

PARENT/CARER INFORMATION: Term 1, Week 4

25/09/2026

Term 1 Important Dates

08/10/2026 – Open Evening for 2027 starters (See flyer below)

21/10/2026 – Year 12 and Foundation Meet the Tutor Evening, Year 13 Destinations Evening (16:30-18:00) *Please note this is a revised date.*

22/10/2026 & 23/10/2026 – Inset Days

23/10/2026 – End of Term 1

02/11/2026 – Start of Term 2

For all Term and Inset Dates please check our Website - <https://post16.clf.uk/academy-information/term-dates/>

My Child At School App (MCAS) - New Parents/Carers

CLF Post 16 use an app for parents and carers called 'MyChildAtSchool'. MCAS will help to keep you informed about your child's timetable, attendance and progress and is also used for the parents evening bookings.

To activate your MCAS account, please follow the guidance clicking on the relevant link below

[MCAS Activation guidance](#)

[MCAS Punjabi](#)

[MCAS Somali](#)

[MCAS Arabic](#)

We are asking all parents and carers to activate your MCAS account ASAP, as this will be the main form of communication from the school.

If your child was previously at John Cabot Academy, you will not need to re-set this up and should now be able to see your child on your original MCAS account.

If you previously had MCAS set up for a different school, you will need to re-set up using the John Cabot ID and Postcode, detailed in the attached guidance.

Free School Meals Important Update

As we previously emailed to all Parents/Carers. Free School Meals eligibility changed this year.

To date we have only had a small number of Free School Meal students confirmed by South Gloucestershire council. **If we do not receive confirmation, from South Gloucestershire Council that your child is entitled then we will be unable to continue to offer them a meal at school.**

If you have not yet reapplied/checked your availability you can do so via the South Gloucestershire Council Citizen Portal using the link below:

https://oneb2b.southglos.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

You will need to tell them that your child is part of John Cabot Academy.

If you were not previously entitled to Free School Meals but are in receipt of Universal Credits you may now be entitled, and we encourage you to apply using the link above.

Changes to Free School Meal Holiday Supermarket Vouchers

Until now you may have received supermarket vouchers to buy food for your children during the school holidays. (Or if your child is now in Year 13, they may have received this directly). Unfortunately, Councils can no longer support this and from September 2026, holiday supermarket vouchers will no longer be available.

We understand that this news may be disappointing, particularly for families who have relied on this support during school holidays. Further information and guidance from the council can be read here - <https://post16.clf.uk/letters/changes-to-free-school-meal-holiday-supermarket-vouchers/>

Berrow Trip



This week our A Level Geographers and Year 13 Applied Science students took a trip to Berrow Sands Nature Reserve to conduct sand dune field work. They got a chance to put concepts that they have been learning into real-world context, showed great teamwork and received a talk from an ecology expert on conservation! 🙌



University & Apprenticeships Fair

We have 77 spaces available to take students to the UK University and Apprentice Fair, by coach. These are on a first come first served basis with priority going to Year 13 students. The cost for this is £7.50. Students need to sign up here - <https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup/bristol-autumn-2026/register> and take payment to the Careers Office.

University Open Days

Here are the dates for the University open days coming up that are closest to us:

University	Location	Open Day Date(s)
UWE Bristol	Bristol	10 Oct 2026, 21 Nov 2026 [uwe.ac.uk] , [opendays.com]
University of Bristol	Bristol	31 Oct 2026 [bristol.ac.uk] , [bristol.ac.uk]
University of Bath	Bath	10 Oct 2026 [bath.ac.uk] , [bath.ac.uk]
Bath Spa University	Bath	26 Sep 2026, 24 Oct 2026, 28 Nov 2026 [bathspa.ac.uk] , [bathspa.ac.uk]
Cardiff University	Cardiff	17 Oct 2026 (also 12 Sep 2026) [cardiff.ac.uk] , [cardiff.ac.uk]
University of Gloucestershire	Cheltenham/Glou cester	17 Oct 2026, 22 Nov 2026 [glos.ac.uk] , [glos.ac.uk]

To find out open day dates for universities that are further afield, you can look at specific university websites or [HERE](#).

Open Evening

Below is our Open Evening Flyer. Please spread the word if you know of any friends/family who you think may be interested in coming along.

Contact details

Should your contact details change, please ensure you let us know by emailing info@p16.clf.uk

If you require this information in a different language please email info@p16.clf.uk



The flyer is for the CLF Post 16 Open Evening. It features a yellow header with the P16 Cabot Learning Federation logo and an Ofsted Outstanding Provider badge. Below the header is a collage of three photos: a young woman working on a craft project, a man and a woman working together on a project, and a young man in a blue and white sports kit running on a field. The main text is on a dark blue background. It says 'Your future starts here...' in a yellow script font, followed by 'CLF Post 16 Open Evening' in white. The date is 'Thursday 8th October 2026' and the time is '16:30 to 19:30'. It lists principal presentations at 16:45, 17:15, 17:45, 18:15, and 18:45. There is a list of activities with checkmarks: 'Find out more about the Post 16 experience', 'Explore our courses', 'Meet the teachers', 'Take a tour', and 'See what CLF Post 16 can offer you!'. A yellow circle contains the text 'Booking essential!', 'Scan here to book your place', a QR code, and 'Or visit our website'. The website 'www.post16.clf.uk/open-event' is listed in yellow. The address 'Woodside Road, Kingswood, Bristol, BS15 8BD' is in white. At the bottom are social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, and the Cabot Learning Federation logo.

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Could you tell if your child was being **exploited** **online?**



Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

29 September 19:00 - 20:30pm **06 October** 13:00 - 14:30pm

Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page** or scan the QR codes below

29 Sept



06 Oct

