



Wednesday 20 December 2023

Headteacher's weekly update for parents

Dear Parents,

Important dates for your diary

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)
Thursday 18 January	Year 13 Parents Evening (4-6.30pm)
Monday 22 January	Non-Violent Resistance Course for parents begins

Start of term attendance

Thank you to all parents that continue to support and encourage excellent attendance. After the winter break, the new term starts on Monday 8 January 2024 at 8.40am for all students and we expect all students to be here on time and ready to learn.

Year 11 Parents' Evening – Thursday 11 January (4-7pm)

Please find details [here](#). Please ask your child to make appointments directly with their teachers using their student planner.

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](#).

Year 13 Parents' Evening – Thursday 18 January (4 - 6.30pm)

Parents will receive a letter with the details for the evening and 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 8 January.

Non-Violent Resistance (NVR) course for parents

CGA will be hosting a Mental Health Support Team (MHST) 6-week NVR parent group to address moderately significant and destructive behaviours in children and adolescents, which aims to restore individual strength and self-respect in parents. It also supports caring and respectful relationships in the family and wider communities. Dates of the course are below and all meetings are 4.30-6pm:

Monday 22 January/Monday 29 January /Monday 5 February/*Half term Break (no group on 12 February)*/

Monday 19 February/Monday 26 February/Monday 4 March. Please see flyer for more details and how to join

<https://www.claptongirlsacademy.com/events>

Deadline for internal applications for Sixth Form

The deadline for applications to CGA Sixth Form is Friday 26 January. We have already received over 200 applications and spaces are limited. We would like to prioritise our internal Year 11 students so all Year 11 students must complete



an application to secure their place. The application form can be found [here](#). More information regarding the Sixth Form and courses can be found [here](#).

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. If you have any problems accessing your vouchers, please email cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk. Please remember to check spam/junk folders.

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. Please click links below for more information, including a letter from Hackney council. [SS50 Clapton Girls' Academy - Pre-implementation School Electronic Letter \(mcusercontent.com\)](#)
[SS50 School Postcard \(mcusercontent.com\)](#)

Safeguarding reminders

We have shared a safety briefing with all students this morning reminding them about steps they can take to keep themselves safe over the holiday. [You can view the safety briefing here.](#)

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 \(skipseducational.org\)](#)

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.

Thank you for all your support this term. On behalf of all the staff at CGA, I wish you all a happy and restful festive season and a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I look forward to welcoming your children back to school from 8.15am on Monday 8 January.

Kind regards,

Anna Feltham
Headteacher