



Friday 23 February 2024

Headteacher's weekly update for parents

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Year 11 and 13 who have made a brilliant start to this round of PPEs (Pre-Public Exams). It has been positive to see how organised they are and how seriously they are taking their revision.

Important catering update

Due to a technical issue, we will have a limited lunch offer until further notice. This will unfortunately affect how much food we can offer. If your child is able to bring a packed lunch until further notice that would really help us ensure that we can prioritise providing meals for students in receipt of Free School Meals. We will keep you updated about this. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes. It is unfortunately an issue beyond our control.

Important dates for your diary

Wednesday 28 February	Global Majority Parents Group meeting – 5.30-6.30pm in the LRC
Monday 4 March	Careers Week starts – more information to follow next week World Book Day
Tuesday 5 March	Years 7 & 8 Janelle McCurdy author visit (10am-12.20pm) Please ask students to speak to Ms Shoard, librarian, for more information
Wednesday 6 March	Year 11 & 13 PPEs end
Thursday 7 March	Year 13 Reward trip to Brighton Year 10 Parents Evening (4-7pm)
Friday 8 March	Careers Fair and International Women's Day celebration
Monday 11 March	Start of Ramadan (tbc)

Year 10 Pearson Set Assignments (PSAs) - BTEC Enterprise and BTEC Health & Social Care

Year 10 students studying BTEC courses are currently completing one of their compulsory PSAs. These PSAs account for 30% of students' final BTEC grade. Students are required to complete elements of their PSA under supervised exam conditions. Teaching staff have planned completion times for the end of February and throughout March. Specific times will be communicated directly to parents but will include completion of PSAs during and after school.

Global Majority Parent Group meeting – Wednesday 28 February – 5.30-6.30pm

Our next meeting will be discussions around how to best support our global majority students as well as International Evening preparations. If you are interested in getting involved, please come to main reception and the meeting will be in the LRC. All parents are welcome to join.

World Book Day 2024 – Monday 4 March

The theme of our World Book Day celebrations this year is 'the power of reading to transport you'. There are a range of activities taking place: assemblies, exploratory LRC lessons and the launch of staff 'Reading Ambassadors' alongside our student ambassadors. Year 12 and 13 will be celebrating with a book swap,



book review competition, and more. You can find guidance on how to support reading for pleasure at home here, along with a spring reading list [here](#)

Arrangements for Ramadan

We wrote to parents earlier this week about arrangements for Ramadan. [Click here for a copy of the letter.](#)

International Evening – Thursday 18 April – message from Ms Samuel

On Thursday 18 April from 5-7pm, we will be holding an International Evening for parents and students recognising and celebrating our identity, heritage, and community, including a celebration of Eid. Please save the date.

Find out if you qualify for Free School Meals

Did you know that your child may be eligible to receive free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits? For a full list of which benefits qualify you for free school meals for your child, please visit the [Hackney Education Free School Meals page](#). Once you have checked to see if you receive the required benefits, applications are quick and easy. Simply click the "Apply for free school meals" button, sign up for a parent account and fill out the form. If you need support with this, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Taylor, Community Liaison Lead, by calling main reception or emailing ataylor@clapton.hackney.sch.uk

Attendance Awareness Month: Importance of excellent attendance - From Head of Science, Ms Miah

Excellent attendance is crucial in obtaining good grades in science. Science lessons are carefully sequenced by teachers to ensure that learning takes place in a way that allows your child to build knowledge and skills one-step at a time. This means when lessons are missed, students miss part of the sequence. Every lesson, students explore new ideas and skills through practical work; debates; practice questions and evaluation of models. These are all essential parts to becoming a good scientist. Although these skills may be revisited later, the more practice students have of a skill the more proficient they are at it. Securing great outcomes is not the only reason it is important that students attend science lessons! Science instils a sense of intrigue and enables students to develop their understanding to explain the mechanics behind the daily functioning of complex systems ranging from themselves to the whole universe. Students who have excellent attendance to lessons and engage with science are more likely to develop a strong ability to think critically and ask important questions about the future.

Homework reminders

Satchel: One is our easy-to-use homework platform. All students have their own personal accounts and parents can monitor tasks and engagement of tasks through the app which is available on iPhone and android. Please ensure that your child logs in every day to check the homework set by teachers. If you have a problem logging on or questions related to Satchel: One, please email cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk.

Thank you for continued support.

Kind regards,

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