



**Friday 26 April 2024**

**Headteacher's weekly update for parents**

Dear Parents,

**Important dates for your diary**

Monday 29 April	Year 12 H&S Care Work Experience – all week KS3 exams (all week)
Thursday 2 & Friday 3 May	Duke of Edinburgh Year 10 Bronze expedition
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday – school is closed to students and staff
Tuesday 7 May	New Families Evening for Year 6 families joining CGA in September (6.30-7.30pm)
Friday 10 May	Year 9 DTP/MenACWY Vaccine
Friday 17 May	Year 9 DTP catch-up
Wednesday 22 May	SEND Parent Support Meeting (5.30-6.30pm)
27-31 May	May Half Term Break – school is closed
Monday 3 June	Students return to school at 8.40am (Breakfast Club open from 8.15am) WEEK 1 GCSE and A-Level exams continue
Thursday 6 & Friday 7 June	Duke of Edinburgh Year 12 Silver expedition

**Key Stage 3 Assessments and Exams**

A reminder that Key Stage 3 students will be sitting summer assessments and exams over the next few weeks. Some Year 9 exams will be taking place in the Nightingale Hall, starting Tuesday 30 April. Please ensure your child has all their equipment ready and is actively preparing for these exams.

**Year 12 Health and Social Care work experience (29 April – 3 May)**

This is an opportunity for 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.

**Year 11 Study Leave**

Year 11 students must attend school and follow their normal timetable until Friday 24 May. From Monday 3 June (after May half term), students can either come into the academy just for their exams or come in for the full day and follow their normal timetable to have access to rooms for revision and specialist teacher support. If students have a morning exam, they must come through the Laura Place gate by 8.40am. If students have an afternoon exam, they must come through the Laura Place gate between 1 and 1.10pm. Afternoon exams begin at 1.30pm. In all cases, students must sign in when they arrive. This is a safeguarding issue and all students must do it. Year 11 students must be in normal school uniform (or wearing their slogan T-shirts with their uniform) for all exams.

**Praise for Year 11 and supporting at home**

The Year 11 Team have made it very clear to me that our wonderful Year 11 students are in a really strong position as their exams approach. As a year group in their matching 'Keep Going You're Glowing' t-shirts, they are united in compassion for one another and are demonstrating lots of ambition as they prepare for



their exams. Great job Year 11 - keep it up! Specialist revision support can be found on the CGA website [here](#). One of the best ways to support your child is making sure they are looking after their own physical and emotional wellbeing - not staying up too late, eating well and getting a good night's sleep.

### **Year 13 Exams and Study Leave**

Year 13 A-Level exams begin on Tuesday 14 May. Study leave for Year 13 will begin on Monday 13 May. Students will not need to be present for Collective Time, PSHCE or Supervised Study from 13 May. Students are encouraged to continue attending their A-Level lessons until exams are finished in that subject. Students are welcome on site throughout the exam season and are free to use the study spaces and have lunch in the Dining Pavilion. We remind students that they must sign in and out. All BTEC students must remain in lessons until they have completed all units and have been signed off by Mr Khan, Ms Leenders or Ms Byrne. Exam timetables can be found [here](#)

### **Uniform reminders**

Students must come to school wearing the correct uniform. This includes their blazer and black school shoes. Students should not come to school wearing trainers and expect to be allowed to change once they are in school. The school no longer has enough uniform items to loan items out. As a result, students attending school in incorrect uniform will be placed in the Student Support Centre and parents will be contacted. If your child has borrowed blazers or shoes from the school, please ensure these are returned to their Head of Year or ESA as soon as possible. Donations for the second-hand uniform shop can be left at main reception.

### **Summer Focus Day**

We are looking forward to the upcoming summer focus day which will take place on Monday 8 July. This day will have a focus on wellbeing and teamwork. Students in Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will all be off-site on whole year group visits. Please ensure you have provided consent for these via the Evolve email you have been sent and made payment on ParentPay. The deadline for consent and payment is Monday 3 June. Please email [finance@clapton.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:finance@clapton.hackney.sch.uk) if you have any concerns about the cost of the visit. Parents of students in Year 7 and 8 need to ensure they have completed the waiver form that was also emailed out via Evolve for the trampoline park or Go Ape.

### **Careers update**

Our students continue to receive high-quality input from employers and training and education providers to ensure they are prepared for life after CGA. Recent activities have included Year 12 and 13 trips to BUPA, Macfarlanes LLP, Sir Robert's McAlpine's Broadgate construction site, and GSK, and mentoring programmes for Year 9 and 10 at Linklaters law firm. Our Spring Focus Day included a financial literacy session for Year 7, Year 8 created their own business plans to present to employers, and we arranged 90 volunteers to support Year 10 with writing CVs and completing 1:1 mock interviews. The day was a great success and feedback from staff, students and employers has been very positive!

Thank you for your continued support,

**Anna Feltham**  
Headteacher