

Parent Bulletin

25/09/2019

Bursary Applications and Free School Meals

Most students have submitted their applications now – thank you. Could any outstanding applications please be a priority and received by Mon 30th September.

Please note – if Year 12s had Free School Meals last year (Year 11), they must reapply for it as this is not an automatic process.

Academic Mentor Evening: Thursday 26th September 2019

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This trip is compulsory for all year 12 students. We are running this trip free of charge and buses will depart from each academy as shown below.

John Cabot Academy – 10.20am Bristol Brunel Academy – 10.30pm

We will leave the exhibition at 12.00pm, returning to academies at approximately 12.30pm in time for lunch and afternoon lessons.

All students must register for their individual ticket before of the event. Slips must be returned by Friday 27th September 2019 to Heads of Colleges.

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London Trip—Timings

Our trip to London takes place on **Friday 27th September**.

The itinerary includes several museums, landmarks and department stores, and is outlined below:

06:45	Students and Staff meet @ JCA to load transport buses
07:00 – 10:00	Leave JCA and travel to London 77 Seater and 48 Seater Bus
10:00 – 11:30	Coach drop off at the museums – Science, Natural History and Victoria & Albert
11:30-13:00	*Students supervised and Visit – Harrods & Harvey Nichols Department Stores – See map/tour
13:00 – 13:30	*Coach to take students from Harrods to Buckingham Palace
13:30 – 15:00	*Walk from Buckingham Palace to Westminster, Whitehall, Big Ben, Horseguards, Trafalgar square, Leicester Square ending in Covent Garden.
15.30-17:00	Covent Garden— Free time
17:00 - 20:00	Travel back to Bristol

CLF Post 16 Ski Trip : Sunday 5th January to Saturday 11th January 2020

If you would like to be part of the ski trip to Sestriere in Italy in January, please return the consent/medical form to register your commitment to the trip, with your first payment of £199, **no later than Wednesday 23rd October**. Further information about the resort and accommodation can be found at:

<https://selectschoolskiing.com/school-ski-trips-destinations/school-ski-trips-italy/sestriere>

Exams—Key Dates

Exams will take place within the following windows. More precise detail will follow nearer the time as our exams schedule is finalised.

12-15 November Y13 Mock Exams

25 Feb - 6 March Y12+13 Mock Exams

13 May - 24 June External Exams

CLF Post 16 Nepal Care and Community Project : July 2020

We have been able to secure a fantastic opportunity for the CLF Post 16 students to go to Nepal for 14 days in July 2020. The aim of the project is to provide additional support to the local staff in the school / care centre by providing care to the children through a variety of games and activities. There will be a meeting in the Eye at 6pm on Wednesday 11th September for all interested students to receive a presentation and there will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions.

Enrolment, Enrichment and Masterclass Information

- **Any students that enrolled after the 2nd September need to attend an induction session at 3.15 in the Cabot Eye on Wednesday 25th September.** Students have been emailed individually to remind them.
- Enrichment will begin this week and next. There is a broad range of enrichment opportunities available and these sessions will run on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3.10 - 4.10
- Masterclass sessions will be run to support students in their studies. These sessions are open to all students. Some students will be invited if they have work to catch up on but there may be times where these sessions are compulsory for students to catch up

Our New Heads of College



Jasmine Hughes
Mount Hill College



Katy Dodd
King's Park College



Leanne Dunbavand
Greenbank College

All students have been assigned to one of our three Colleges.

Our Heads of College (pictured left) are here to support students' academic and pastoral needs. If students need support, they should ensure they contact the person associated with their designated College.

CLF Post 16: "Meet the Academic Mentor" Parents Evening: 26th September, 4pm – 7pm

We would like to invite you to the Post 16 "Meet the Academic Mentor" Parents Evening.

Where: John Cabot Academy, Woodside Road, Kingswood BS15 8BD.

When: Thursday 26th September from 4pm - 7pm

- Sessions:**
1. Principal's Welcome – John Cabot Academy Main Hall at 5pm and 6:45pm.
 2. Appointments with Academic Mentors in the Cabot Eye throughout the evening.

We encourage everyone to attend this evening as it provides an excellent opportunity for you to discuss the start of term and your son/daughter's progress with their Academic Mentor (tutor). Students should make appointments with their Academic Mentors during their tutor sessions this week, and we advise a maximum appointment time of 10 minutes. This is an initial meeting, and a further more detailed parents evening will take place in November during which subject teachers will be present.

If you have any special access requirements, language assistance needs or are hard of hearing, please let the Post 16 Heads of College know to ensure we can support you fully during the evening. There will be parking available in the academy car park and some disability parking spaces.