



Friday 26 May 2023

Headteacher's weekly update for parents

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your support this half term. I hope you and your families enjoy a restful and enjoyable half term holiday. Students return to school on Monday 5 June at the normal time.

Key dates for next half term

Monday 5 June	Year 11 study leave begins
Tuesday 6 June	Friends of CGA Meeting – 5.30-6.30pm in the LRC
Wednesday 7 June	UCAS Parents' Evening (5-5.45pm) <i>This is a revised date.</i>
Thursday 8 June- Saturday 10 June	Year 12 Silver Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition
Thursday 15 June	Year 6 Friendship Evening (3.45-5pm) Online Wellbeing evening (5.30-6.30pm)
Tuesday 20 June	Year 10 and 12 Pre-Public Exams begin
Thursday 22 June	Focus Day – Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 out on reward trips
Friday 23 June	Staff training day– no students on-site
Monday 26 June	Timetable promotion - Year 9 students start their GCSE timetables

Edenred Vouchers

Free school meal vouchers for half term were sent out to all eligible parents on Monday. If you have not received your voucher, please email cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk

Year 10 and 12 Pre-Public exams

Year 10 and 12 students will be sitting Pre-Public Exams from Tuesday 20 June. The exam timetable can be found on our [website](#). It is essential that students are punctual (8.30am for the morning exams) and sit all exams. Students must attend all normal lessons when they are not in exams.

Summer reward trips

To celebrate the many achievements of our students this academic year, we are holding a whole school reward trip day on Thursday 22 June. Parents will be emailed consent letters via Evolve and can make contributions towards the cost of these trips on ParentPay.

Year group	Reward trip
7	Kew Gardens
8	London Zoo
9	London Dungeons
10	Trampoline park, Enfield
12	Ice Skating



Timetable promotion – Year 9

On Monday 26 June, Year 9 will begin their new year 10 subjects. This is to support them in making a head start with their GCSE subjects. Please see the letter that will be sent to year 9 parents next week for further details. We look forward to seeing a fantastic start from students.

Update on Head of Year 7

At CGA we are very proud of our transition process that supports students with their move from primary to secondary school. Part of the success of this is because our Head of Year 7 (Ms Chambers) is static and does not move up the school with the year group. This means that Year 7 will be getting a new Head of Year. I am delighted to inform you that Ms Samuel will be taking this role. Since starting CGA, Ms Samuel has taught Health and Social Care, been a Year 11 form tutor and worked across the school as a Community Liaison Lead, in this role she arranged the successful International Evening.

For the next few weeks Ms Chambers and Ms Samuel will support Year 7 together to ensure a gradual change for students. From Monday 26 June, Ms Samuel will be Head of Year 7 and in September will be their Head of Year 8. Ms Cook will continue to line manage the year group into next year. We are still confirming the ESA and tutor team for next year and will update you on this at a later date.

Pride Month

June marks Pride month here in the UK and we will be recognising and celebrating this in school. Students will have a Pride assembly, as well as Collective Time activities to bring LGBTQ+ stories to life and discuss the importance of inclusivity. There will be a dedicated space in the LRC for LGBTQ+ stories and a designated day for students to wear a brightly coloured item of clothing to school to mark this occasion.

DoE Silver qualifying expedition – 8 – 10 June

On Thursday 8, Friday 9 and Saturday 10 June the Year 12 Silver Duke of Edinburgh group will be completing their qualifying expedition in the New Forest. We will meet at school at 7am on Thursday 8 June and will return to Hackney Central at approximately 5pm on Saturday 10 June. If your child is in the group, please complete payments via ParentPay and complete the consent form via Evolve email before Tuesday 6 June.

Holiday activities

During the holidays, Hackney are offering a wide range of exciting activities and a daily healthy free meal as part of the government funded Holiday Activities and Food programme. [Click here](#) for more information.

Food bank information

If you're struggling with benefits, debt, or budgeting, please email Help@Hackneyfoodbank.org with details of your circumstances and they can refer you to Fair Money Advice, who will issue you with a food bank voucher and an appointment to speak with one of their specialist advisers. [Click here for more details](#)

Kind regards,

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