



Thursday 30 March 2023

Headteacher's weekly update for parents

Dear Parents,

Key dates for your diary

Monday 17 April	All students and staff return from Easter holidays – 8.40am start time
Tuesday 18 April	Friends of CGA meeting (5.30-6.30pm in LRC)
Monday 24 April	Year 9 DTP/Meningitis immunisations
Tuesday 25 April	Global Majority Parent Group meeting (5.30-6.30pm in the LRC)
Wednesday 26 April	International Evening – 5-8pm (ticketed entry only)
Thursday 27 April	Year 12 UCAS Parents' Evening
Friday 28 April	Staff Training Day – no students on-site

Autism Acceptance Week

Please make sure you've read [this fortnight's CGA News](#) for an update on how we have been working with various teams and individuals to spread awareness and understanding of autism.

Edenred Vouchers

The free school meal vouchers were sent out to all eligible parents last Friday. If you have not received your voucher, please email cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk and your email will be passed on the relevant person.

Hackney Holiday Activity Programme offer

There will be an Activities & Food kids camp running at Mossbourne Community Academy over the Easter holiday with sports, games and activities for 5-16 year olds. The cost is £15 per day (£12 if booked by 30 March). There is no cost for children in receipt of free school meals. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info and to book.

Easter Holiday intervention - Year 11 and 13

Students should arrive at the Laura Place entrance and may wear their own clothes. Students should bring their own lunch. All sessions will start at 10am and end at 3pm.

Monday 3 April - Year 11 Art, Year 13 Geography, Year 13 Product Design, Year 13 Art and Year 13 English.

Thursday 6 April - Year 13 Sociology (This session is with an external provider)

International Evening – Wednesday 26 April (5-8pm) – tickets are now available

To access free tickets, please click [here](#) Due to seating capacity, there is a maximum of two tickets per student, allocated on a first come first served basis. To mark Eid and this occasion of culture, identity and belonging, we are encouraging students and parents to attend the event wearing items, which represent their identity or culture. We are also inviting families to offer donations of cakes, sweets or desserts. This will provide opportunities for others to learn about the flavours and tastes relating to specific cultures and identities. If you are bringing food, we ask that you observe our nut-free policy.

Update on national strike action

[This article](#) provides a helpful summary of the current situation. There is a possibility of further strike action on Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May. We are expecting an update on this over the holiday. We will update parents on Monday 17 April.



Child Q Case Review

It is now just over a year since the publication of the Child Q case review. You may be aware that the Children's Commissioner published a [report](#) this week about the strip searching of children in England and Wales. I want to make parents aware that two further reports are due for publication in the near future. These are the IOPC (Independent Office for Police Conduct) report on action since the Child Q case review and the City and Hackney report reviewing actions and impact since the Child Q case review. We recognise that these reports will be challenging reading for parents, particularly parents from Black and Global Majority groups. We welcome any feedback, views, questions from parents once these reports are published and will continue to provide safe spaces for students to discuss any concerns they might have.

All parents were also emailed a letter last week inviting them to a meeting led by Hackney Education and the Safer Schools Police team to get parent feedback on the new Safer Schools Protocol addendum for Hackney. For more information and to sign up, use [this link](#)

Finally, the Global Majority Parent Group have played a key role in guiding the academy's ongoing support for students and parents on a number of important issues around race and representation but also supported uplifting projects and events. All parents are welcome to join this group. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 25 April from 5.30-6.30pm in the LRC.

Friends of CGA meeting – Tuesday 19 April

The Friends of CGA is open to all parents and school staff. We aim to work together to organise events, raise funds and provide opportunities to meet each other. Please join us for our meeting on Tuesday 18 April at 5.30pm in the LRC. The Friends are looking after the preloved school uniform shop. Please bring in donations of uniform, washed and in good condition. If you need any items you can contact us at friendscga@gmail.com

Mindfulness for Parents

CAMHS practitioners are running a mindfulness parent group for 6 weeks starting from Friday 28 April. This mindfulness group is for parents who would like a nurturing space to develop mindfulness practice to support them with caring for themselves and their families. This group is designed to help you to develop your own self-care practice, make time for yourself and meet other parents who also want a space to recuperate and reflect. https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mindfulness-for-parents-group-tickets-598480550437?dm_i=1TXQ,88TH1,CN7WW1,XUMV6,1

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of the CGA community a restful and happy Easter holiday and Ramadan Mubarak.

Kind regards,

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