



**Friday 30 June 2023**

**Headteacher's weekly update for parents**

Dear Parents,

Eid Mubarak to all our families celebrating Eid this week. We've had a very positive start to the new Year 9 timetable this week and Year 10 and 12 have continued to show maturity and resilience in their approach to their Pre-Public Exams. The last three weeks of the term include lots of important celebratory events. We are looking forward to sharing these with you.

**Key dates for next half term**

Monday 3 July	Plastic Free July begins
Tuesday 4 July	Family Coach Taster Session 4.30-5.30pm in the LRC Joint Friends of CGA and Global Majority Parent Group Meeting 5.30-6.30pm in the LRC
Wednesday 5 July	<b>National Strike Action</b> – <a href="#">Click here for letter</a> Year 11 uniform and Year 11 & 13 revision guides and Chromebook drop off @ main reception on Laura Place (12-4pm)
Thursday 6 July	Taster Day for Year 6 students joining CGA in September - 8.45am-2.30pm Year 11 Achievement Event - 5 -7.30pm
Friday 7 July	<b>National Strike Action</b> – <a href="#">Click here for letter</a> Year 13 Achievement Event - 7-10.30pm
Wednesday 12 July	Year 11 and 13 Art, Design Technology and Photography showcase 3.30-4.30pm Clapton Alumni Event (Old Girls) 6.30-8pm <a href="#">Click here to book tickets</a>
Thursday 13 July	Clapton Carnival 5-7.45pm (Doors open at 4.45pm)

**Year 7-11 Maths online**

From July 2023, we will be switching from Hegarty Maths to Sparx Maths for students to complete their Maths homework online. Sparx provides a highly personalised weekly homework to students, tailored to their attainment level and working speed. It will also send parents weekly updates on their child's progress.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the letter about Sparx.

**Plastic Free July and Eco School Green Flag Award**

We have been awarded the 'Eco School Green Flag' recognising the work that students and staff have undertaken to make positive changes to CGA to reduce our impact on the environment. Well done to everyone involved! A reminder that the canteen does not sell plastic water bottles. We would like all students to bring in a refillable water bottle. We sell reusable water bottles for £1.60 on ParentPay. Once paid for, these are taken to students in Collective Time. There are taps around the site for students to fill up their bottles at break and lunch. We will continue to sell water in cardboard cartons in the Dining Pavilion.

**Tuesday 4 July – joint Friends of CGA & Global Majority Parent Group Meeting (5.30-6.30pm)**

We would love to see as many parents as possible at this joint meeting which will focus on sharing ideas and planning for the Clapton Carnival. All parents are welcome!



**Wednesday 5 July – Year 11 & 13 returning of revision guides, Chromebooks and equipment**

On Wednesday 5 July from 12pm-4pm, the Laura Place main reception will open for Year 11 & 13 students to return resources including textbooks, CGP revision guides and equipment and donate any uniform they no longer need. All students who have borrowed devices such as Chromebooks should return these at this point too. Students can also empty their locker at this point if they have not done so.

**Thursday 6 July - Secondary Transfer transition Day/Year 7 Taster Day**

On Thursday 6 July at 9am at the Almack Road gate, we look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students who will be joining us in September. This will be a great opportunity for students to meet their new tutor group and tutor, learn about how the school day works at CGA and take part in taster lessons. Students will be provided with a snack and free lunch and will be dismissed at 2.30pm from the Almack Rd gate.

**Thursday 6 July - Year 11 Celebration Event - 5.00-7.30pm at CGA**

We are very much looking forward to celebrating the hard work of our amazing Year 11 students. Please can students arrive at the Laura Place main entrance by 5.30pm at the latest (**gates will be closed at 5:30pm** to ensure site safety). Light refreshments will be provided. This is a free event for **Year 11** CGA students only.

**Friday 7 July - Year 13 Graduation Evening - 7-10.30pm**

This is a fantastic event where staff and students celebrate the many achievements of our extremely resilient and ambitious Year 13 students. Students can purchase their tickets on ParentPay before the 5 July.

**Tuesday 11 July - Sixth Form External Taster Day**

The sixth form has had over 500 applications this year, a record number, and we are hosting our external taster day on Tuesday 11 July. This is a ticketed event for external students to take part in lessons and activities: [CGA Sixth Form Taster Day Tickets, Tue 11 Jul 2023 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

**Thursday 13 July – Clapton Carnival - 5-7.45pm**

The carnival is a fantastic opportunity for the CGA community to come together to celebrate the end of the academic year. Food and drink stalls will be accompanied by a DJ, special guests and student music, dance and drama performances as well as a chance to join 'come and try' sports sessions with our Greenhouse sports coaches. There will also be a community hub with visitors from Hackney based organisations and an Art, Design and Technology showcase. Tickets will be released tonight at 6pm. We are expecting them to go very quickly!

*Please note that students attending the carnival must be accompanied by an adult and tickets are limited to two per family. Entry is free (but donations are welcomed). [Click here for tickets](#)*

Kind regards,

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Headteacher