



**Friday 17 November 2023**

**Headteacher's weekly update for parents**

Dear Parents,

Happy Diwali to any CGA families that were celebrating last weekend and into this week!

**Important dates for your diary**

Monday 20 November	Second hand uniform shop open (4.30-5.30pm) – main reception Friends of CGA meeting (5.30-6.30pm) – LRC
Thursday 23 November	Year 7 Parents Evening (4-7pm) – Nightingale Hall
Wednesday 6 December	Year 11 photo day Global Majority Parent Group Meeting (5.30-6.30pm) - LRC
Thursday 14 December	Year 8 Parents Evening (4-7pm) – Nightingale Hall

**Well done to Year 11 & 13/Pre-Public Exams**

Year 11 and 13 PPEs have been running since Monday. We are incredibly proud of and pleased with the amazing focus and positive attitude the students have demonstrated in all their exams so far - well done! The PPEs continue until the 28 November, timetables can be found [here](#). A reminder that attendance to ALL exams is essential for teachers to be able to accurately assess your child's academic progress.

**Anti-bullying week (13-17 November)**

We have had a great Anti Bullying Week here at Clapton Girls' Academy. Students have proudly worn their odd socks and enjoyed assemblies, collective time and have made their own tutor group pledge against anti bullying! As a parent it can be worrying knowing what to do if your child experiences bullying, if you would like support with this [please click on this link](#) to access resources for parents from the Anti-Bullying Alliance. We take all instances of bullying seriously, if you are concerned about bullying, please contact your child's Head of Year or Ms Garvin Assistant Headteacher/Designated Safeguarding Lead.

**Year 7 Parents' Evening – Thursday 23 November – 4 - 7pm**

Year 7 parents have been emailed [this letter](#) by our Evolve system which explains how parents' evenings work at CGA. Please click the box at the end of the Evolve email to confirm you will be attending. Please ask your child to make appointments directly with their teachers using page 156 of their student planner.

**Student planners**

It is essential that all students have their planner with them every day. Planners are a very important part of school systems and support students with developing accountability and personal organisation skills. Students will receive behaviour points if they do not have their planner in school. If your child has lost their planner, you can buy a new one on [ParentPay](#) for £5.



### **Next Level November**

Please continue to encourage your child to do their best at school and work with their tutor group to gain valuable achievement points. Students are doing incredibly well so far. The winning tutor groups will be revealed at the start of December

### **Year 11 Summer Exam Consultation**

Ofqual (the exams regulator) are suggesting use of formulae sheets again for GCSE Maths, Physics and Combined Science in the Summer 2024 exam series. There is a consultation on this [here](#). We think formulae sheets will help support students to feel more confident in their summer exams. It would be helpful if parents could complete the consultation by Thursday 30 November.

### **End of term trips to Hackney Empire for Years 7,8 and 9**

To celebrate the achievements of Year 7, 8 and 9 this term, we will be taking them to the Hackney Empire to see the pantomime Aladdin in December. If your child is in Year 7, 8 or 9, we have sent you an Evolve email to get consent for this trip. The cost of the trip is £11 per student ticket or £13.40 for a student ticket and an ice-cream at the theatre. Parent contributions for this trip should be made on [ParentPay](#). Thank you in advance for your support with trips as we would not be able to run them without your financial contributions.

### **Loan uniform**

If your child has borrowed a school loan blazer, please remind them to return it to their ESA or Head of Year this week.

### **Reminder: 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.

### **Reminder: Impact of crisis in Israel and the Palestinian territories on the CGA community**

We are aware from student feedback how much this crisis has affected student wellbeing and emotional health. We will be offering a talking session for students on Thursday 23 November at 12.30pm with our WAMHs worker and other staff. This will be a safe space for students to talk about their feelings and to explore strategies for managing challenging emotions. Students can sign up with Ms Begum in room R01.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher