



Friday 27 January 2023

Headteacher's weekly update for parents

Dear Parents,

Industrial strike action

A reminder that the first day of planned strike action by the National Education Union (NEU) is Wednesday 1 February. CGA will be closed to students on this day. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and school funding, and not because of any issues at our school. Students eligible for Free School Meals are being asked today if they would like a packed lunch provided. Students who take up this offer can collect a packed lunch as they leave school on Tuesday 31 January and take this home to eat the following day.

Arrangements for Year 11 for Wednesday 1 February

On Wednesday 1 February, Year 11 students will be taking part in an all-day online revision workshop led by an external organisation called PositivelyYou. The day will cover different study skills as well as a session around managing stress and anxiety in the run up to exams. The three sessions are: 'Study Skills' 9.00 – 10.30am; 'Mind Mapping' – 11.00 – 12.30pm and 'Exam Busters' – 1.30 – 3pm.

Students will need to log on to all three sessions from home using their **school email address**. Please make sure that your child has checked that they know the details for this and if they do not, they have asked their tutor to email the IT team to get their password reset. Students will receive the link to join the sessions via their school email on the morning of Wednesday 1 February.

Year 9 Parents Evening and Guided Preferences

A reminder that Year 9 Parents Evening is on Thursday 2 February. It is essential parents and students attend this to get the Jotform link to select their GCSE and BTEC preferences. **We will be giving parents their child's report at the event as well.** The timeline for Guided Preferences is as follows:

- 25 January - Year 9 Guided Preferences Assembly 2
- 2 February - Year 9 Parents Evening (Jotform to select preferences opens)
- 10 February – Jotform to select preferences closes

Year 9 Parent Contact Details Reminder

Year 9 students were given a Data Collection sheet last Thursday to bring home for you to complete/update and return to the school. We have only had 25 completed forms back. Please update your contact details on the form asap and return it to the school via your child. Even if there is nothing to update, you can simply sign and return the form to the school, so we know you have looked at it.

Flu vaccination session for students in Year 7, 8 and 9

On-site flu vaccinations for students in 7, 8 and 9 will take place on Tuesday 31 January. Please find a link to the e-consent form [here](#).

The form will remain open until 2 days before the immunisation session is scheduled. If you have not already done so, please complete and submit the e-form as soon as possible, and **by no later than Sunday 29 January**.



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Please note the consent form is available in Bengali, Polish, Romanian, Somali, Spanish, Turkish, and Urdu. If you would prefer to have the form in one of these languages, please email the school on cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk let us know which language you would prefer, and we will send this to you.

World Hijab Day (WHD) – a message from our WHD planning group in Year 9 and 12

CGA will be celebrating World Hijab Day on Thursday 2 February. This year's theme is 'Progression not Oppression'. We will be having a special book display in the LRC, sharing a themed wall display and presenting an assembly, answering questions that students may be asking about the hijab.

On the day, students can also bring £1 that will be donated towards the Helping the Needy Muslim charity campaign, which aims to reduce maternity mortality rates in Asia and Africa. We also encourage parents to donate this campaign [Honouring Our Mothers](#) | [Infant Incubators](#) | [Muslim Charity](#) You can learn more about WHD here: [World Hijab Day](#) | [Better Awareness Greater Understanding Peaceful World](#)

Clubs update

Please see the updated [List of Clubs](#) for January. Please encourage your child to attend clubs regularly.

Made in Hackney Free Courses: Cooking on a budget

Made in Hackney Community Cooking School will be running healthy 6-week cooking courses in January and February, at the cookery school in Liberty Hall, Upper Clapton. During these sessions, participants will eat a full meal and often get to take home leftovers and free surplus produce. The course is open to all Hackney residents. For more information on dates and how to enrol, see the [flyer](#).

Supporting CGA

We are moving into recruitment season and are beginning to share adverts for teaching and support roles for September 2023. If you use any of the social media platforms below, please support CGA by following us and sharing adverts as they appear!

A purple graphic with a white arrow pointing right. On the left is the Clapton Girls' Academy logo. To the right of the arrow, the text 'follow us!' is written in white. Below this, five social media icons are listed with their respective handles: Instagram (@ClaptonGA), Twitter (@ClaptonGA), Facebook (/ClaptonGirlsAcademy), YouTube (/ClaptonGirlsAcademy), and LinkedIn (Clapton Girls' Academy).

Kind regards,

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