



Friday 15 December 2023

Headteacher's weekly update for parents

Dear Parents,

Important dates for your diary

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 Years 7 to 11) Students finish at 12.30pm
Christmas holiday	
Monday 8 January	All students return to school at 8.40am Breakfast club and the LRC will be open as normal/After school clubs restart
Tuesday 9 January	Year 12 Pre-Public Exams begin (in class)
Thursday 11 January	Year 11 Parents Evening (4-7pm)

Free School Meal vouchers for the Christmas Holidays

Edenred vouchers were emailed to parents on Monday 11 December. The voucher will come directly from Noreply@edenred.co.uk and will need to be redeemed in the usual way. If you have any problems accessing your vouchers, please email cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk. Please remember to check spam/junk folders.

Year 11 reports and parents' evening

Year 11 Students will have a 'results day' assembly at 2.50pm on Tuesday 19 December to reflect on the PPEs and what their next steps are. Predicted grades and effort grades will be emailed to Year 11 parents before the end of term. Please look out for the Evolve email to confirm your attendance at Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 11 January (4-7pm). Students should use page 156 of their planner to book appointments.

Year 12 Pre-Public Exams (PPEs)

Year 12 PPEs begin on Tuesday 9 January and continue until Tuesday 23 January. These exams will be sat in classrooms and supervised by teaching staff, please see timetable [here](#). Your child will have been supported by teachers in preparing for the exams and staff have been asked to provide topic checklists to aid with revision. These exams are small, internal assessments, that staff will use to review student progress and inform planning for the spring term. Resources to support students with exams and revision techniques can be found on our website [here](#).

Parent survey – Final call

Your feedback is important to us. Please take 5 minutes to complete this parent survey By Tuesday 19 December to help inform our planning for next term. [Parent Survey - December 2023 \(jotform.com\)](https://www.jotform.com)

Reminder: Black History Season 2023

[Please click here to see a video sharing a selection of the events and celebrations that have taken place.](#) We would value your feedback on BHS 2023. [Please click here and take 5 minutes to share your feedback.](#)



School Street at Clapton Girls' Academy (SS50)

School Streets are schemes where the road(s) outside of a school are closed to most vehicles during school opening and closing times, helping children and parents walk and cycle to school safely, and improving air quality at the school gates. From Monday 22 January 2024, Hackney Council are introducing a School Street zone at Clapton Girls' Academy which will include the following streets:

- Laura Place
- Mayola Road, from the junction with Rushmore Road to the junction with Almack Road
- Almack Road

Vehicles will not be able to enter the School Street zone between 8-9am and 2.30-3.30pm, Monday to Friday, unless they have been granted an exemption from this School Street zone. The School Street zone will not operate on weekends or during school holidays. More information, including a letter from Hackney council, to follow.

Supporting students' mental health: Kooth app

The Kooth app offers free and confidential mental health support for young people. It supports them through advice and signposting, help or immediate risk support. The app offers various self-help activities and resources, as well as a team of mental-health practitioners that students can talk to if they wish. Access to Kooth is free and immediate, there is no need for a referral, and the service is available 24/7. 94% of children and young people that access Kooth would recommend it to a friend. The app can be accessed here: <https://www.kooth.com/>

Safeguarding reminders

We recognise that as adults it can sometimes be difficult to keep on top of the various devices and platforms that children have access to, especially if they receive new devices for Christmas. The website below gives clear guidance on how to set up parental controls for a variety of devices and on some of the dangers of social media, grooming and age settings online. [Parent Guides | Skips Safety Net \(skipseducational.org\)](https://www.skipseducational.org)

We are also aware of a recent increase in unkind behaviour on social media. We would encourage you to have open conversations with your children about how they interact online with others and to talk about situations that they might be witnessing online which might make them feel uncomfortable or uneasy. We would encourage all students to be compassionate to others and to think before posting. There are some excellent examples in the website above. If you have any further queries about keeping students safe online please email cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk for the attention of Ms Garvin, Assistant Headteacher or the relevant Head of Year. [It's Christmas time! Guidance on how to keep children safe online.](#)

Holiday programme information

During the Christmas holidays, Hackney are offering a wide range of exciting activities and a daily healthy free meal. [Click here](#) for more information.

Kind regards,

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