



Friday 16 June 2023

Headteacher's weekly update for parents

Dear Parents,

Key dates for this half term

Tuesday 20 June	Year 10 and 12 Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) begin
Thursday 22 June	Focus Day – Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 all out on reward trips
Friday 23 June	Staff training day – school is closed to Year 7, 8 and 9 PPEs on site for all Year 10 students and Year 12 Biology and Computer Science students
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
Wednesday 28 June	Eid – arrangements will be confirmed in next Friday's letter
Wednesday 4 July	Family Coach Taster Session (4.30-5.30pm) @ CGA Joint Friends of CGA and Global Majority Parent Group Meeting – 5.30-6.30pm @ CGA
Wednesday 5 July	Year 11 uniform, revision guides and Chromebook drop off @ main reception (12-4pm)
Thursday 6 July	Taster Day for Year 6 students joining CGA in September (8.45-2.30pm) Year 11 Achievement Event (5 -7.30pm)
Friday 7 July	Year 13 Achievement Event (7-10.30pm)

Update on Summer uniform

The weather has been consistently warmer this week and this will continue. As a result, the academy's summer uniform arrangements will continue to apply until the end of term. Blazers and school jumpers will no longer be compulsory. However, all other uniform rules will apply. You can find the academy's uniform policy [here](#). Please also remind your child to bring a water bottle to school so that they can stay hydrated and ensure they have taken any hay fever medication they may need.

Staffing update

Students are being informed today about several staffing changes:

- Ms Mahon, Head of Year 9, will be leaving CGA at the end of this term to start a new international opportunity. Ms Greenlees, History teacher, will be taking over as Head of Year in September and will be working with Ms Mahon to support Year 9 from Monday 26 June.
- Mr Murphy, Head of Year 10, has been internally promoted to Assistant Headteacher (maternity cover) and will be replaced by Ms Onasanwo, current Head of Year 11, who will become the new Head of Year 10 from Monday 26 June.

A big thank you to Ms Mahon for all her work with Year 9. We wish her every success with her new overseas role. Congratulations to Mr Murphy on his new role which will include oversight of Key Stage 4 achievement, so he will continue to work closely with Year 10. More information on staffing for September will be shared with you over the next few weeks.

Focus Day (alternative timetable) - 22 June

On Thursday 22 June, students will be attending end of year reward trips. This will be a great opportunity for students to enjoy an activity with their year group and celebrate all their hard work and achievements this



year so far. Information about these trips has been sent out previously. Consent must be provided, and payment should be made on ParentPay. If there are concerns about payment, please speak to the relevant Head of Year. Students who do not attend the trip will need to attend school as normal for the whole day.

Windrush Day - Thursday 22 June 2023

Next week, we are recognising Windrush Day with an interactive display in the LRC and Collective Time activities. There are also activities going on across Hackney to celebrate the special 75th anniversary of the HMT Empire Windrush arriving at Tilbury Docks. In honour of this 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.

Summer Reading Challenge

This term, students are invited to complete a 6-week reading streak and several creative challenges for the chance to win prizes and have their work displayed at the Clapton Carnival in July. For this challenge, it's not about how many books you read but about trying new things and finding inspiration through reading. Students could storyboard a movie scene based on a book, write their own alternative ending, or try a new genre like plays or classics. Please encourage your child to collect an activity sheet from Ms Shoard (our librarian) in the LRC.

Family Coach Taster Session

On Wednesday 4 July, Hackney will be holding a Family Coach Taster session at CGA from 4.30-5.30pm. We welcome you to come along and speak to Emily and Rachel, the Family Coaches, for a session on managing anxiety in young people. [Click here for more information about this event.](#)

Message from Hackney Council – Opportunity for parents to join Hackney's Local Policing Scrutiny Panel

Join Hackney's Local Policing Scrutiny Panel if you:

- are passionate about making sure that the police in Hackney treat everyone fairly.
- want to help make Hackney a better and safer place for all communities – especially local people who are often unheard and unrepresented.
- think you can represent the views and experiences of your local community to those who make decisions about policing and the use of local police powers.

Click here for more information about the panel and how to apply: <https://hackney.gov.uk/local-policing-scrutiny-panel>

CGA News

Just in case you missed it in your inbox, please do remember to check out this fortnight's CGA News.

[CGA News showcases DofE Route Masters, Hackney Athletics competition, Year 10 interview prep, annual Old Girls' reunion invite & lots more! \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

Kind regards,

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