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*Announcements*

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*School Site and Opening Plans*

**From 1<sup>st</sup> June, John Cabot Academy will be open to children of Critical Workers and vulnerable children ONLY.**

Please see the link below for details on Critical Workers and their children's use of school during this time:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you are a Critical Worker and need a space at the Academy, please send details of the days needed and your job to [jcainfo@clf.uk](mailto:jcainfo@clf.uk).

Please note, students attending JCA need to bring packed lunch. The canteen is not yet open.

**Plans for year 10 returning from 15<sup>th</sup> June are being developed.** I will write separately to year 10 parents early this week to give you all of the detail.

Remote Home Learning, via Show My Homework, will continue to be set for all year groups.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and continued support at this time. If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on the academy email address [jcainfo@clf.uk](mailto:jcainfo@clf.uk). Or, you can phone the school between the hours of 9am and 3pm on 0117 976 3000.



*PSHE: Black Lives Matter & The Death of George Floyd*

On May 25, 2020, George Floyd, a Black man, died in Minneapolis, Minnesota after Derek Chauvin, a white officer with the Minneapolis Police Department, knelt on Floyd's neck for 8 minutes and 46 seconds while Floyd was handcuffed face down on the ground, begging for his life.



None of us have been able to escape the horrifying footage of the murder of this unarmed Black man. Across the United States and the world, including here in the United Kingdom, there have been 8 days of ongoing intense grief and protesting.

If this were a single event, it would shake all of us to the core; but this was the latest in a string of killings in the US, of unarmed Black citizens, by white people.

All of us must vigorously speak up for those who are discriminated against because of the colour of their skin. The **#blacklivesmatter** movement is so crucially important and so powerful particularly when we all stand side-by-side. How can we expect the Black community to single-handedly solve a problem that the black community did not create?

**"It is not enough to be not racist, you must actively be anti racist" - Angela Davis**

- "What can I do?"***
- 1. Write to your MP*** about #Blacklivesmatter. *Amnesty International* and other organisations have good templates for you to use.
  - 2. Read books*** by BAME authors (reading list below).
  - 3. Support businesses*** run by Black and ethnic minority (BAME) people.
  - 4. Donate*** to organisations that support BAME people (e.g. Diversity UK or the American Civil Liberties Union).
  - 5. Listen*** to loved ones who are BAME, and support them, if they want to talk about it.

This term, the focus on #blacklivesmatter will be core to what we are delivering through our PSHE programme.

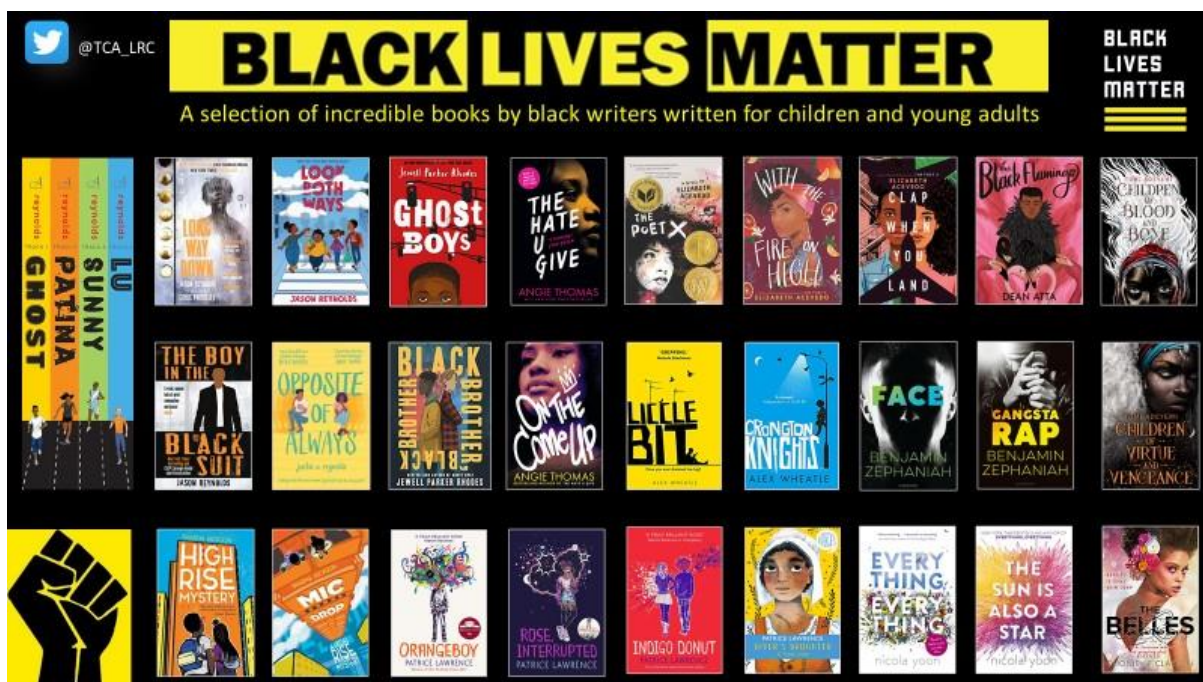
**Life of Privilege Explained in a \$100 Race:** Please take some time to watch the following video ([click here](#)) which explains 'privilege'. Your child may have watched this before. Ask them to explain what this means to them personally in their everyday experiences.

