

# news



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## Happy Holiday

We would want to wish all students, staff, parents and friends a very happy holiday. The break is very much deserved for all concerned.

It has been a joy to see JCA students celebrating this week and recognising the excellence and hard work that exists in all of our four communities. Thank you to the students and staff who contributed to these events.



Today we also say 'goodbye and thank you' to staff who are moving on to new challenges. In particular, we would want to pay tribute to Mrs Robson who has been at JCA since 1999, Mr O'Donnell (2000) and Mrs Merriman (2001). We wish all colleagues well who are moving on and would want to thank them for their service, effort and inspiration during their time with us.

## Parental Communication

In the next few days, all parents will receive by mail:

- A letter from the Principal
- A letter outlining our core purpose and values for the year ahead.
- A final reminder about our new school uniform for the new school year.
- School reports.



In the mailing, parents will find a statement around our vision, our values and our core purpose. This has been devised with strong input from our students and will form the basis for our work in the year ahead. We would want to thank the students who made such a difference in this process and for whom this approach will benefit in the years to come.

# September Return

We have made preparations for our students' return in September.

Staff return on Monday 4 September for our training day. **No students attend on this day.**

**Year 7** students return on Tuesday 5 September. School begins at 8.40am.

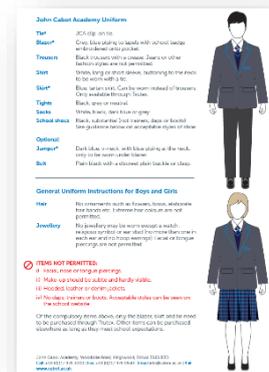
**All other students** return on Wednesday 6 September. School begins at 8.40am.

As previously communicated, our school day next year runs from 8.40am to 3pm.

Please see the [Post 16 website](#) for details of the return details for these students.

## Uniform

It has been a real pleasure to welcome so many parents into JCA in recent weeks in order to try on new uniform for the year ahead. Parents and carers will doubtless be very aware of the requirements for September and how these new items can be purchased.



As previously communicated, we will have a process in place for students who do not arrive with full uniform in September. Should this situation arise, we will be in contact with parents immediately so that the matter can be corrected without delay or having an ongoing impact on children's learning.

Details are available online [here](#)

## Health in Schools



This week, we were delighted to receive the good news that JCA has been awarded the Health in Schools Bronze Award.

In the feedback to the school, it stated that we meet the standards for the Bronze award. Our process and systems contribute to the promotion of 'health and wellbeing' through the taught curriculum, the school environment, and across the school community. The feedback went on to say: "Evidence shows the school has a strong commitment to student led health and wellbeing initiatives and that strategies to promote positive wellbeing for students and staff is a real asset. When prompted to provide examples, these demonstrate the impact of your health promotion activities really clearly". Congratulations to Miss Ogden who led this excellent initiative this year.

## Reports

**You will shortly be receiving an end of year attainment summary for your child. For students in Year 10, this will include written comments and will inform you and them about how they need to move forwards in each of their subject areas. For students in other year groups, this will be a score / grade summary of their performance in each area - the written parts of the reports for students in Years 7-9 were moved to earlier in the year in response to parental requests so that there was time to respond to the feedback from staff.**

Some parents have asked why the end of year reports don't go home earlier. The simple answer is that the assessment of students' performance happens in the final term (once the majority of the year's content has been covered in lessons). These are then marked and moderated, then teachers enter the data and this is checked. We also like to give students the experience of sitting (at least some of) their assessments in the main exams hall environment, which cannot happen until after the GCSE and A Level exams have finished. All of this means that, from a practical perspective, it is not possible to get the end of year reports out any earlier.

From the new academic year, reports will be made available to parents online, rather than via the post. We will notify parents by email and text message when they are available. In order to receive these notifications and also to be able to access the Parent Portal (and hence the reports), please do ensure that we have the most up-to-date email address and mobile number for you.

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## GCSE Results

**Year 11 students will be able to collect their GCSE results from the Academy between 9am and 10am on Thursday 24 August.**

If a student is unable to attend on this date, please leave a 'large letter envelope', self addressed and stamped (a large letter stamp costs 98p) with Mrs Penfold before the end of term, and the results will be posted out to you.

Alternatively, if someone else is collecting the results on behalf of another student, they will need to bring along a note to this effect signed by the student's parent to say that they give permission for this to happen. We look forward to seeing many of our Year 11 students on the day.

