



**Friday 15 September 2022**

**Headteacher's weekly update for parents**

Dear Parents,

**Fundraising for Morocco earthquake**

Following the recent earthquake in Morocco, our thoughts and condolences are with those CGA families with friends and family that have been affected. As part of our academy value of compassion, we will be raising funds for the Unicef Morocco appeal. There will be donation buckets at the gates this morning. If any parents would like to donate, more information about the Unicef appeal is available [here](#).

**Parent Information Meeting dates**

All meetings will be held in the Nightingale Hall. Entrance via Laura Place. Please ensure that you attend.

Monday 18 September	Clubs begin (including Greenhouse)
Tuesday 19 September	Year 10 Parent Information meeting (5.30-6.30pm)
Wednesday 20 September	Year 11 Parent Information meeting (5.30-6.30pm)
Thursday 21 September	Year 13 Parent Information meeting (5.30-6.30pm)
Tuesday 26 September	Academy Live Tours for parents of Year 6 students (9.15-10.30am)
Wednesday 27 September	Year 9 Parent Information meeting (5.30-6.30pm)
Thursday 28 September	Year 8 Parent Information meeting (5.30-6.30pm)
Monday 9 October	Friends of CGA meeting (5.30-6.30pm) in the LRC
Wednesday 11 October	Global Majority Parents Group Meeting (5.30-6.30pm) in the LRC

**Morning and after school clubs (including Greenhouse Sports)**

- All clubs start on Monday 18 September. They are all free.
- Students sign up on the list by the door of the classroom where the club is held (e.g. Sports Club sign-up sheets are by the PE changing rooms).
- *Please write a note on page 51 of your child's planner giving permission for them to attend clubs.*
- Students do not have to sign up in advance if they want to try a club that starts early next week.
- If a club is cancelled, you will get a message via our MyEd app.
- Students leave clubs at 4pm or 4.30pm (depending on the club) from the gate nearest the club.
- Click this link for a copy of the club list: [CLUBS+GRID.pdf \(squarespace.com\)](#)

**Prayer Room**

The prayer room is open at lunch time in C06. [Please click here to request a prayer room pass for your child.](#)

**Year 7 Music Instrumental lessons**

Music lessons at CGA are in very high demand and most instruments have a waiting list. We are always trying to increase capacity and currently have limited space for flute, clarinet, saxophone, voice, piano and violin lessons. If your child would like to express an interest in instrumental lessons, please email [cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk) putting 'Instrumental lessons' in the subject bar.



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### **World Afro Day and Black History Season (BHS)**

This year's Black History Season's theme is Celebrating our Sisters: A Celebration of Black British Female Excellence. Last year was our first BHS and there were many exciting and inspiring activities for everyone to get involved in. To kick start BHS, we continued our tradition of celebrating World Afro Day. Students had a PSHCE lesson that focused on this year's World Afro Day theme of 'Innovation and Inclusivity' which included hair discrimination in the workplace. They were also encouraged to wear their hair with pride to highlight the message of hair equality for all. Students learned about the law regarding hair discrimination and the progress made worldwide to tackle hair discrimination across society. Throughout Black History Season there will be many opportunities for students, including author talks, competitions, and movie nights. We hope that all students will get involved. Please encourage your child to take part.

### **Parent Trustee Elections**

Are you interested in becoming a Parent Trustee Governor at Clapton Girls' Academy? [Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

### **Catering update**

Chartwells, our catering provider, informed us at the end of June that they intended to raise the price of students' meal by 5%. This would have increased the cost of meals from £2.85 to £3. We however negotiated a price freeze with them. Unfortunately, the main condition of this freeze meant that they will raise the prices on the single item foods available to students in our Dining Pavilion. These are items like cookies, muffins, drinks etc. At CGA, our focus is to ensure that every student has access to a full hot or cold meal and we therefore believe the result of the negotiation is a sensible one.

We have several suggestions on how parents can reduce the impact of this:

1. Apply a cap on students' accounts so they do not accrue debts.
2. Provide students with healthy snacks (e.g. fruit, cereal bars etc) to bring to school in order to avoid buying expensive single items.
3. Study the current prices on single items and advise your child about which items they are allowed to purchase and which ones to avoid. The lunch menu, price list and allergen information can all be accessed here: [Click here for our lunch menu, price list and allergen information.](#)

Please contact our Finance team on 020 8985 6641 extension 228 or email [finance@claptonhackney.sch.uk](mailto:finance@claptonhackney.sch.uk) should you have questions about this or want to set a price cap on your child's lunch account.

Finally, we are aware of student and parent feedback about the current lunch offer, and we are working with Chartwells to ensure that this improves.

Kind regards,

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