**I Fit the Description:** Please read the following blog post ([click here](#)) which explains, in incredibly raw and emotional detail, how it feels to be a Black man living in New York. The blog article is written by Steve Locke, a university professor who feared for his life when stopped by police for crime he was not involved with.

### Recommended Reading:

- Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People about Race - Reni Eddo-Lodge
- Me and White Supremacy - Layla F Saad
- White Fragility - Robin Diangelp
- JCA Library is also tweeting book recommendations:

<https://twitter.com/LibraryJCA/status/1268099946059837441>



### Being Black in the UK: "Least Racist" is Still Racist

Please watch this clip from Dave at The Brit Awards ([click here](#)). I watched this when the Brits were aired earlier this year. However, watching again and deliberately and thoughtfully reading the lyrics has had a profound effect on me and my understanding of life in modern Britain for our Black community. – Jo Shipp



*Show My Homework Update – 08/06/2020*

Following requests from parents, carers and students, we have put together a simple timetable for students to follow when learning from home. Each student should study three subjects for one hour a day. The timetables are below:

**Year 7**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
English	Maths	English	Maths	Science
History	PE	Drama	Music	Tech/Art/Textiles/Food
Science	PSHE/RP	MFL	Geography	Accelerated Reader/Comp Sci

**Year 8**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Private reading/Comp Sci	English	Maths	Science	Tech/Art/Textiles
Science	History	Music	English	Drama
PSHE/RP	PE	MFL	Geography	Maths

**Year 9**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Science	English	English	Maths	Maths
Maths	Music	Tech/Art/Textiles/Food	History	Science
Drama	Careers/Comp Sci	Geography	PE	PSHE/RP



*NSPCC: Speak Out. Stay Safe*

The NSPCC held a virtual 'Speak out. Stay Safe' assembly this week. Led by Sally from their Schools Services and features special guests Ant & Dec, David Walliams and the Minister for Children and Families, Vicky Ford:

- YouTube: <https://youtu.be/qm0kccbZpYY>
- NSPCC Website: <https://bit.ly/2XA0zUI>
- Childline 0800 1111

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

*Reminder: Refunds*

We recognise that, for many in our school community, this is a time of significant financial strain and we want to do all we can to help support you following the Government guidance to close schools in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are therefore arranging to refund all advance payments made for trips and events which have subsequently had to be cancelled.

Refund emails have been sent to Parents/Carers in respect of the following trips and events: -

Revision Guides  
Year 8 Residential Camp 2020  
Geography Field Trip 2020  
Year 11 Prom 2020  
Year 9 Visit to Paris

We are still communicating with the travel company in respect of the PGL Watersports Trip to France 2020. Communications are proving to be very slow as the travel company is extremely busy at this time. We will issue refund emails for this trip as soon as we are able to do so.

Please check your inbox for your refund emails\* - if you are due more than one refund for your child/children you will have received more than one refund email and will need to respond to each one separately via the link provided. Each refund has a Unique Refund Code that you will require when completing the form to claim your refund.

*\*Please also check your SPAM/Junk Mailboxes as some Parents/Carers have reported that the email has gone there rather than to their Inbox.*

Once you have completed your refund form(s) it will still take a little while for your refund to be processed so please bear with us - thank you for your patience and understanding.



As soon as the Accounts Team have confirmed that your refund has been processed, you will receive another email from us to advise you so that will you know when to check your account.

If you have any queries regarding this process or cannot trace that you have received a refund email when you should have, please email JCARefunds@clf.uk advising the name of your child and the trip/event.

