



Friday 22 March 2024

Headteacher's weekly update for parents

Dear Parents,

Important dates for your diary

Monday 25 – Wednesday 27 March	End of term achievement assemblies (8.45-9am)
Wednesday 27 March	Year 11 and Sixth Form academic review evening (4.30-6.30pm) Last day of term for students and school finishes at 2.50pm as normal
Thursday 28 March	Professional Learning Day for Staff – school is closed to students
Friday 29 March – Tuesday 2 April	GCSE Spanish Trip to Madrid
Easter holiday	Thursday 28 March to Friday 11 April 2024
Monday 15 April	Professional Learning Day for Staff – school is closed to students
Tuesday 16 April	Students return to school at normal time – breakfast club is open
Wednesday 17 April	Focus Day - Health, Wellbeing and Careers Global Majority Parent Group meeting (5.30-6.30pm)
Thursday 18 April	CGA International Evening 2024 (5-7pm)
Friday 19 April	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze practice expedition (Year 10)

Year 11 and Sixth Form academic review evening (4.30-6.30pm)

On Wednesday 27 March, we are holding an Academic Review Evening. The Year 11 and 13 teams will invite a small group of parents to discuss students' progress across all subjects, reflect on interventions already put in place and identify any additional strategies or support required for students to succeed. Mr Murphy (Assistant Headteacher - KS4) and Ms Celisse (Assistant Headteacher - KS5) will be in touch in due course to arrange individual appointments.

Thursday 28 March – Professional Learning Day – update on staff training

Staff are all enthusiastic about our upcoming Professional Learning Days on Thursday 28 March and Monday 15 April. These days give staff the time to receive training related to our key priorities: equality, diversity and inclusion; our PSCE curriculum; maths confidence; provision for SEND students and mental health. They also provide staff with valuable time to focus on professional development and collaborate to further improve the curriculum offered to students at CGA.

Spring Term Holiday 'intervention classes' - Year 11 and 13

Only targeted groups of Year 11 and 13 students have been asked to attend 'intervention' classes during the Easter holiday. Teaching staff will have advised relevant class groups, and parents directly. Students should arrive at the Laura Place entrance and report to Main Reception for registration at 8.50am. All sessions will start at 9am, and finish at 1pm (except Year 11 History). Students may wear casual clothes.

Thursday 28 March - Year 11 History - ONLY class 11A – 9-11am

Monday 8 April - Year 13 Geography & Year 13 Economics

Tuesday 9 April - Year 11 Art & Photography, Year 13 Economics

Monday 15 April - Year 13 History (this session will be delivered by an external provider)



Safer Schools Officer update

This week we have had visits from our Safer Schools Officer to talk to students about the importance of keeping themselves and others safe in the community. All students in Years 9 to 13 participated in an assembly helping them to understand what youth violence is, what it can result in and what the law says. It is important students understand the seriousness of both engaging in, and being a witness of, youth violence so we can support them in keeping safe. Please encourage your child to discuss the assembly with you.

Planned road works on Lower Clapton Road – Starting on Monday 24 March

TfL have informed us that there are planned road works on Lower Clapton Road. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for letter from TfL for more information.

Year 9 DTP/MenACWY vaccinations

All Year 9 students are due to receive their **DTP/MenACWY vaccination** in school on Friday 17 May. Please complete the e-consent form by [clicking this link](#), even if you wish to refuse. The vaccination is free and recommended for young people to protect them against tetanus, diphtheria, polio and meningitis. For further information, please read the [cover letter](#) and [FAQ sheet](#).

REMINDERS:

Tickets - International Evening – Thursday 18 April 2024 (5-7pm)

A reminder to book free tickets [here](#). There is a limit of two tickets per student, which will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Edenred: Free School Meal vouchers for the Easter holidays

Hackney Education will be providing £20 vouchers per eligible student. Vouchers were emailed to parents on 18 March and were sent from Noreply@edenred.co.uk.

Easter Holiday, Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

Hackney are holding the HAF Easter Camp at Mossbourne Community Academy from 2-5 April (11am -3pm). [Click here for more information about Easter holiday activities.](#)

Lost Property

If you child has lost anything since the start of the year, please encourage them to go to Student Reception before school, at break time or after school **by Wednesday 27 March** to reclaim any lost items.

A reminder that this term ends on Wednesday 27 March at 2.50pm. All after school clubs and detentions will run as normal on this date.

Kind regards,

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