



Welcome

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As we come to the end of Term 3, we have appreciated some great experiences that the students of CLF Post 16 have taken part in, afforded from the commitment and dedication of the staff team. The Dance group performed their Winter Dance Showcase in December which was outstanding, and they have also been coaching in our Primary schools as part of their community unit of study to lead into our Trust Dance showcase in the summer. We have launched a CLF `Big Read & Write` linking with our strategy to develop and celebrate both disciplines across the Trust. This has been supported by our Post 16 ambassadors who received training in reading and writing before working with our Primary and secondary schools in providing enriched experiences for students. We also enjoyed our success in the BIG Bake, coming second place in the Final, great work. Our Engineering and Science students had a fantastic experience from their recent residential as part of the Industrial Cadet gold project programme with Bath University and partner businesses Kier, Atkins, and Thales. We are proud of our (91) Year 13 students too, who have completed their applications to UCAS and are excited at the prospect of continuing their study at university. Our staff team have been fantastic in supporting this process which brought many challenges this year. I am also very proud of all students throughout their assessments this last term, external exams in January, Year 12 mocks and the preparation taking place for Year 13 and their mocks after half term. Well done to all students too that secured their grade 4 in Maths and English from the November exams, I am very proud of our students in Post 16.



Student Success at Maths Challenge

A team of four year 12 students from the Cabot Learning Federation (CLF) Post 16 has proudly secured runners-up position in the prestigious Ritangle competition.

Ritangle is an annual nationwide competition tailored for teams of students aged 16-18 who are currently pursuing studies in A-level mathematics, the International Baccalaureate, Scottish Highers, or equivalent qualifications.

The competition, which took place between October and December, attracts talented students from across the country to showcase their mathematical prowess without the need for knowledge beyond A-level maths. Of the 1,200 schools which entered, 153 schools were successful in submitting answers to the final question and of those there was one winner and 10 runners-up.



Despite the intense competition, the Cabot Learning Federation Post 16 team demonstrated exceptional skills and determination, earning them the one of the distinguished runners-up positions. This accomplishment reflects the dedication and academic excellence fostered within the Cabot Learning Federation Post 16.

Rachel Finlayson, CLF post 16 Maths Teacher, said “The students worked independently and really pushed their mathematical understanding to secure this amazing achievement.

“Their self-motivation and drive means they have achieved something they should be very proud of. I am very proud of them and look forward to seeing what they can achieve next year.”



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This term, we have successfully sent off 91 UCAS applications to universities across the UK.

Well done to those students in Year 13 and our careers team in supporting throughout this process.

National Apprenticeship week has seen a host of providers joining lessons and being available during lunchtime to talk to students about apprenticeship opportunities within certain industries.



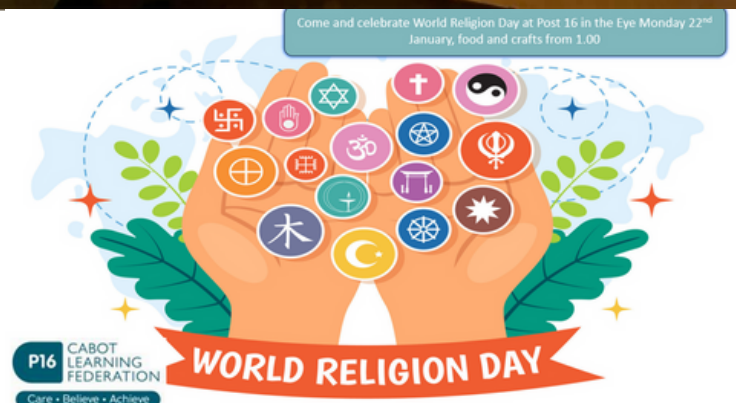
This has enabled students to gain further insight into life as an apprentice and the different roles and opportunities available to them. Teaching staff during curriculum time have also been able to share roles specific to their subjects.

World Religion Day

To mark world religion day staff and students engaged in some mindfulness whilst creating beautiful lanterns with positive messages around our different faiths/beliefs.



People didn't have to have a specific faith in order to take part. It was an inclusive activity, allowing us to engage in our care, believe achieve approach to community. The lanterns created allowed us to have our own lantern festival celebrating different our different faiths and role models.



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Engineering Development Trust Trip

We held our first residential trip this term alongside the University of Bath and the Engineering Development Trust.



EDT is an independent registered charity whose mission is to encourage young people to fulfil their potential through careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Established in 1984, the EDT is a leading national provider of work related learning programmes and annually involves over 40,000 students.

EDT aims to inspire and motivate young people to choosing a STEM career by giving them the opportunity to experience real life exposure to industry, business and higher education. The awareness gained empowers students to make informed choices at key stages of their education.

Our team built a prototype for this industrial cadets project and were real ambassadors for Post 16.



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LGBTQ+ History Month



February marks LGBTQ+ history month, which this year, has a theme of LGBTQ+ influence on Science and Medicine.

To celebrate, screens in the eye are showing role models from science and medicine, and there are positive role model posters displayed around the site.

