



Friday 14 July 2023

Headteacher's weekly update for parents

Dear Parents,

A big thank you to everyone that came to yesterday's Clapton Carnival. It was an amazing celebration of the many talents of the CGA community.

Key dates for next week

Thursday 20 July	Last day of term for Year 12
Friday 21 July	Last day of term for Years 7,8,9 and 10. Students will be dismissed at 12.30pm

Edenred Vouchers

Hackney Council have confirmed they will be funding free school meal vouchers during the summer holidays. The vouchers are for £70 per child. Vouchers will be emailed to eligible parents on Monday 17 July.

Attend to achieve

This year, we have seen a significant increase in absence from students across the school. We want to ensure that for the rest of this term and the start of the new term in September, attendance is improved. Thank you to parents that continue to support their child's excellent attendance. We will continue to support parents that have had challenges with their child's attendance. We need all parents to ensure that their child is attending school every day from 8.40am to increase their potential of achieving their best and receiving consistent academic, social and emotional support.

Update from our Safeguarding team: New TikTok parental control features

To help keep children safe, TikTok have released a range of new parental controls on their app. [Use this link to a see a step-by-step guide to setting this up.](#) If you need any support from a staff member regarding TikTok, or social media in general, please email cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk.

Uniform reminders for September

The academy has clear uniform expectations. Please ensure that you revisit these before buying new uniform for September. More details are on the next page of this letter and on our website [here](#).

Thank you to all the families that have donated uniform for our pre-loved uniform shop. We still need blazers and trousers. If your child has outgrown items, please ask them to drop off clean uniform to Student Reception next week.

Have a lovely weekend!

Anna Feltham - Headteacher



Helpful uniform information

a. The academy's lavender shirt, PE jumper, blazer and jumper can be purchased from the [Price and Buckland website](#). They are our only uniform provider. If you are currently experiencing financial difficulties, email the school or send a note to your child's Head of Year or ESA. Second-hand uniform items are also available from the academy. Email cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk for more information.

b. Your child's black, tailored school trousers, their black hijab, their plain white PE polo shirt, their PE black jogging bottoms or leggings and black knee-length skirt can be purchased from high street retailers. Tube skirts, "skinny" trousers, branded PE polo shirts, patterned hijabs, are not allowed. Trousers must not be shorter than ankle length.

c. Shoes must not be higher than the anklebone.

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CGA recommends the below for both durability and affordability.

<https://www.shozone.com/Products/Hush-Puppies-Eadie-Girls-Black-Lace-Up-Brogue-Shoe-20242>

d. Fake nails are not allowed. If your child wears them over the summer holidays, please make sure they are fully removed by the start of the new term. Students wearing fake nails will have to work in the Student Support Centre until the nails are removed.

e. False eyelashes are not allowed. This includes both adhesive lashes and individual extensions. Please keep this in mind if your child wishes to have these applied over the summer break. Students wearing false eyelashes will have to work in the Student Support Centre until the false eyelashes are removed.

f. All students must wear their blazer when on the academy's site. This will be expected at the morning gates and throughout the day.

g. If your child has outgrown their uniform, please donate their old uniform to the academy in order to support another local family.

Please note that the academy reserves the right to make reasonable adjustments to the policy for students with some Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) or for students with diagnosed conditions that require specific clothing items.