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## Uniform

**Students must wear full and correct uniform when they return on Wednesday 6 September. On arrival, students will have their uniform checked.**

Any student who has incorrect uniform will be taken to their Head of Community and contact will be made with parents/carers to ensure the uniform can be altered. Sanctions will be put in place for students who do not comply the uniform policy. Please note that no jewellery may be worn except a watch, religious symbol or ear stud (no more than one in each ear and no hoop earrings). Facial or tongue piercings are not permitted. Students with such piercings will be expected to remove them.

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## Golden Ticket Celebrations

**On Thursday 20 July, students who had achieved over 96% lesson score 1s and 2s were invited to a special Golden Ticket Celebration event where they had a movie / popcorn and could win additional prizes.**

Congratulations to all of these students who have consistently been excellent in their lessons this year. Outlined below is a list of the Top 20 students in the Academy, based on their lesson scores throughout the whole year.

Position	Name	TG
1	Hylton Carys	M1
2	Griffin Nancy	N5
3	Meek Anthony	S1
4	Derrick Katie	N3
5	Allen Laurel	N2
6	Payne Ruby	N3
7	Small Ethan	N4
8	Wiggins Shau'ri	M2
9	Saunders Benjamin	S1
10	Wiggins Jorja	M3
11	Stone Charday	N2
12	Jerram Emily	S1
13	Bentham Henry	S2
14	Bedingfield Leah	S4
15	Phillips James	N1
16	Comley Owen	7Nb
17	Kochar Kareena	J5
18	Aldom Kayla	7Jb
19	Thompson Aurora-May	7Jb
20	Khalsa Navjyot	N6

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## Attendance

**Congratulations to all the students who have achieved over 97% attendance this year.**

Throughout this week, we have hosted ice cream thank you events and prize giving.

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## Detentions

**The Academy has a range of sanctions that are used with students and one of these is detentions.**

There are Faculty and Senior Leadership Team detentions that take place every week after school; these last between 30mins (Faculty) and 90mins (SLT). As an Academy, we expect that parents will show their support of these by ensuring that their son/daughter attends and that alternative arrangements are made for them to get home.

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## Music Department Summer Showcase

**The music department presented its summer showcase last week to a packed hall at JCA. There were performances from GCSE and A Level Music students, choirs, bands, harmony group and soloists, covering a wide range of styles including ballads, musical theatre, gospel and rock.**

We also witnessed the debut performance of the trash band (playing their songs on converted drainpipes) and the first and last solo vocal attempt by Mr Clarke. The evening was rounded off with a medley of songs performed by the whole ensemble and supported by a host of ex students who had kindly come back to say hello and support the event. Well done to everybody involved. It was a terrific evening.



## Year 7 Drama Festival

The Year 7 Drama Festival took place this week. The winners included:

Future Star: Harry Bowley  
Best Actress: Asha Mir  
Best Actor: Tyler Bees

Best Group 7Y3: 'Cold Beer- Murder on a plane'



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## Year 8 Drama Festival

The Year 8 'Twisted Tales' Drama Festival took place this week.

The winning group was 8x1 – the Three Disturbed Bears. Some notable winners included:

Future Star: Tom Cummins  
Best Actress: Tia Sutherland  
Best Actor: Luke Wilson



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## Duke of Edinburgh Award

Well done to the following students who collected their Bronze DoE Award this week.

Rubi Barber  
Caitlin Cronin  
Jack Cusack  
Katie Derrick  
Sophie Grimes

Toby Noakes  
Emily Sheppard  
Caitlin MacKenzie  
Scarlett Hutton

## Future Quest trip to London

On Tuesday 18 July, twelve Year 10 students went on a fascinating trip to London. They spent the first two hours touring round the Science museum looking at things like the Soyuz capsule that brought Major Tim Peake home from the international space station. One of our students commented, "there wasn't enough time to read everything, I need to come back".

In the afternoon, students were given a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament. Watching a debate in the House of Commons on drugs policy was fascinating. The MP was saying she wishes the youth in the country could hear about the realities of how drugs can be imported into this country, and sitting up in the viewing gallery were our 12 students listening intently. Many of our students commented how amazing it was to see democracy in action.



The picture shows our students stood on the steps of Westminster Hall, the oldest bit of the Houses of Parliament. These are the very steps where Queen Elizabeth and President Barack Obama have delivered speeches to Parliament.

The people running the tour described our students as a real credit to their school and families. With fantastic behaviour and attitude, it has become a real pleasure to work with them.

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## Extreme Reading Competition

The library is running an Extreme Reading competition and would like students and staff to take photos of themselves reading somewhere extreme, silly (but safe!) or somewhere amazing this summer.

