

Launch of Ready to Learn Programme

Parents will be aware that at the start of this week we launched our new Ready to Learn programme.

All students had an assembly on the first day back to remind them of the details of the new system and what our expectations are going forward. The full system is outlined in detail in the letter below – please do note the fact that if they are asked to leave a lesson, students will be expected to stay until 4pm on the same day. We will of course inform you of this during the course of the day.

[Ready to Learn letter](#)

You will know that we had arranged for two Parent Information evenings for those parents who want to know more about this system. The first Information Evening took place this week but there will be a further opportunity for parents to attend and ask questions at the second event on Tuesday 23 January, starting at 6.00pm. There will be a follow on session at 6.30pm, enabling the families of students with SEND to ask particular questions about the impact of the system for their child so that we can work together to ensure we meet the needs of all our students.

Also available again below is a link to the uniform letter sent recently as a further reminder of our uniform requirements.

[Uniform Letter Jul 17](#)

Mercury Head of Community

As notified in the last Parent Newsletter, Emily Grainger is stepping down as Head of Community for Mercury.

We are very pleased to advise you that Amanda Morris has taken over the role of Head of Community for Mercury and will be working alongside Luke Angell. Amanda's email address is: amanda.morris@jca.cabot.ac.uk should you need to contact her.

Parent Portal – Insight

We have made the decision to discontinue our use of Parent Portal.

There is an announcement to this effect on the website and the link has now been removed. We are hopeful that we will achieve the communication with parents about your child's work - as well as with the students themselves in a far more effective way - using the Show My Homework package, which we will develop our use of with staff and students over the course of the term.

Please click on the link below to read the booklet designed to offer guidance to students and parents on how to use the Show My Homework system.

[Show My Homework Guidance Booklet](#)

HPV vaccinations for Y8/Y9 girls

A reminder that HPV vaccinations for Y8 and Y9 girls are taking place on Tuesday 30 January.

Consent forms were issued at the end of last term to all Y8 girls. Thank you to those parents who have returned consent forms already. Please could we ask that all remaining forms are returned as soon as possible so that vaccinations can take place. Students will not be able to receive a vaccination if we have not received a signed consent form.

Please note: Y9 girls do not need to return another consent form as they did this last year in Y8.

Dates of forthcoming external exams

Below is some information on key dates for forthcoming exams.

Y7 and Y8 assessments will be taking place over the next two weeks. These will consist of both written and multiple choice assessments, which will take place during normal lesson times.

Y11 mock exams are scheduled for w/c 26 February. The individual timetables for these mocks will be distributed to the students by the end of January.

Y10 mock exams are timetabled for w/c 16 April, students will receive their timetables nearer the time.

Y9 exams are scheduled for w/c 25 June.

The actual GCSE exams begin on Monday 14 May and will run until Friday 22 June.

Swimming success

Heather Witcombe (Y11) took part in the National Winter Swimming Championships just before Christmas.

Heather performed really well coming 2nd in her heat, just missing out on the chance to be in the finals.

Caring in Bristol

Miss Grainger would like to say a big 'thank you' to all staff and students who contributed to 'Caring in Bristol'; the homeless support charity we were collecting for in Term 2.

She was able to take a large amount of donations to the shelter at the end of term which felt great and they were of course very grateful. The picture below shows the donations at the shelter.



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	Parent Information Evening re Ready to Learn, 6pm Term 3 ends, Friday 9 February Term 4 begins, Monday 19 February
Year 7	
Year 8	Y8 Girls HPV jabs, Tuesday 30 January
Year 9	Y9 Options/Parents' Evening, Thursday 18 January Y9 Girls HPV jabs, Tuesday 30 January Y9 Future Quest workshop at Old Vic, Thursday 8 February
Year 10	Y10 Future Quest Skills Day, Thursday 1 February Y10 Drama performance, Thursday 8 February
Year 11	
Sixth Form	

Lost Property

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

Black Joggers
Year 11 Fleece
John Cabot Academy black jacket
Ted baker grey jumper size 3
Pink and black short sleeve sweater
Thinsulate gloves
Blue and red pencil case
Black, white and yellow pencil case
J.D bag with PE kit
Nike black bag
F & F bomber jacket
New Look bomber jacket
Akoa blue joggers
B & C Sirocco black waterproof jacket

Medium JCA PE hoodie
5 blue inhalers
2 brown inhalers

Aero Chamber
Nike water bottle
Black and pink glasses
Plain black glasses
Brown and black glasses
Nike ID trainer bag with black Adidas trainers
Small John Cabot Academy PE top
Disney store bag with black and white Adidas trainers
Medium John Academy P.E hoodie
Black Nike trainers, size 6
Black Nike zip up fleece
Karrimor black weatherite jacket, 13 years
Thinsulate grey bobble hat

Black JD drawstring bag, black and red Adidas trainers and PE kit
Small grey jumper
Pink and black Nike bottle

Best wishes

Sally Apps
Executive Principal