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### *Latest News from the Ministry of Fun*

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#### **Reminder: Writing Competition!**

JCA - let's get reading and writing! Have a listen to the opening pages of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, as read by Mr Simpson, which will be uploaded shortly to our Twitter and Instagram pages @johncabotnews. We then want YOU to continue with the story. What will Alice find at the bottom of the rabbit hole? Write the next (up to) 500 words of the story. Use your best writing skills.

Email all submissions to Mr Simpson or your English teacher by 12<sup>th</sup> June!

Continue listening to Alice's Adventures in Wonderland here:

[https://stories.audible.com/pdp/B015D78LOU?ref=adbl\\_ent\\_anon\\_sc\\_pdp\\_pc\\_0](https://stories.audible.com/pdp/B015D78LOU?ref=adbl_ent_anon_sc_pdp_pc_0)

Good Luck!

#### *What is the Ministry of Fun?*

We have started the Ministry of Fun in the JCA Virtual world! The idea is to set a few competitions and to get parents and students to join together to win prizes. Below, we have posted the rules of the competitions. This is to create a bit of fun and to enrich JCA's community spirit. Students have been working very hard at their studies at home, and we all appreciate this, so now is the time to celebrate it.

On Friday please **send your best work to [jcafun@clf.uk](mailto:jcafun@clf.uk)**. Teachers will then send me the best piece of work for that week to me, ready for judging. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd places each week. Students will be able to redeem prizes on return to the school.

Types of activities: Cooking, Quizzes, Activities, Art and so on.

What do you have to lose? **Send your entries in to [jcafun@clf.uk](mailto:jcafun@clf.uk)!** When you do, add your name, your year group and your teacher's name in the file (e.g. ie Joebloggs-yr7-hsmith).

We could be calling you! Get involved, have fun and stay safe.



### *Every Friday – Best In Show My Homework!*

To take part in this competition, you just need to keep doing what you're doing. We have decided to take the work you are doing for your teachers and turn it into a little competition. To enter you must upload or send your teacher the work set for that week.

- 1.) Upload your work to SMHW – email [jcafun@clf.uk](mailto:jcafun@clf.uk) by Friday each week.
- 2.) Your teacher will look through the entries and send the best for that week to the Ministry of Fun.
- 3.) Work will be looked at by a panel of judges over the weekend.
- 4.) Call to winners will be on Monday afternoon.

### **Prizes will be redeemed at JCA on your return to school.**

On Friday there will be a Cook-along competition and a quiz that the whole family can get involved in. What we would like you to do is to take a photo of the food you cooked (a suggested menu will be posted and created especially for us with demo video) and your quiz answers.

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### *Performing Arts Opportunities*

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If you would like to keep in touch with up to date opportunities, celebration of work and student performances in Performing Arts please follow us on

- Instagram: @jcamusic
- Twitter: @cabotmusic
- YouTube: [youtube.com/channel/UCESlwLXfkbZE43cBSvWKmDA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCESlwLXfkbZE43cBSvWKmDA)

### *Cabot's Got Talent 2020!*

Despite the current circumstances, there are still opportunities to share your wonderful skills, talents and expertise! Auditions for Cabot's Got Talent 2020 will open on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. So get rehearsing and submit your audition 'tape' using the instructions below:

1. Brush up on your singing, dancing, acting, juggling or comedy routines. Practice makes perfect!
2. Record your 30 second audition video, including your name, year group and community
3. Send your audition video to [charlotte.grierson@clf.uk](mailto:charlotte.grierson@clf.uk) – this must be no more than 30 seconds long – by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 3pm!





We will shortlist up to 15 items for the livestreamed event, which will be held later this term (date tbc) on YouTube and Instagram. You will be contacted via email if you have been shortlisted for the main competition. These performances will be judged by staff and experts, and prizes will be awarded to 1st 2nd and 3rd prize overall! What are you waiting for, get rehearsing and submit your audition tapes!



Library Updates



8/06/2020

# Read On

Your weekly update of free reading resources available online.

### Dream Big with Puffin, 8th - 14th June

The Puffin Festival of Big Dreams, a week-long online children's book festival, is being launched by Puffin Books as part of their 80th birthday celebrations. The festival will feature a range of author and illustrator events to watch from home, as well as [Big Dreams on Screen](#), a storyboard to film competition for children aged 12 and under, with a chance to see your dreams made into a film that will be shown in a local cinema! To find out more, visit the festival website:



<https://www.penguin.co.uk/puffin/dream-big.html>

### The Ickabog by J.K. Rowling

J.K. Rowling first wrote the Ickabog for her own children years ago, but it ended up put away in the attic. However, since the lockdown, Rowling has retrieved the story and is now making it available one chapter at a time online. You can read the story so far at her website here: <https://www.theickabog.com/home/>. Rowling is also calling on all artists aged between 7 and 12 to help her illustrate the final published book which will be out in November 2020. For your chance to see your artwork in a J.K. Rowling novel, and win a signed copy for yourself, read the competition details here: <https://www.theickabog.com/competition/>.

