



Friday 19 April 2024

Headteacher's weekly update for parents

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the summer term! It's been an exciting first week with students engaged in activities, trips and presentations for Wednesday's Focus Day, Thursday's fantastic International Evening and we have over 80 Year 10 students out on their Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition today. Thank you to all the parents that came along to enjoy the International Evening. It was brilliant to have you all there to celebrate the togetherness, diversity and talent of the CGA community.

Key Stage 3 - summer exams and assessments

Over the coming weeks, Key Stage 3 students will sit assessments and exams ahead of their Progress Reports being issued in May (Year 8 and 9) and June (Year 7). Most of these assessments will take place in class and students will be informed of when they are happening and how to prepare for them by their teachers. Year 9 will sit some of these assessments under exam conditions in the Nightingale Hall. Please see the timetable below. This is to support with their transition to Year 10 and to prepare them for GCSE exams. It is very important that all students attend school on time for these exams. Further information about the exams and how to prepare can be found on our website [here](#).

Year 9 Exams 2024				
Date	Time	Exams	Length	Room
Tues 30 th April	9am	RE	50 mins	Nightingale Hall
Tues 30 th April	12:50pm	Maths Paper 1	1 hour	Nightingale Hall
Weds 1 st May	9am	French	1 hour	Nightingale Hall
Weds 1 st May	12:50pm	English	1 hour	Nightingale Hall
Thurs 2 nd May	9am	Maths Paper 2	1 hour	Nightingale Hall
Thurs 2 nd May	12:50pm	Spanish	1 hour	Nightingale Ha

Year 12 UCAS information evening - Thursday 25 April – 5-5.45pm

This event is crucial in helping to support your child in applying for university and/or apprenticeships following their time at CGA Sixth Form. Students and parents will receive essential information on the application process and how to make an informed decision about next steps, including the UCAS process, choosing a university/apprenticeship, using Unifrog and key dates for submitting applications. A letter has been sent to all Year 12 parents with further information. We look forward to seeing you there.

Message from the School Council: Bake sale in aid of St Joseph's Hospice – Thursday 25 April

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a bake sale to raise funds for a cause close to our hearts, the St. Joseph's Hospice. This invaluable organisation provides essential support, including bereavement counselling and art therapy, to members of our school and the local community during difficult times. We invite parents and students to participate by donating or baking delicious cakes that will



be sold during the event, on Thursday 25 April. Students should take any cakes/sweet treats to the Dining Pavilion before school on Thursday 25 April. All donations must be nut-free. Let's come together as a community to make this bake sale a success! We thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

SEND Parent Support Meeting – Wednesday 1 May – 5-6pm in the LRC

This is an ideal opportunity to meet other parents and share your experiences of raising children with SEND needs. We look forward to seeing you there!

Student Rewards: March Champions

We are thrilled to announce the outstanding achievements of our March champions! These students have exemplified ambition and resilience throughout the month, earning the highest number of achievement points for their exceptional effort, positive attitude, and impressive attainment. They have also shown unwavering commitment to their education with 100% attendance and punctuality. We are very proud of them and certain that their hard work and determination will continue to inspire and motivate their peers. Congratulations to our March champions for their well-deserved recognition!

	Achievement points champions	Attendance champions	Punctuality champions
Year 7	Suki Moore	Jessie Dixon-Spain	Angelina Nguyen
Year 8	Penelope Barnett	Nazneen Dauhoo	Hope Stilgoe
Year 9	Thalia Cowell	Sarah Bhaiyat	Kayyo Buba
Year 10	Adwoa Boadu	Iman Mohamed	Rhea Skinner
Year 11	Marlene Werthern-Pilch	Robin Sherman	Kiki Lazarek Munster
Year 12	Faaiza Sarif	Asma Sherbhai	Ann Jallow-Gaye
Year 13	Martha Tyler	Esme Brook	Lydia Page

Safeguarding: Ensuring your child's safety after school hours

It is very important that students make their way home directly after school for their own safety. Hanging around near the school or engaging in antisocial behaviour not only poses risks to their wellbeing but can also impact the reputation of the school in the wider community.

In cases where there may be no adult supervision at home, we encourage students to take advantage of the various clubs and activities available after school until 4.30pm. Not only does this provide a structured and safe environment, but it also offers opportunities for personal growth and development. Together, we can ensure a safe and positive environment for all our students.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Headteacher