Students should then bring a copy of their photo into the school library at the start of the new school year. Photos can also be sent to our Twitter account: @LibraryJCA. All photos must be in by Friday 29 September 2017. There will be prizes for the most creative entries for students and staff. Whatever you do this summer, don't forget your book!



## Year 7 Music Festival

A great afternoon full of excellent performances from soloists and groups from Year 7 music classes. The students performed a variety of popular pieces with criticism from our guest judges! A taster of the performances can be seen on @cabotmusic Twitter.

The winners were:

**Best Keyboard** - Zoe Cummins for her contribution to 'Counting Stars'.

**Best Drummer** - Ethan Rosenthal for his contribution to 'Of The Night'.

**Best Vocalist** - Laila Harris for her performance of 'Supermarket Flowers'.

**Best Guitar** - Callum Roberts.

**Best Solo Performance** - Harry Bowley for his performance 'Say Something'.

**Best Group Performance** - Lola, Sam and Helen for their group performance of 'Man Who Can't Be Moved'.

**Most Expressive Performance** - Will Bissex for his incredibly expressive piano solo.



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## Would you like to teach?

Did you know that you can train to teach with the Cabot Learning Federation? If you are a graduate and are interested in a 1-year full-time training course to become a Primary or Secondary teacher, please contact [Scitt@clf.ac.uk](mailto:Scitt@clf.ac.uk) or phone 0117 244 6233 to find out more.

You could be eligible for a training bursary of up to £25,000 for some subjects. Your training placements would take place in CLF or other local schools. Many of our successful trainees go on to teach in our schools. We still have places available for 2017-18. We would love to hear from you; please pass on this message to relatives, friends, anyone you know who might be interested.

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## Year 8 Music Festival

Another lovely celebration of excellent composition and songwriting work from Year 8 students from all music classes. The students were given the challenge to write a song, in any style and theme and 9 groups and soloists showcased their work to the Year 8 audience and judges. Some small sections of performances can be seen on @cabotmusic Twitter.

The winners were:

**More Creative Songwriter** - Scarlet, Emem, Melissa and Marysia (with Kayleigh performing).

**Best Solo Performance** - Keyan Harper on piano and vocals.

**Most Expressive Performance** - Amaritha for her performance of 'One Last Time'.

**Best Group Performance** - Laurel, Zoe, Jasmine, Sophie and Fearne.



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## Free School Meals – how to apply

A reminder to Parents and Carers that you can apply for Free School Meals via the online portal launched at the start of this year, speeding up the process and enabling you to have an immediate confirmation of eligibility.

Parents and carers can now apply for free school meals online via the Citizen Portal, using the link below. Your eligibility will be checked online, and the portal will let you know whether your child is eligible for free school meals. If your child is eligible you will receive a confirmation message, and the school will be notified directly. If you are not eligible you will be presented with a message confirming this.

[Apply for free school meals](#)

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## East Central Early Help Summer Bulletin

Summer holidays can be a difficult time for families to fill up with activities; please see below a list of activities for families in the Bristol City Council area.

[Summer Activities Bulletin](#)

We do not endorse any of the activities in here and if you have any questions or queries about the specific activities, please do contact the organisers directly.

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## Charity Basketball

**A big well done to the Year 10 boys for winning the first basketball game against our Year 9s, by 30 -10.**

Raynel captained a strong side and there was a lot of great play. Kieran Graham led the Year 9 boys out and although they gave it their all they weren't able to quite catch up the Year 10s who took a strong early lead. Thank you to the students who came to support and donated money to charity.

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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	A Level results out, Thursday 17 August GCSE results out, Thursday 24 August Term 1 starts for Year 7 students only, Tuesday 5 September Term 1 starts for Y8 – Y11 students, Wednesday 6 September
Year 7	Term 1 starts, Tuesday 5 September
Year 8	Term 1 starts, Wednesday 6 September
Year 9	Term 1 starts, Wednesday 6 September
Year 10	Term 1 starts, Wednesday 6 September
Year 11	Term 1 starts, Wednesday 6 September

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## Lost Property

Due to space constraints, we are changing our system for dealing with lost property. From now on:

- Items with students' names in will be returned to them.
- Valuables including waterproof/winter coats will be kept until the end of term, then sent to charity.
- Other lost items will be kept in student reception for *one week*, then recycled or thrown away.

We currently have approx. 30 high quality and expensive, premium branded winter coats in lost property. If your child has lost theirs, please encourage them to come and have a look.

All lost property PE kit is being cleared out. There are lots of items of difference sizes that students can collect and claim for free, due to not having any names on it. We will keep this in the PE corridor until the end of next week, after which we will be sending all unclaimed items to charity.

Best wishes

**Mr S White**  
**Principal**

