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Headteacher's weekly update for parents – Returning to school

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to meet our new Year 7 and 12 students this week and to welcome back the other year groups. This is the first of my weekly headteacher letters for this new school year. These will be emailed to you every Friday morning during term time.

Exam Results
Over the summer, we have been celebrating fantastic GCSE, A-Level and BTEC results with Year 11 and 13. Just in case you missed the special editions of the CGA News with photos, videos and exam result headlines …
CLICK HERE *for the A-Level & BTEC results special edition of CGA News*
CLICK HERE *for the GCSE & BTEC results special edition of CGA News*

Key dates for the next few weeks

Date	Year groups in school
Monday 11 September	LRC reopens (8.15-8.40am and after school until 4.30pm)
Tuesday 12 September	Photo day for students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12
Wednesday 13 September	Year 7 Welcome Evening meeting (5.30-6.30pm)
Thursday 14 September	Year 12 Parent Information Meeting (5.30-6.30pm)
Friday 15 September	World Afro Day and the start of Black History Season (information to follow)
Monday 18 September	After school clubs (including Greenhouse) restart
Tuesday 19 September	Year 10 Parent Information meeting (5.30-6.30pm)
Wednesday 20 September	Year 11 Parent Information meeting (5.30-6.30pm)
Thursday 21 September	Year 13 Parent Information meeting (5.30-6.30pm)
Wednesday 27 September	Year 9 Parent Information meeting (5.30-6.30pm)
Thursday 28 September	Year 8 Parent Information meeting (5.30-6.30pm)

Parent Information meetings – Together Towards Success
These meetings include important information about this school year and give you the chance to meet your child's form tutor, Head of Year, other parents, and other organisations that work with CGA. Please make a note of the evening for your child's year group from the table above. Meetings will take place in the Nightingale Hall. Please arrive via main reception on Laura Place. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Clubs – morning and after school
From Monday 11 September, our Learning Resource Centre will be open from 8.15-8.35am and after school until 4.30pm for students to read, borrow books, use the computers, and complete homework.

Next week, the list of morning and after school clubs will be shared with students and parents with information about how to sign up for clubs. All clubs are free and will start on Monday 18 September. This includes our Greenhouse basketball and tennis programmes.

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All students can use our breakfast club (daily 8.15-8.35am) to access free toast and porridge, play games and catch up with friends.

Attend to achieve
Thank you for your support with ensuring such positive attendance this week. Excellent attendance is so important in ensuring that all students have the consistent academic and social and emotional support that they need to achieve to their full potential. If you need any support with your child's attendance, please contact their Head of Year.

Uniform
Students returned to school this week looking very smart and ready to learn. Thank you for supporting our high expectations of uniform. If you would like to access uniform from our second-hand uniform shop, please email friendscga@gmail.com As stated on our website and in our uniform policy, all students should be wearing shoes to school. No trainers are allowed. For more information about uniform, see the reminders at the end of this letter.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Parent Information Meetings over the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

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Helpful uniform information

a. The academy's lavender shirt, PE jumper, blazer and jumper can be purchased from the [Price and Buckland website](). They are our only uniform provider. If you are currently experiencing financial difficulties, email the school or send a note to your child's Head of Year or ESA. Second-hand uniform items are also available from the academy. Email cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk for more information.

b. Your child's black, tailored school trousers, their black hijab, their plain white PE polo shirt, their PE black jogging bottoms or leggings and black knee-length skirt can be purchased from high street retailers. Tube skirts, "skinny" trousers, branded PE polo shirts, patterned hijabs, are not allowed. Trousers must not be shorter than ankle length.

c. Shoes must not be higher than the anklebone. Students are not allowed to wear trainers.

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CGA recommends the below for both durability and affordability.
https://www.shoezone.com/Products/Hush-Puppies-Eadie-Girls-Black-Lace-Up-Brogue-Shoe-20242

d. Fake nails are not allowed. Students wearing fake nails will have to work in the Student Support Centre until the nails are removed.

e. False eyelashes are not allowed. This includes both adhesive lashes and individual extensions. Students wearing false eyelashes will have to work in the Student Support Centre until the false eyelashes are removed.

f. All students must wear their blazer when on the academy's site. This will be expected at the morning gates and throughout the day.

g. If your child has outgrown their uniform, please donate their old uniform to the academy to support other families.

Please note that the academy reserves the right to make reasonable adjustments to the policy for students with some Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) or for students with diagnosed conditions that require specific clothing items.

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