



Friday 3 March 2023

Headteacher's weekly update for parents

Dear Parents,

Key dates for your diary

Monday 6 March	Year 11 and 13 Pre-Public Exams continue. Click here for exam timetables.
Monday 6 March – Friday 10 March	Careers Week and International Women's Day celebrations
Tuesday 7 March	Friends of CGA Meeting (5.30-6.30pm @ CGA)
Thursday 9 March	Year 12 Parents Evening 4 - 6.30pm
Friday 10 – Friday 17 March	British Science Week
Tuesday 14 March	Year 11 Pre-Public Exams end
Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 March	Planned NEU strike action – update to follow next week
Friday 17 March	Red Nose Day – non-uniform day

Year 11 and 13 PPE

A big well done to Year 11 and 13 for getting through the first week of their PPEs. We have been really impressed by their preparation and commitment this week. Keep up the great work Year 11 and 13!

Edenred Vouchers

Edenred vouchers will be emailed out to parents of Free School Meal students today. This £10 voucher is to cover the lunches for the 3 strike days on 2, 15 & 16 March 2023.

Visiting Author & Illustrator

On Tuesday 7 March, award winning author and illustrator, Lizzy Stewart, is coming to CGA to spend the day meeting students, giving two interactive creative workshops with Years 8 & 9 and speaking to some year 12 art students about life as a professional illustrator.

Careers Week

Next week is Careers Week and we will be encouraging students to have discussions with staff and parents about their career journeys. Students will have a 'Bingo' sheet to complete about staff careers, as well as a discussion sheet to take home and complete with parents. There will also be dedicated lessons in a number of subjects, where students will be able to meet employers and talk to them about their work.

International Women's Day

We will be holding assemblies next week to celebrate International Women's Day. As part of these celebrations and to support careers week, we will be holding a Female Insight Day supported by a team of female officers from the Metropolitan Police on Wednesday 8 March. There will be talks for students in Years 7, 9, 10 and 12 about opportunities for women in the MET, including representatives from territorial, marine and dog support teams, road traffic and mounted teams. We are expecting a police dog and possibly a police horse to be on site as part of this day.



Safeguarding - Parental responsibility.

If you have changed phone number recently, please email your new contact details to us. If you plan to be away from home (for holiday, work or a family engagement) and you leave your child in the care of another adult (or a pre-authorised contact), we must be provided with the name and contact details of the person looking after your child in advance. We have a duty to only contact adults who you have authorised us to in the event of an emergency or child sickness. Having this information in advance allows us to support your child. If you have any questions about this, please contact cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk

Trips, Visits and Events Update

Students across all year groups have had the opportunity to attend a variety of trips, visits and events to develop their skills and gain experience outside of the classroom. Year 7 students have begun their mentoring journey with staff at Linklaters (law firm), Year 9 have visited local universities to support them with their guided preferences, Year 11 have visited New College Oxford and the Sixth Form have visited London based law firms as well as the Royal Veterinary College. There have also been Language Leader visits to primary schools, trips to the theatre and art galleries and sports fixtures.

Parental consent for visits is shared online via Evolve - parents will receive this via email in advance of any trips or visits. In addition to this, any visits/events that require payment will be shared via ParentPay. On ParentPay, we have included the opportunity for parents to pay for costs beyond their own child, to support others at CGA. However, we recognise that not all parents will be able to do this. More information on upcoming events and the re-introduction of residential and international trips will follow soon.

Ramadan

Please refer to the letter emailed this week about [Arrangements for Ramadan.pdf](#)

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Reminder: Year 12 parents' evening reminder – Thursday 9 March – 4 - 6.30pm

For maximum impact, your child will need to attend this with you. Please bring the list of appointment times to ensure you get to see your child's teacher at the correct time. Appointments will run from 4pm - 6:30pm, lasting 5 minutes each. Tea, coffee, and biscuits will be provided throughout the evening and a prayer room will be available in main reception.

Kind regards,

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