### Empathy Day, 9th June 2020



Empathy is a vital human force, and we've never needed more than right now. On 9th June Empathy Lab will be hosting Empathy Day with a line-up of brilliant online author and illustrator events to help young people read, connect and act using empathy. To find out more and join in visit: <https://www.empathylab.uk/empathy-day-20204bde2d62>

### 100 Books to Read Before You Leave Secondary

If you're wondering what to read next check out this huge list of [100 Books to Read Before You Leave Secondary School](#) from Peters. With a wide range of genres, and covering fiction, non-fiction and poetry, there's definitely something for everyone! How many have you read already?



**See below for our “How To” guides.**

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*How to Access your Work from Home*

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*Show My Homework*

Thank you to all parents/carers who have helped their children to access Show My Homework. If your child cannot log in, please try the following first:

**Part 1: Check Office 365 is working correctly**

1. Visit <http://office.com> and click “sign in”
2. Your child should log in using their email address: **firstname.lastname@jca.clf.uk**. (Please do not use @jca.cabot.ac.uk as this will not work – student email addresses all end in @jca.clf.uk now.)
3. They can then access emails from tutors by clicking on Outlook.

If this does not work, please email [JCAinfo@clf.uk](mailto:JCAinfo@clf.uk), let us know that you cannot sign into Office 365, and tell us what error message you received from Office.com.

If this does work, proceed to the next step (over the page).

**Part 2: Then check that Show My Homework is working correctly**

1. Visit <http://satchelone.com/login> and click the “Sign in with Office 365” button.
2. Your child should then sign in using the Office 365 login details you used above.
3. Your child will then be able to access work assigned to them.

If this does not work, please email [JCAinfo@clf.uk](mailto:JCAinfo@clf.uk), tell us what has happened, and let us know 1) whether your child can log into Office 365, and 2) what you have tried, any error messages you have received.

As a rule of thumb, the more information you give us, the faster it will be for us to correctly identify and resolve the problem.

*Seneca Learning*

Go to [www.senecalearning.com](http://www.senecalearning.com). Many children will already have accounts; if not, it is free and easy to sign up. Select ‘join class’ and enter the class code **64vasis1ys** in order to access quizzes.



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### *How to Stay In Touch with your Tutor*

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Even though the Academy site is closed, we are as committed as ever to supporting the wellbeing of our students.

As part of this commitment, tutors will send emails every Monday and Wednesday morning. This email will be sent to your child's email address.

Please remind your child to check their emails regularly, but particularly on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Please be patient when waiting for an email from the tutor. Please also make sure your child replies to any messages from their tutor.

If your child cannot access their emails, please try the following first:

1. Visit <http://office.com> and click “sign in”
2. Your child should log in using their email address: **firstname.lastname@jca.clf.uk**. (Please do not use @jca.cabot.ac.uk as this will not work – student email addresses all end in @jca.clf.uk now.)
3. They can then access emails from tutors by clicking on Outlook.

If this does not work, please email [JCAinfo@clf.uk](mailto:JCAinfo@clf.uk), let us know that your child cannot sign into Office 365 to check emails, and tell us what error message you received from Office.com.

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### *How to Access Free School Meals*

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#### *Applying for Free School Meals*

**To apply for Free School Meals, visit the South Gloucestershire website:**

[www.southglos.gov.uk](http://www.southglos.gov.uk) > Apply Online > Free School Meals > Apply for free school meals

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods, and your monthly average income over three assessment periods should be no more than £616.67)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance



- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child might also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- Younger than the compulsory age for starting school
- In full-time education

#### *Accessing your Free School Meals Voucher*

Vouchers for Week 1 of Term 5 and instructions for use have been distributed via email. Please let us know via [JCAinfo@clf.uk](mailto:JCAinfo@clf.uk) if you have had any issues accessing the voucher and we will assist you as best we can.

#### *Warning: FSM Phishing Scam*

We have been alerted by the Department for Education (DFE) that some parents have received an email stating: *'As schools will be closing, if you're entitled to free school meals, please send your bank details and we'll make sure you're supported'*. This is a scam email - do not respond, and delete immediately.

