



**Friday 6 October 2023**

**Headteacher's weekly update for parents**

Dear Parents,

We had a brilliant Year 6 Open Evening last night. It was fantastic to see so many students staying after school to help as tour and subject guides. There was lots of very positive feedback from parents and Year 6 students about how confident and enthusiastic our students are.

**Important dates for your diary**

Monday 9 October	Second hand uniform shop open (4.30-5.30pm in main reception) Friends of CGA meeting (5.30-6.30pm) in the LRC
Wednesday 11 October	Global Majority Parents & Friends Group meeting (5.30-6.30pm) in the LRC
Friday 13 October	Deadline for Parent Trustee election (9am)
Tuesday 17 October	SEND Parent Support Meeting (5.30-6.30pm) in the LRC
Thursday 19 October	Year 11 Sixth Form Taster Day – all day
Monday 23-Friday 27 October	Half Term
Monday 30 October	Professional Learning Day – No students onsite
Tuesday 31 October	Students return to school

**Year 11 Sixth Form Taster Day**

On Thursday 19 October, we have our Sixth Form Taster Day for Year 11. This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 11 students to spend time in the sixth form and attend a variety of A-Level and BTEC taster lessons, as well as participate in team building and wellbeing activities. Year 11 students **do not need to wear uniform** on this day but must bring equipment to write with so that they can participate in lessons. Students should enter via their normal gate on Laura Place and go to Collective Time as usual. They will be in school for the whole day.

**Sixth Form Reading and UCAS Day**

Thursday 19 October will be a reading and UCAS day for year 12 and year 13. They do not need to attend the sixth form unless they have been asked to by their Head of Progress.

**Rewards update**

Our students have made an excellent start to the new academic year. We are incredibly proud of their success and effort both inside and outside the classroom. Students are rewarded regularly for their achievement points, attendance, and punctuality, but also for how they represent the academy's CAIR values of Compassion, Ambition, Integrity, and Resilience. Students can nominate their peers for a CAIR award on a weekly basis. Our monthly champions for achievement, attendance and punctuality are also recognised publicly, during Collective Time. Please find our September champions below.



CGA SEPTEMBER CHAMPIONS		
Achievement points	Attendance	Punctuality
Year 7 - Honor Allen-McCaughan	Aysha Aslam (10N)	Cicely Sykes (7A)
Year 8 - Astrid Norton-Smith	Jahnelle Small (11A)	Eliza Ulucesme (8P)
Year 9 - Billie Bamforth		
Year 10 - Adwoa Boadu		
Year 11 - Annie Oxley		
Year 12 - Maryam Hedayat		
Year 13 - Ivy Johnson		

### Clapton's Got Talent

Does your child have any hidden talents? We are looking for a broad range of talent from across school to audition for Clapton's Got Talent! Music acts, dance, stand-up comedy, poetry, rap, spoken word, magic, ventriloquism, circus tricks, gymnastics... the list goes on! If your child thinks they've got what it takes, they should come and sign up on the clubs' board in the Rosa Parks corridor. Auditions will take place on Monday 9 October and Friday 13 October. Students will only be required to attend one audition. The audition date will be communicated to your child. The final of Clapton's Got Talent will take place on Tuesday 12 December. More information to follow.

### Parent Trustee elections

This week all students were given letters, ballot papers and envelopes to bring home for our parent trustee elections. Please cast your vote and then ask your child to return the completed ballot papers to main or student reception by 9am on Friday 13 October. A copy of the letter and ballot paper can be found [here](#)

### Reminder: SEND Parent Support Evening – Tuesday 17 October – 5.30-6.30pm

We have two speakers coming to talk to you about their role within the school working with SEND students:

- Catherine Steinman from the Speech, Language and Communication team
- Nikki Storey the Careers Lead and Partnerships Manager for Clapton Girls' Academy

### Personal Finance Information for students

The Money and Pensions Service has launched [Talk Learn Do Digital](#), a new tool to support parents to teach their children about money and help them to develop good money habits for life. It breaks down important topics into fun activities and bite-sized information, such as pocket money, saving and shopping trips. Money Saving Expert founder Martin Lewis has also released a [Teen Finance episode of his podcast on BBC Sounds](#), which includes answers to common finance-related questions from teenagers as well as information on student discounts and university loans.

We look forward to seeing lots of you at next week's parent group meetings.

Kind regards,

**Anna Feltham - Headteacher**