



Friday 3 November 2023

Headteacher's weekly update for parents

Dear Parents,

Important dates for your diary

Wednesday 8 November	Focus Day Student Wellbeing Information Evening for parents 5.30-6.30pm – more information to follow
Thursday 9 November	Duke of Edinburgh Online Information Meeting (4.30-5pm) on Microsoft Teams for parents of any Year 10 students interested in this programme Use this link to access the online meeting
Monday 13 November	Years 11 & 13 Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) begin Anti-bullying week begins

Focus Day – Wednesday 8 November

Next Wednesday, all students will be off timetable for this year's first Focus Day. Year 7, 8, 10 and 12 will be out on trips and Year 9 and 13 will be onsite preparing for Guided Preferences and UCAS. Please make sure that, if you can, you have paid the parental contribution for trips on ParentPay: Year 8 (£6), Year 11 (£3) and Year 12 (£3). We understand how much students enjoy and benefit from trips, but we can only afford to run these if we receive support with this via parental contributions.

Reminders:

- If your child is on a trip next Wednesday and has a medical need, please ensure that they have their asthma pump, epi-pen etc with them otherwise they will not be able to leave site.
- If your child is in Year 8, please make sure that you have used the link in the email and text message we sent you yesterday to complete the waiver for the trampoline park.

Behaviour - Next Level November

We're thrilled to kick off Next Level November, an exciting competition that is all about celebrating effort, achievement, and the embodiment of CAIR values - Compassion, Ambition, Integrity and Resilience. This month-long event helps students stay motivated and try their best, offering them a chance to work as a team and support each other. Students participate in their tutor group and receive points in several categories, including attendance, punctuality, achievement points and CAIR nominations. At the end of the month, the tutor group with the most points in each year will take part in a collective activity (pizza and movie afternoon or ice-skating). Please encourage your child to do their best to support their tutor group!

October champions

Last month students displayed exceptional dedication, effort, achievement, and personal growth. Teachers have rewarded their commitment to continuous improvement with achievement points and CAIR award nominations. We also want to highlight the focus and determination of our Year 11 and 13 students who are diligently preparing for their upcoming Pre-Public Exams. Please find below the names of our October 2023 champions:



	Achievement points	Attendance	Punctuality
7	Suki Moore (7L)	Coco Benjamin (7L)	Latika Saha-Collins (7P)
8	Isobel Ellson (8P)	Choe McCambridge-O'Neill (8N)	Raeesa Ahmed (8P)
9	Tamrena Omer (9T)	Arietta Tisdall (9C)	Nadine Addo-Tabiri (9L)
10	Eliana Dumashie (10L)	Daisy Clemens (10C)	Nasra Hassan (10P)
11	Jowan Omer (11T)	Bethel Awosika (11P)	Bella Amos (11L)
12	Imen Bennoune (12C)	Eve Ogborn Nash (12A)	Faith Zammit (12C)
13	Ivy Johnson (13H)	Ida Thomas (13E)	Hana Mohamadshakir (13E)

Revision support booklets

A reminder that our website has 'exam support' pages: [Exam Support — Clapton Girls' Academy](#). We have created a new KS3 and KS4 'Revision and Study Skills' booklet to support students revising for assessments and exams. We hope parents and students find this helpful.

Debate Mate Club

Debate Mate club will start again on Thursday 16 November. Debate Mate run debating clubs across the UK. Students will learn the art of debating and how to debate in a formal setting for one hour from 3-4pm every Thursday. The club will be run by specially trained, and DBS-cleared university students, and the techniques are delivered through a series of fun and interactive exercises and games. Debating is shown to improve students' critical and creative thinking, confidence, teamwork, leadership, aspirations, resilience and self-management. Students interested in joining the Debate Mate Club should speak to Ms Evans, Assistant Headteacher.

Is my child too ill to attend school?

It can be tricky deciding whether to keep your child off school when they are unwell. The NHS has set up a helpful page that gives clear guidance on what parents should do when their child is unwell with common childhood ailments, including Covid. Please read the guidance here: [The guidance can be found here](#). If your child is unwell, and you are unsure what to do, please call the school and ask to speak to Student Reception where we can give you further guidance. Please remember to always notify us of student absence by 9am each morning. You can send a message via the "report absence" function on the MyEd parent app or call us and select option 1 to leave a voicemail.

Anti-bullying week (13-17 November)

This year's theme is 'Make a noise about bullying' and is focused on encouraging students to report bullying and speak up! We will be asking students to wear odd socks on Monday 13 November to show their support for the campaign and each tutor group will be pledging how they will be making a stand against bullying. We will also take this opportunity to remind students how our anti-bullying systems work encouraging them to 'make a noise' if they see bullying happening to them or others. If you have any concerns about bullying, please contact your child's Head of Year or Ms Garvin, Assistant Headteacher/Designated Safeguarding Leader.

Kind regards,

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