



Friday 19 January 2024

Headteacher's weekly update for parents

Dear Parents,

Important dates for your diary

Monday 22 January	Year 12 H&S Care Work Experience begins School Streets zone begins on Laura Place, Almack Rd and Mayola Rd
Thursday 25 January	Online Wellbeing Session for parents
Friday 26 January	Deadline for Year 11 students to submit applications for CGA Sixth Form
Thursday 1 February	Year 9 Parents Evening & Guided Preference Information (4-7pm)
Wednesday 7 February	SEND Parent support meeting (5.30-6.30pm)

Year 9 Parents' Evening & KS4 Guided Preferences Information – Thursday 1 February – 4-7pm

Year 9 Parents' Evening will be held on Thursday 1 February. It is essential that all parents attend as information about the Year 9 into Year 10 'Guided Preferences' process (choice of GCSE subjects) will be shared on the evening. By Tuesday 23 January, you will receive an email from Evolve to confirm your attendance at parents' evening. Please encourage your child to make appointments with their teachers using page 156 of their planner.

Year 12 Health and Social care work experience.

Year 12 Health and Social Care work experience is taking place on 22 January - 2 February. This is an opportunity for all students to gain hands on work experience in a health or social care setting. Work experience is a compulsory component of the BTEC qualification. For this reason, it is important that students attend and are punctual every day.

Reminder: 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; in order to do 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](#).

Year 8 HPV vaccinations – Tuesday 20 February

All year 8 students are due to receive their **HPV vaccination**. Please complete the e-consent form [here](#), even if you wish to refuse. The vaccination is free and recommended for young people to protect them against the human papilloma virus which increases the risk of developing some cancers later in life, such as cervical cancer, some mouth and throat cancers and some cancers of the anus and genital areas. For further information on the vaccine please visit: [HPV universal vaccination: leaflet - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Online Wellbeing Evening for Parents – Thursday 25 January – 5.30pm

The focus of the next online wellbeing session will be Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA). EBSA is a term used to describe children and young people who have severe difficulty in attending school due to



emotional factors, such as anxiety or negative feelings. EBSA is an umbrella term that recognises that this avoidance has its root in emotional, mental health or wellbeing issues. EBSA can result in reduced or non-attendance at school and prolonged absences. Our WAMHS member of staff will be leading this session and we welcome all parents to attend.

Call for support - Careers Fair and Work Experience Placements

We will be holding our annual Careers Fair on International Women's Day (8 March) and would like to invite parents and/or their organisations to hold a stall there to provide information to students. It will be a full-day event with all students attending. If you are interested in this opportunity or have any questions, please get in touch with Ms Storey (nstorey@clapton.hackney.sch.uk). We will also be coordinating work experience placements for 110 Year 12 A-Level students from 20-24 May, students are asked to source their own placements but if any parents work for companies who would like to host a student to raise awareness and understanding of their sector that would be very much appreciated. If you are interested in this opportunity or have any questions, please get in touch with Ms Storey (nstorey@clapton.hackney.sch.uk).

Clubs

Congratulations to the following students who were the highest attenders of extra-curricular clubs last half term. The updated list of after school clubs can be found on our website [here](#)

Highest Attendees				
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Ela Basarir Hattie Pashby Beatrix Barr	Hope Stilgoe Blanche Edmonds Malak Behidj	Mimi Chernaik Eva Coghlan Amaris Ullmayer-Sylvester	Ainaya Begum Lilah D'Avanzo Connice Pilgrim	Ameerah Odoffin Renee Woods Uma Navaratnem

Uniform reminders

It has been much colder recently and we are encouraging students to wear a vest and/or plain black or white base layer under their shirt. Students can also wear a plain black scarf while inside. Please note that blankets and scarves that are not black will be confiscated if worn inside. Students are still expected to wear flat, plain black, leather-look, hard-soled shoes or ankle boots, no higher than the ankle bone. Thank you for your continued support with ensuring that all students are in full and correct uniform every day.

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Kind regards,

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