



**Friday 2 February 2024**

**Headteacher's weekly update for parents**

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents that attended last night's Year 9 Parents' Evening. It was very positive to hear the excitement from the year group about their GCSE preferences and plans for next year and beyond.

**Important dates for your diary**

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| Monday 5 February    | Parent meeting for KS5 students going on trip to Valencia (5-5.30pm) in the LRC     |
| Tuesday 6 February   | Parent meeting for KS5 students going on trip to Sicily (5-5.30pm) in the LRC       |
| Wednesday 7 February | SEND Parent support meeting (5.30-6.30pm) in the LRC – please come along!           |
| Thursday 8 February  | Year 9 University Visit day – please ensure consent has been given via Evolve email |
| Friday 9 February    | Year 9 GCSE Guided Preferences deadline   |
| 12-16 February       | Half Term holiday   |
| Monday 19 February   | Students return to school at 8.40am – breakfast club available from 8.15am          |

**Year 9 KS4 Guided Preferences 'Jotform' completion deadline - Friday 9 February**

Information on the Year 9 KS4 Guided Preferences process can be found [here](#). The GCSE subject choices 'Jotform' can also be found on this page. **Every Year 9 student must complete this Jotform.** The deadline for completion is Friday 9 February. Final decisions on GCSE subject choices will be communicated to students by the end of April. Please address any questions to Steve Murphy (Assistant Headteacher) via [cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk)

**Year 11 and 13 Pre-Public-Exams (PPEs)**

Year 11 and Year 13 PPEs begin on Monday 19 February. Please find the Year 11 PPE timetable [here](#). Please find the Year 13 timetable [here](#). Advice on supporting your child with revision can be found [here](#).

**Year 13 Study Leave**

Following the success of the November PPEs, Year 13 A-Level students will be on study leave from 19 February to 1 March. During this time, students are not expected to attend Collective Time, PSHCE or their A-Level lessons. Students may be invited in for revision sessions, meetings with NEA tutors or to complete practical work. These sessions will be considered compulsory, subject teachers will inform those affected separately. Students are welcome to use the facilities on site to study and have lunch as usual. Year 13 BTEC students are expected to follow their normal timetables.

**Term Dates for 2024-2025**

Dates for the 2024-2025 academic year have now been agreed and can be found [on our website here](#).

**Safer Internet Day – Monday 5 February**

Next week's assemblies will recognise Safer Internet Day. We are aware that lots of parents nationwide are concerned about young people's use of TikTok. Children should be 13 and over to have a TikTok account. If children lie about their age, and put in an older age, this means that their restrictions will end when the



platform believes they have reached 18, meaning they could be exposed to adult content. If you are unsure how to manage your child's use of TikTok, [please click here](#) for useful step by step instructions.

### Attendance Awareness Month – 5 February to 8 March 2024

During Attendance Awareness Month (AAM) there will be opportunities for students and tutor groups to win prizes! The aim is to raise awareness of the impact of excellent attendance, acknowledge excellent attendance and to emphasise the responsibility of all of the CGA community regarding attendance and punctuality. We hope that all students gain a better understanding of the importance of attendance. Please encourage your child to get involved.

### Rewards - January champions

We are delighted to announce our January champions, who have demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication, earning the highest achievement points or achieving 100% attendance or punctuality. Achievement points are awarded for effort, positive behaviour, progress and embodying the academy's CAIR values (Compassion, Ambition, Integrity and Resilience). Well done to all our January champions!

|     | Achievement point champions   | Attendance champions      | Punctuality champions |
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| Y7  | Soraya Williams-Brissett (7P) | Elana Roseberry (7L)      | Yaseera Syeda (7N)    |
| Y8  | Maya Serwacinska (8T)         | Freya Greatex (8N)        | Mahi Patel (8N)       |
| Y9  | Ebrar Sahin (9P)              | Eloise Solley (9P)        | Laura Blajszczak (9P) |
| Y10 | Manuela Berlim (10N)          | Batula El-Sayed Ali (19N) | Rosa Jenkins (10P)    |
| Y11 | Marlene Werthern-Pilch (11C)  | Revarna-Tae Walters (11C) | Hala Amerat (11T)     |
| Y12 | Nawal Adawe (12F)             | Luz Main Ovando (12G)     | Sabina Brown (12D)    |
| Y13 | Martha Tyler (13B)            | Lisa Wang (13D)           | Lina Khelifi (13C)    |

### School lunches and ParentPay

We have had helpful feedback from students and parents about school lunches. We have shared this with Chartwells, our catering provider, and are in the process of exploring new providers. Parents can check what their child is having for lunch by logging into their ParentPay account and clicking on the student icon at the top, scroll down and click 'view taken meals and menus'. [Click here for a copy of our lunch menu.](#)

### Year 8 Human Papiloma Virus (HPV) vaccinations – Tuesday 20 February

[Click here for the e-consent form, please complete this even if you wish to refuse the vaccination.](#)

The vaccination is free and recommended for young people to protect them against the HPV virus which increases the risk of developing some cancers later in life. For more information, [click here](#)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Public Health England requires the nurses to see all Year 8s. If a consent form hasn't been received then the nurses can undertake a Gillick competency. This means a young person can consent for the vaccine if the nurses deem them competent enough to understand what the vaccines are for. Please



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note as part of the process the nurses have to demonstrate they have attempted to contact parents to gain consent. Nurses will aim to get a verbal consent on the phone before undertaking Gillick with a student.

#### **Free School Meal vouchers for the February half term**

Hackney Education will be providing vouchers to the value of £20 per eligible student for the February half term break. Vouchers will be emailed to parents on Monday 5 February and will come directly from [Noreply@edenred.co.uk](mailto:Noreply@edenred.co.uk). If you have any problems accessing your vouchers, please email [cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk). Please remember to check the spam/junk folders in your emails.

Kind regards,

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