



Friday 21 April 2023

Headteacher's weekly update for parents

Dear Parents,

Key dates for your diary

Tuesday 25 April	Global Majority Parent Group Meeting – 5.30-6.30pm (in LRC)
Wednesday 26 April	International Evening – 5-8pm in Nightingale Hall
Thursday 27 April	NEU National Day of Strike Action
Friday 28 April	Staff training day – no students on-site except Year 11 GCSE PE group
Monday 1 May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 May	NEU National Day of Strike Action Friends of CGA – 5.30-6.30pm in LRC
Wednesday 3 May	Key Stage 3 exams begin
Thursday 5 May	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze practice expedition (revised date)
Monday 8 May	Bank Holiday – King's Coronation
Thursday 11 May	New Families Evening (6.30-7.30pm) for Year 6 students joining CGA in September 2023

Global Majority Parent Group Meeting

The next Global Majority Parent Group meeting will take place on **Tuesday 25 April at 5.30pm in the LRC.**

International Evening – Wednesday 26 April (5-8pm) – tickets still available!

There are still opportunities to access free tickets, please click [here](#). A reminder that there is a maximum of two tickets per student, allocated on a first come first served basis. For this event we are encouraging students and parents to attend wearing items, which represent their identity or culture. We will also be welcoming donations of cakes, sweets or desserts to exchange and share with one another as a celebration of Eid. Please ensure that students bring all donations to the Dining Pavilion on Wednesday morning by 8.30am.

Industrial action – Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May

Due to industrial action taking place on these two days, the academy will be closed to students in year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12. Further information will follow about in school arrangements for vulnerable students and students in Years 11 and 13. Year 11 Art and Photography exams will proceed as planned.

Staff Training Day – Friday 28 April

The academy will be closed to students for staff training on Friday 28 April. This is with the exception of a small group of Year 13 students who are on a Crick Institute trip and Year 11 GCSE PE students who are taking part in an exam preparation conference. Details of both events will be sent to relevant parents.

Key Stage 3 - summer exams and assessments

Over the coming weeks, Key Stage 3 students will sit assessments and exams ahead of their Progress Reports being issued in May (Year 8 and 9) and June (Year 7). The majority of these assessments will take place in class and students will be informed of when they are happening and how to prepare for them by their



teachers. Year 9 will sit some of these under exam conditions in the Nightingale Hall. This is to support with their transition to Year 10 and to prepare them for GCSE and BTEC exams which also take place here. The timetable for these is below. It is very important that all students attend school on time for these exams. Further information about the exams and how to prepare can be found [on our website](#).

Date	Time	Year 9 exams	Length	Room
Weds 3rd May	9am	RE	50mins	Nightingale Hall
Weds 3rd May	12:50pm	Maths Paper 1	1 hour	Nightingale Hall
Thurs 4th May	9am	French	1 hour	Nightingale Hall
Thurs 4th May	12:50pm	English	1 hour	Nightingale Hall
Fri 5th May	9am	Maths Paper 2	1 hour	Nightingale Hall
Fri 5th May	12:50pm	Spanish	1 hour	Nightingale Hall

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze practice expedition

Due to national strike action, the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze practice expedition for Year 10 has been rescheduled from Thursday 27 April to Friday 5 May. All of the students involved have been given an information letter and parent consent has been requested in an email from Evolve. We are also still seeking donations towards equipment. If you are able to, please donate any money via ParentPay, or if you have any rucksacks (minimum 60 litres) which you could donate to CGA, please leave them in main reception. If you have any queries, please contact Ms Kelman via CGA@clapton.hackney.sch.uk

Year 12 UCAS Parents' Evening

Due to national strike action, the Year 12 UCAS and Apprenticeship evening has been postponed. The new date will be Wednesday 24 May. More details about the event will be sent out shortly to Year 12 parents.

Year 11 update – Progression not Perfection

Year 11 have been given their slogan T-shirts this week; students can now wear these or their academy lavender shirts. Please find useful Year 11 links below:

[Exam Timetables – Clapton Girls' Academy \(claptongirlsacademy.com\)](http://claptongirlsacademy.com)

[Exam Support – Clapton Girls' Academy \(claptongirlsacademy.com\)](http://claptongirlsacademy.com)

[Ofqual Student Guide 2023 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of the CGA community Eid Mubarak. We look forward to next week's Eid themed assemblies and a special Eid menu on Monday lunchtime.

Kind regards,

Anna Feltham - Headteacher