



Friday 1 December 2023

Headteacher's weekly update for parents

Dear Parents,

A big thank you for your support with yesterday's whole school bake sale in aid of the Save the Children Emergency Fund for Gaza. We will update you about the total raised next Friday. As we move into December, there are lots of exciting events and trips planned and students will be completing end of term assessments and receiving feedback on these. It is therefore essential that all students are in school until the last day of term on Wednesday 20 December.

Important dates for your diary

Monday 4 December	Winners of Next Level November announced
Wednesday 6 December	Year 11 photo day Global Majority Parent Group Meeting (5.30-6.30pm) in the LRC
Friday 8 December	Next Level November ice skating reward trip – winning tutor groups in Yr 7 & 8
Tuesday 12 December	Clapton's Got Talent (6-9pm) – Nightingale Hall
Wednesday 13 December	Culture and Identity Day/Non-uniform day for students
Thursday 14 December	Year 8 Parents' Evening (4-7pm) – Nightingale Hall Next Level November ice skating reward trip – winning groups in Yr 9, 10 & 11
Friday 15 December	Year 9 Christmas trip to Hackney Empire (12.30-4.30pm)
Monday 18 December	Student Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 19 December	Year 7 & 8 Christmas trip to Hackney Empire (12.30-4.30pm) Year 12 & 13 – Last day of term, celebration assembly & Winter Jumper Day
Wednesday 20 December	Last day of term, celebration assemblies & Winter Jumper Day (for Yr 7 to 11) Students finish at 12.30pm

Year 8 Parents Evening – Thursday 14 December (4-7pm)

Please find details [here](#). Parents should have received an email with a link to our Evolve system to confirm you will be attending. Please ask your child to make appointments directly with their teachers from Monday 4 December using page 156 of their student planner.

Uniform update

In colder temperatures, students are allowed to wear plain black or plain white base layers under their uniform, and a black scarf to stay warm. We kindly request that socks remain plain black and below the knee, as per the academy's uniform policy. False nails, fake eyelashes and facial piercings other than a flat nose stud are not permitted. Students wearing incorrect uniform will be issued with a 30-minute after school detention and will be given the opportunity to borrow the needed uniform item/s. Uniform expectations are on our website [here](#). If you need support with buying uniform, please call or email us.

Flu clinics

If your child missed the two flu immunisation sessions held in school earlier this academic year and you would still like them to have their vaccination, [click here for a list of Hackney clinics you can use](#).



Parent survey

Your feedback is important to us. Please take 5 minutes to complete this parent survey to help inform our planning for next term. [Parent Survey - December 2023 \(jotform.com\)](https://www.jotform.com)

Edenred vouchers

Hackney Education have confirmed they are providing Free School Meal vouchers for the Christmas holidays. Once Hackney Education confirm the amount and dates the vouchers will be released, we will update you.

Satchel:one - how to support your child with their homework

Satchel:one is our homework platform where students are set homework tasks, quizzes and reminders by their teachers. Students should be logging into Satchel:one daily to check what work they need to do. You can support your child by using your parent log-in. If you or your child do not have a log-in, please email cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk with the subject 'Satchel:one log in' and include your child's name, tutor group and whether you need a child and/or parent log-in.

Global Majority Parent Group

The Global Majority Parents Group meeting is on Wednesday 6 December from 5.30pm - 6.30pm in the LRC. Come along, get involved and make a difference. For more information, email globalmajoritycga@gmail.com

Clapton's Got Talent 2023 - Tuesday 12 December 6-9pm

We are delighted to announce that tickets for our winter event Clapton's Got Talent are available to purchase from 3pm on Friday 1 December on ParentPay! Tickets are £3 each and are limited to a maximum of 3 tickets per student. Students who are participating in the talent show do not need a ticket. Please enter via main reception on Laura Place. Doors open at 5:30pm for a 6pm start.

Message from the Friends of CGA – parent volunteers needed

We are very proud to be sponsoring Clapton's Got Talent this year. We still need your support! Please email us at friendscga@gmail.com if you can help with:

- Running the second-hand uniform shop (including opening the shop and washing/sorting uniform)
- Helping sell refreshments and raffle tickets at Clapton's Got Talent
- Donating prizes for the raffle (please drop these off at main reception)

Reminder: Hackney Empire trip to see Aladdin – Years 7, 8 and 9

This is a final reminder to give consent via the Evolve email and make payment on ParentPay. A big thank you to all the parents that have already done this!

Kind regards,

Anna Feltham
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