



Friday 8 December 2023

Headteacher's weekly update for parents

Dear Parents,

Things are starting to feel very festive at CGA. Christmas trees are up across the site and students have done a fantastic job of decorating the big tree in the LRC. From Monday 11 December, students can get a free festive breakfast in the Dining Pavilion from 8.15am, including croissants, waffles, porridge and hot chocolate.

I am pleased to announce that the student and staff bake sales last Thursday raised an impressive £1043.88 for Save The Children's Gaza Emergency Appeal. It was amazing to see the excellent job done by the school council and Ms Whitley in organising the bake sale and the sheer number of students and staff that baked cakes and treats or came to buy them. The event created a great sense of togetherness for our school community at what continues to be a very difficult time.

Important dates for your diary

Tuesday 12 December	Clapton's Got Talent (6-9pm) – Nightingale Hall
Wednesday 13 December	Culture and Identity Day/Non-uniform day for students
Thursday 14 December	Year 8 Parents' Evening (4-7pm) – Nightingale Hall Next Level November ice skating reward trip – 9P, 10C & 11A
Friday 15 December	Year 9 Christmas trip to Hackney Empire to see Aladdin (12.30-4.30pm)
Monday 18 December	Student Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 19 December	Year 7 & 8 Christmas trip to Hackney Empire to see Aladdin (12.30-4.30pm) Year 12 & 13 – Last day of term, celebration assembly & Winter Jumper Day
Wednesday 20 December	Last day of term, celebration assemblies & Winter Jumper Day (for Year 7 to 11) Students finish at 12.30pm

Culture and Identity Day – Wednesday 13 December

On Wednesday 13 December, students and staff are encouraged to come to school in clothes that represent them. This could be inspired by their culture, heritage or simply what makes them who they are! There will be lots of opportunities for students to share their outfits and how they represent their culture or identity.

Year 8 Parents Evening – Thursday 14 December (4-7pm)

Please find details [here](#). Please use the link in the Evolve email sent to you to confirm you will be attending. Please remind your child to make appointments with their teachers using page 156 of their student planner.

End of term attendance

Thank you to all parents that continue to support and encourage excellent attendance for their child. As we move closer to the end of term, we want to remind you of the importance of school attendance. It can be tempting to let your child stay home on chilly, darker mornings, but consistent attendance is vital for their academic success. The end of term is on Wednesday 20 December and attending school until then is just as important as at the start of term. All students need to be in school to ensure they are continuing their learning, developing good habits and building resilience needed for the future.



Free School Meal vouchers for the Christmas Holidays

Hackney Education will be providing vouchers to the value of £35 per eligible student for the Christmas holidays. Vouchers will be emailed to parents on Monday 11 December and will come directly from Noreply@edenred.co.uk. If you have any problems accessing your vouchers, please email cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk. Please remember to check the spam/junk folders in your emails.

Year 11 & 13 update

We are so proud of Year 11 and year 13 for completing their November Pre-Public Exams (PPEs). Year 11 Students will have a 'results day' assembly at 2.50pm on Tuesday 19 December to reflect on the PPEs and what their next steps are. Year 11 and year 13 predicted grades and effort grades will be emailed to Year 11 parents before the end of term.

Black History Season 2023

We would like to share a round-up of the events, competitions, workshops and guest speakers that have enriched our students' school experience during Black History Season. [Please click here to see a video sharing a selection of the events and celebrations that have taken place.](#) We would also value your feedback on BHS 2023. [Please click here and take 5 minutes to share your feedback.](#) Please encourage your child to give their feedback via the form on Satchel:one.

Monthly champions - November

We are excited to announce the monthly champions for November. Congratulations to the students who earned the highest achievement points, showcasing their effort and progress and their commitment to their learning. Additionally, we would like to recognise two students per year group, randomly chosen for their outstanding attendance and punctuality. Well done to all our monthly champions!

Year group	Achievement points	Attendance champion	Punctuality champion
Year 7	Suki Moore (7L)	Zelda Segal (7T)	Najma Saliu (7N)
Year 8	Rukiya Dahag (8C)	Matylda Rys (8C)	Mali Furtado (8C)
Year 9	Leela Nayak (9T)	Sima Torabi (9T)	Abena Obeng-Fosu (9A)
Year 10	Avyanna Conteh (10A)	Kimora Robinson (10L)	Kate Vallotton (10N)
Year 11	Annie Oxley (11L)	Edith Dennis (11N)	Loulou Paker (11P)
Year 12	Sheida Karimi (12F)	Laila-Grace McKenzie Breary (12F)	Andrea Bozhinovska (12A)
Year 13	Kehinde Oshikoya (13D)	Tharshika Panchaharan (13B)	Maya Pulinski (13E)

Parent survey

Your feedback is important to us. Please take 5 minutes to complete this parent survey to help inform our planning for next term. [Parent Survey - December 2023 \(jotform.com\)](#)

Happy Hanukkah to all CGA families that are celebrating over the next two weeks!

Kind regards,

Anna Feltham - Headteacher