



Friday 10 February 2023

Headteacher's weekly update for parents

Dear Parents,

Key dates for your diary

Friday 10 February	Last day of half term. School ends at 2.50pm. Year 9 Guided Preferences deadline
Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February	Half term holiday
Thursday 23 February	Year 10 Parents' Evening (4-7pm)
Monday 27 February	Year 11 and 13 Pre-Public Exams begin
Thursday 2 March	Planned NEU strike action – update to follow
Monday 6 March – Friday 10 March	Careers Week
Thursday 9 March	Year 12 Parents Evening 4-6.30pm
Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March	Planned NEU strike action – update to follow

Fundraising for Turkey and Syria

Following the earthquake in Turkey and Syria on Monday, our thoughts and condolences are with those CGA families with friends and family that have been affected. As part of our academy value of compassion, we will be raising funds for the Red Cross Turkey-Syria appeal this morning. There will be donation buckets at the morning gates and students that are able to can make a voluntary contribution of £1. If any parents would like to donate, more information about the Red Cross appeal and the donation link, click [here](#)

Year 12 Parents Evening date change

Year 12 parents evening will now be on Thursday March 9 from 4-6.30pm. Students will make appointments with their subject teachers. Year 12 reports and latest Pre-Public Exam results will be given out at parents evening. All year 12 students are expected to attend. If there is a reason why a student cannot attend, please email the year 12 academic mentor, Ms Nisha, at tnisha@clapton.hackney.sch.uk.

Year 10 parents evening

Year 10 Parents' Evening is on Thursday 23 February from 4-7pm. If your child is in year 10, please check that they have made appointments with their teachers. You will need to bring the appointment list with you, and we expect that your child attends too. On the evening, you will receive your child's most recent academic progress report, so you can have informed conversations with their teachers. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be served throughout the evening.

Year 11 Pre-Public Exam (PPE) changes

There has been an update to the Year 11 PPE timetable in light of upcoming strike action. On Thursday 2 March, Year 11 will be in school and have Maths paper 1 in the morning and Chemistry in the afternoon. Chemistry has been moved from the morning of Monday 6 March. Please find the updated timetable [here](#)



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Uniform price update

Price & Buckland, our uniform supplier, have announced a price increase which will take effect from 1 April 2023. The increase will affect the following items:

White PE polo shirts- **going up by £1.25**

PE hoodie, V-neck jumper and sleeveless jumper - **going up by £1.00**

Price & Buckland will be introducing the following two functions on their websites over the summer:

- Free delivery to work or home address on orders over £70.
- Klarna payment scheme to assist parent with spreading costs.
- Parents also still get free returns on all orders regardless of value or reason for return.

Free School Meal vouchers for the February half term

The usual Edenred vouchers were emailed to parents on Monday 6 February. Remember to check the "junk" folder of your emails if you have not received your vouchers. If you have any problems accessing the vouchers, please call main reception or email cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk.

Clubs list

Congratulations to the many students that have attended clubs regularly this half term. Please encourage your child to attend at least one club each week. You can find our latest clubs list [here](#).

Cost of Living Support Guide

Hackney Council has updated their guide on support available for residents during the cost of living crisis. The guide contains information on money and debt; food and free meals; housing costs; jobs and training, legal advice and more. For more information and a digital version of the guide click [here](#). To request printed copies of the guide click [here](#). The guide is also available in various languages, upon request.

Supporting Clapton Girls' Academy

We are currently advertising for Assistant Head of Science and Science teacher roles. If you know anyone who might be interested in these positions, please do encourage them to apply. You can find details of our current vacancies [here](#).

I hope all CGA families have a restful and enjoyable half term. I look forward to welcoming students back to school at the usual time on Monday 20 February.

Kind regards,

Anna Feltham
Headteacher