Point C. This includes the creation of 1,000 apprenticeships. Young people can register and find out more at the below links. Registering for Young HPC will enable young people to be informed about skills experience days, which will create direct contacts with the companies who are helping to build the new power station.

www.edfenergy.com/younghpc and www.edfenergy.com/hpcapprentice



Introducing the National Careers Service Resources

The National Careers Service have produced a ‘remote assembly’ for John Cabot students and parents to explain the support that they can offer online and through social media to help students with their career decision making.

There is a video for this, which is available to students via the Careers Adviser, Catrina Holmes.

JCA Post 16 Pop Ups

Our programme of Post 16 Pop Ups continues at JCA this term.

Please see the calendar below for further information. Students can get support with their applications and course choices by dropping into SF6 Monday - Thursday during break times and after school or by attending the library lunchtime drop in on Wednesdays. Careers guidance appointments can be booked by speaking to JCA’s careers advisor Catrina Holmes (catrina.holmes@jca.cabot.ac.uk) who is based in SF6. Parents are very welcome to attend appointments or to request information by email.

[Updated Pop Ups](#)

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 |
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| All years | Senior Maths Challenge, Tuesday 7 November Remembrance Event, Friday 10 November Dance Show, Monday 4 December Admissions Day, Friday 8 December (Academy closed to existing students) Winter Music Concert, Tuesday 12 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 Parents' Evening, Thursday 30 November, 3.45pm – 6.15pm Y7 Pantomime trip, Thursday 14 December |
| Year 8 | |
| Year 9 | |
| Year 10 | Y10 Parents' Evening, Thursday 16 November, 3.45pm – 6.15pm |
| Year 11 | |
| Sixth Form | P16 Parents' Evening at BBA, Thursday 23 November |

Lost Property

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

North Face black hoodie
Black and brown framed glasses
Brown and blue inhaler
Pink framed glasses
Flower print framed glasses
Black Nike running rain jacket, Medium size
JD Camouflage drawstring bag with XS PE kit inside
Nike water bottle
Black puffer jacket
JCA Black jacket
Sainsbury's bag with Y11 fleece, Puma shorts and black high tops inside
Black Reply glasses case.

Best wishes
Mr S White
Principal