



Friday 9 June 2023

Headteacher's weekly update for parents

Dear Parents,

Key dates this half term

Monday 12-16 June	BTEC Business Work Experience
Thursday 15 June	Year 6 Friendship Evening (3.45-5pm) Online Wellbeing evening (5.30-6.30pm)
Tuesday 20 June	Year 10 and 12 Pre-Public Exams begin
Thursday 22 June	Focus Day – Year 7, 8, 9, 10 out on reward trips
Friday 23 June	Staff training day– no students on-site
Monday 26 June	Timetable promotion - Year 9 students start their GCSE timetables
Tuesday 27 June	Global Majority Parent Group Meeting (5.30-6.30pm) @ CGA

Summer uniform

The temperature is set to warm up next week (currently forecast for mid to high 20s). From Monday 12 – Friday 16 June, summer uniform arrangements apply, and students will not be required to wear their jumper or blazer. Please also ensure that they bring a water bottle to school so that they can stay hydrated. We will update you about future weeks next Friday.

Year 12 Oxford University Step Up Visit – Thursday 15 June (9-10.30am)

Year 12 Step Up students will be working on applications to Oxford and personal statements with New College's Outreach officer Shelby Holmes in the Dining Pavilion. Shelby will be giving advice on interviews and what Oxford University admissions tutors look for in a strong application.

Year 6 Friendship Event - Thursday 15 June (3.45-5pm)

We're really looking forward to welcoming our incoming Year 7s for Friendship Evening. The event will be hosted by our Year 7 tutor team and our newly appointed student ambassadors. Year 6 will be able to get to know each other by playing games, doing arts and craft and exploring the LRC.

Student online wellbeing evening for parents- Thursday 15 June at 5.30pm

We will be delivering an online session for parents to share wellbeing strategies that can support you and your child. There will be opportunities to ask questions during and after the session. Areas of focus will be:

- Ways to talk about mental health at home;
- Encouraging self-care (including better sleep and physical activity);
- Strategies for supporting exam anxiety and panic attacks;
- School support systems for mental health and wellbeing and accessing support beyond school.

Please join using this link: [CGA WAMHS online wellbeing session for parents](#)

Safeguarding reminder: Hackney Safer Schools app

All parents of Hackney school children can download the Safer Schools app. The app is free to download from your app store, and the entry code is displayed on the image on the link below. Follow the instructions on the phone image under the heading 'secondary' [Hackney Safer Schools App | chscp](#) Why use the app?



- You will receive daily updates on up-to-date and current risk
- You have access to podcasts about online and offline safety
- You will have access to a library of articles covering a wide range of safeguarding topics

Safeguarding reminder: Whatsapp group chats

If you're worried about your child and Whatsapp group chats, please read [this useful article](#) from the Safer Internet centre. If you are concerned that your child has, or is, being bullied in a group chat, please screen shot images of the messages and forward them to your child's Head of Year immediately. We have a zero-tolerance approach to bullying, online and offline, and will follow up with any cases of bullying in group chats robustly. The Safer Schools free app also contains articles about Whatsapp, Snapchat and other platforms.

Rewards update

Students at CGA had a very productive month of May with lots of achievement points awarded. Our achievement points recognise effort and accomplishments, but also celebrate personal growth and our CAIR values. Our May Champion award winners are:

Year group	Achievement points
7	Alice Pontin
8	Ashani Aghabueze-Gasper
9	Edie Thornton
10	Ife Adams
11	Ruqayya Patel
12	Aamina Mulla-Bala

Our May attendance champions are Fatma Abdillahi (8L) and Elektra Luksch (7T).

Our May punctuality champions are Ilayda Kavalci (10L) and Viola Gaio Rossetto (9A)

Greenhouse Basketball Update

We are sad to say farewell to our Greenhouse Sports Basketball Head Coach, Coach Stephron, who will be leaving CGA at the end of the Summer Term. Coach Stephron has had such a positive impact on the basketball programme and will be missed by students, the PEPA faculty and the wider CGA community. We wish him all the best as he moves on to run another basketball programme and would like to say a big thank you for his hard work and dedication during his time at Clapton. Good Luck Coach!

Windrush Day 2023 - Thursday 22 June 2023

There are activities going on across Hackney to celebrate the special 75th anniversary of the HMT Empire Windrush arriving at Tilbury Docks. In honour of this special anniversary and in recognition of the incredible contribution to the borough by the Windrush Generation, Hackney Archives, libraries and [community groups](#) are putting on [events and activities](#) until the end of the year. We will also have activities taking place in school. More information on this will follow next week.

Kind regards,

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