



Friday 24 March 2023

Headteacher's weekly update for parents

Dear Parents,

Key dates for your diary

Monday 27 to Thursday 30 March	End of Term Achievement Assemblies
Tuesday 28 March	Global Majority Parent Group meeting (on-site 5.30-6.30pm)
Thursday 30 March	Last Day of Term for students – 2.50pm finishing time Sixth Form Academic Review Evening
Tuesday 18 April	Friends of CGA Meeting (on-site 5.30-6.30pm)

Term Dates 2023-24

The term dates for next year will be uploaded onto our website later today [Term Dates](#)

CGA Phone System

When phoning us, please listen carefully to the main switchboard options as they have been changed.

Autism Acceptance Week (Monday 27 – Friday 31 March)

We would encourage all parents to watch the following video [Walk In My Shoes - YouTube](#). The video was developed by Dr Ruth Moyses, an expert in autism, who has worked with our autistic students to ensure the school environment and staff practise is as autism friendly as possible. The video gives a good insight into what it is like for autistic students to attend school. Please speak with your child about their understanding of autism and also what they can do to help make the school a supportive environment for autistic students. Hackney Education are hosting a series of events to celebrate Autism Acceptance Week with a special theme of cultural identity and intersectionality. The week will include training sessions for parents, parent workshops and more. [Click here for more information.](#)

Global Majority Parent Group Meeting

The next Global Majority Parent Group meeting will take place on **Tuesday 28 March at 5.30pm in the LRC**. All parent voices are important and help shape the school. Come along, get involved and make a difference.

Sixth Form Academic Review Evening (ARE) – Wednesday 29 March 2-7pm

This is an opportunity for sixth form staff to meet with parents and students to discuss progress and next steps prior to the summer exams. Members of the sixth form team will be in touch with you and students to organise an appointment.

Edenred Vouchers

Hackney Council have confirmed they will be funding free school meal vouchers during the Easter break. The value of the vouchers will be £20 per child and will be sent to all eligible parents today.



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Clubs

Please see the latest Clubs information here: [Clubs](#)

Save the date: International Evening – Wednesday 26 April – 5-8pm

This event will include an Iftaar and celebration of Eid and is being planned by students, staff and the Global Majority Parent Group and Friends of CGA. On the night, you can expect to see a variety of performances, which include Dance, Drama, Spoken Word, Music (Steel Pan and Choir) and an exciting Fashion Show. This will be a ticketed event, with a maximum of two tickets per student. Please look out for more information about how to book free tickets and sign up to offer donations of cakes, sweets or desserts for this event. If you are keen to support the planning of this event as a parent, please email cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk and one of our Community Liaison Leads will contact you.

Uniform Update

New legislation to improve the affordability of school uniforms came into force in September 2022. We responded promptly by making more second-hand uniform items available to all our students. We also purchase school shoes and PE kit. As an additional measure, students will now be allowed to wear a plain white polo shirt for their PE lessons and clubs. This is an alternative to the branded PE polo shirt. This change comes into effect immediately. If you would like support with second-hand uniform for your child, please email cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk.

MyEd - parental engagement app available in multiple languages

Did you know that you can get the texts and emails we send to you, via MyEd, translated into other languages? If you would prefer to have your texts or emails translated into another language, please complete and submit [this JotForm](#) and we will update your translation settings. To download the app, search MyEd by Iris in your App Store.

Lost property

If your child has lost anything since the start of term, please encourage them to go to Student Reception by Thursday 30 March to look through the lost property drawers. Anything that remains unclaimed will be donated to charity or disposed of. Uniform will be laundered to use as loan uniform. We have pencil cases, note books, water bottles, novels, blazers, coats, hoodies, and PE bags.

Very best wishes to all our students, parents, staff and trustees who are celebrating Ramadan for the next month.

Kind regards,

Anna Feltham
Headteacher