Mindfulness colouring is taking place in the Eye each Tuesday lunchtime around LGBTQ+ role models and staff and students are encouraged to wear Pride Progress stickers to show our commitment to the inclusion of all of our students.



Parent & Student Mental Health Weeks

During term 3 we have seen awareness days for both parent and student mental health.

To support with both we have shared links to signposting for support.



If there is any specific support you would like from Post 16 do please get in contact with us through the Heads of House - Headsofhouse@p16,clf.uk

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CLF Big Events!

The CLF hold an annual Big Bake competition with entrants from students across the academies who get the opportunity to show off their baking talents.



Huge congratulations to Nadia and Jess who came second place!



Alongside the Big Bake, this term we have had students working alongside other students from across the trust in the Big Write, Big Read and Big Dance. These termly programmes give an opportunity for our students to develop coaching and confidence skills as well as enabling expert knowledge to younger students.

Thank you to Ava and Mason who have been coaching at Kings Oak and John Cabot this term for the Big Dance. Thank you also to Sienna and Mairaj who have delivered the Big Write programme at Bristol MET with exceptional feedback from staff at this host academy, and to Madina and Maliha who have been working alongside children at Summer Hill academy.

Thank you also to Qasim and Ciara, our Post 16 Academy Council representatives who collated student voice this term and fed back the results to our Academy council with a focus on our catering service from Aspen and culture across the academy, our enrichment programme, trips and events. It was very informative and a great mechanism to listen to our students to bring about a better experience.

Safer Internet Day

Our students were made aware of Safer Internet Day on Tuesday and had a great assembly from our local Police around how they manage an online presence safely.

It was important to also highlight the need for awareness around Cybersafety including crypto currency, sharing images and how prospective employers may view their profile. Students will receive follow up information during Term 4.

Resit Results and Exams

Congratulations go all students who took English & Maths GCSE Resits in November. 34 students were delighted to achieve the Grade 4 or 5 they had been aiming for. We'd also like to celebrate the determination of everyone who took the exam. Even if it wasn't possible to get over the threshold of the Grade 4, we are very proud of all those who students who put themselves forward and worked hard to improve the marks they achieved. We are now working towards the Summer exams as the next opportunity.

It's been a VERY busy Term 3 for students and our exam team & invigilators! Week 2 and 3 this term saw students in both Year 12 & 13 sitting over 600 exam papers for Vocational qualifications and we are looking forward to results coming out on 21st March.

In Week 4 our Year 12 A Level students sat their first round of mock exams and we were delighted to meet so many Parents and Carers on Thursday evening to discuss how students are progressing.

In the final week of term it was the turn of Year 13 and GCSE resit students to take mock exams. These will continue into the first week of Term 4 and by the end of the week over a thousand papers will have been sat!

With such a busy term behind us, we do wish students and parents a well earned rest over half term, and also want to publicly thank our staff for all the time and care taken over their marking and feedback, ensuring students learn all they can from their practice in the exam room.



Recruiting for Exam Invigilators



We are looking for Exam Invigilators to join our supportive and talented exams team at CLF Post 16 and John Cabot Academy.

We are a diverse multi-academy trust, looking for professional and ambitious people, with a passion for transforming our students' learning. Our Academies need invigilators, readers and scribes to assist with scheduled exams across the Federation.

As this is a casual position you will only work when you are available and will be called upon when required to support the academies during exam seasons throughout the academic year.

Examination invigilators are a vital and integral part of the exams team here. The role of the exam invigilator is to ensure that exams are conducted according to the current JCQ instructions for conducting exams.

As our exam centre at Post 16 / JCA is so big, we need an even bigger team of Invigilators - could that be you!

Salary is £11.70 hour.

If you are interested in applying, or know someone who might be, please do click on the link below for full details and more information:

<https://accesspeople.accesscloud.com/CabotLearningRecruitment/Home/Vacancy?id=1082&returnurl=/CabotLearningRecruitment/>



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Key Dates for Term 4

Date	Event
19/02/2024	First Day of Term 4
19/02-23/02/2024	Mock Exams
21/03/2024	Trip to City Hall
29/03/2024	Midsummer Nights Dream at the RSC in Stratford
04/03-08/03/2024	Careers Week
04/03/2024	Economics Trip to UWE
04/03/2024	Connections Performance at John Cabot Academy
07/03/2024	Post 16 Careers Fayre
07/03/2024	International Women's Day
07/03/2024	Post 16 Careers Fayre at lunchtime
12/03/2024	Tutor2U Business, Economics & Psychology Trip
13/03/2024	Tutor2U Geogrpahy Trip
15/03/2024	Move It Conference in London
11/03/2024	Direct Improvement Progress Reports issues to parents
14/03/2024	Y13 Parent and Carer Evening
19/03/2024	Connections Drama Performance at The Old Vic
20/03/2024	Bristol Port Engineering Trip
21/03/2024	Safer Internet Session
28/03/2024	Last Day of Term 4, normal time closure



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