



**Friday 10 March 2023**

**Headteacher's weekly update for parents**

Dear Parents,

**Key dates for your diary**

Friday 10 – Sunday 19 March	British Science Week
Monday 13 March	Year 11 and 13 Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) continue. Click <a href="#">here</a> for exam timetables.
Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March	NEU Planned strike action
Thursday 16 March	Year 13 PPEs end
Friday 17 March	Red Nose Day – Non-uniform day and school council bake sale
Tuesday 21 March	Year 9 immunisations

**Year 11 GCSE Art Saturday 11 March 10am-2pm**

Year 11 GCSE Art students have an intervention this Saturday from 10am-2pm. Students must arrive on time at Laura Place entrance and must stay for the full 4 hour session. Students can wear their own clothes and bring healthy snacks with them.

**Update on strike action on 15 and 16 March**

Please ensure that you have read the letter sent out earlier this week about the strike action on 15 and 16 March. [Click here for a copy of the letter.](#)

**World book Day – update and reading tips**

In celebration of World Book Day last week, there were a range of activities taking place to promote reading for pleasure and students' sense of 'reading identity': assemblies, Collective Time discussion, visiting author and artist [Lizzy Stewart](#), exploratory LRC lessons, and the launch of student 'Reading Ambassadors'. You can find guidance on how to support reading for pleasure at home [here](#).

**British Science Week (10-19 March)**

The theme for British Science Week is 'Connections' and one connection we're excited for our students to explore is their connection with science itself. The Science faculty has planned activities to give students the opportunity to see connections between them, the environment and the world through a variety of activities.

During science lessons, students will be learning about scientists that are smashing stereotypes in science and the vast array of science related careers. We will also be putting on exciting demos after school for all year groups (information about these has been shared in student notices and running our annual poster competition. The competition is open to students in Years 7, 8 and 9 and the deadline is Friday 24 March. Please encourage your child to attend the demonstrations and enter the poster competition.



### Non-uniform day – Friday 17 March

Friday 17 March will be a non-uniform day for all students. Comic Relief's Red Nose Day is an annual fundraising campaign to end child poverty around the world. Half of the money collected at CGA will go to Comic Relief with the other half going to the Red Cross to support people in Turkey and Syria following the recent earthquakes. Students are encouraged to wear something red to show their support and can make a voluntary donation of £1 at their morning gates.

The School Council are also organising a fundraising bake sale at break time on 17 March. They would like students to bring in cakes, biscuits, cookies and brownies which can then be sold at the bake sale. Donations of food will need to be taken to the Dining Pavilion from 8.15 to 8.40am on Friday 17 March. Any food donations should not need refrigerating, be pre-sliced if possible and should definitely not include any nuts. If students are baking items, it would be really helpful for ingredients to be listed. If students are bringing food in containers they need back, these will need to be clearly labelled with their name and tutor group.

### Year 9 immunisations – Tuesday 21 March 2023

Hackney Immunisations nurses will be in school to administer the Meningitis ACWY and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccination. We have sent you an email with all the details along with the electronic consent / non consent form. Please check your email inbox and complete and submit the form as soon as possible. The e-consent link closes 48 hours before the session, so please ensure you complete the form as soon as possible. If you do not want your child to receive the immunisation you still need to complete the online form ensuring you select the DO NOT CONSENT button on the appropriate page.

*PLEASE NOTE: Public Health England requires the nurses to see all children from the year group. If a consent form hasn't been received, then the nurses can undertake a Gillick competency. This means a young person can consent for the vaccine if the nurses deem them competent enough to understand what the vaccines are for. Please note as part of the process the nurses have to demonstrate they have attempted to contact parents to gain consent. Nurses will aim to get a verbal consent on the phone before undertaking Gillick with a student.*

### Reminder: Ramadan

Please refer to the letter emailed to parents about [Arrangements for Ramadan.pdf](#). If you would like to discuss anything in relation to this letter, please email [cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk)

On Wednesday 26 April, we will be holding an International Evening for parents and students recognising and celebrating our identity, heritage and community. This will include a celebration of Eid. More information about this will follow in next week's headteacher letter. There will also be a Ramadan assembly and information and reflection opportunities during Collective Time.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher