



**Friday 13 January 2023**

**Headteacher's weekly update for parents**

Dear Parents,

**Year 11 Deadline for Sixth Form Applications**

The deadline for all internal sixth form applications is **Friday 20 January**. The sixth form have started to send out offer letters to those that have applied already. Please note that there is a link in the offer letter that students receive which confirms acceptance of their place and students must accept their offer to guarantee a place. There have been over 250 applications to the sixth form so far. We only have 150 spaces available. Please encourage your child to apply [here](#)

**Year 11 and 13 Pre-Public Exams (PPEs)**

Year 11 and 13 PPE timetables for after February half term are now available to view [here](#). A reminder that exam support pages for students and parents can be found [here](#)

**Year 9 Parents Evening and Guided Preferences – 4-7pm**

A reminder Year 9 Parents Evening is on Thursday 2 February. It is essential parents and students attend this to get the Jotform link to select their GCSE and BTEC preferences. The timeline for selecting options is:

- 18/01/23 - Year 9 Guided Preferences Assembly 1
- 25/01/23 - Year 9 Guided Preferences Assembly 2
- 01/02/23 - Year 9 Guided Preferences Focus Day
- 02/02/23 - Year 9 Parents Evening (Jotform to select preferences opens)
- 10/02/23 – Jotform to select preferences closes

**Attendance and punctuality**

As we begin the New Year, we want to continue to encourage all students to attend school on time every day. Students will be reminded of the benefits of attending school every day and will be made aware of the time that is lost at school due to absence and/or poor punctuality. Please support your child to attend school every day and to be on time. The school gates open at 8.15am and all students should be on site by 8.40am. There is a free breakfast for all students between 8.15am and 8.35am.

**Do you need to improve your punctuality?**

Days Missed	Attendance %
5.4 days missed over a year	98.4% attendance
6.9 days missed over a year	97.6% attendance
10.3 days missed over a year	94.6% attendance
13.8 days missed over a year	92.9% attendance
20.7 days missed over a year	89.2% attendance

**Arriving persistently late to school affects your attendance and achievement**

We want **every student** to be **on time every day** so that you do not miss out on important information and learning.

**Do you know what your attendance is?**

Attendance %	Student Status
100%	Excellent record
95%	Good record
90%	Needs to improve
85%	Cause for concern
80%	Poor record
75%	Very poor record

**You should be aiming to have minimum attendance of 96%**

We want **all students** to be **at school every day** to ensure that you have all of the opportunities to achieve your very best.

**Uniform expectations**

At CGA, we have very clear uniform expectations and standards. These were shared with parents during the summer term 2022 and at the start of the academic year. Please note the following reminders:



- Hair bonnets, legwarmers, fake eyelashes, false nails and hats are not allowed.
- Shoes must be black, polish-able and ankle-height. Boots, canvas shoes, trainers are not allowed.
- Jewellery must be limited to two pairs of earrings no bigger than a 5p piece, one small flat stud in the nose, one flat ring on each hand, one neck chain, one bracelet on each wrist and one watch.
- Due to the colder weather, students are allowed to wear a **black** scarf in lessons.

If you are currently experiencing hardship, please contact your child's Head of Year or their Engagement Support Assistant (ESA). Help is available.

If your child has outgrown their uniform, please donate their old uniform items to the academy so that they can be used to support another family in our local community. All items in good condition are welcomed.

### Mental Health Support Team (MHST) workshops

MHST provides early intervention groups for young people with mild to moderate needs. These workshops are not suitable for young people already under other CAMHS services or Children's Social Care teams. These workshops may be useful for you or your child and we would encourage you to attend.

Date	Workshop	Details
26/01/2023	<a href="#">MHST Parent Workshop: Managing child anxiety</a>	10-11am
27/01/2023	<a href="#">MHST Parent Workshop: Managing teen anxiety</a>	10-11am
Jan - tbc	MHST Parent Workshop: Mindful parenting	tbc
<b>Half Term - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>		
23/02/2023	<a href="#">MHST Young Person Workshop: Intro to mindfulness</a>	4.30-5.30pm
09/03/2023	<a href="#">MHST Young Person Workshop: Drifting off to sleep</a>	4.30-5.30pm
<b>31<sup>st</sup> March – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 = 2<sup>nd</sup> term holidays</b>		
04/05/2023	<a href="#">MHST Parent Workshop: Supporting child's transition to secondary school</a>	10-11am
04/05/2023	<a href="#">MHST Parent Workshop: Supporting your child's transition to secondary school, or parents of children with autism</a>	10-11am

### Global Majority Parent Group reminder

The first Global Majority Parents Group meeting for 2023 will take place on Tuesday 31 January from 5.30pm - 6.30pm in the LRC. Everyone is welcome. Please come along to have your say and help us to plan and continue the great work for this year. Many Thanks Global Majority Parents Group

### Road safety

We have lots of students that cycle to school. If you are dropping students off in cars, please drive slowly when approaching the school and be mindful of students on bikes.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher