



Wednesday 27 March 2024

Headteacher's weekly update for parents

Dear Parents,

Educational Outcomes Awards

I am delighted to announce that our excellent outcomes have been recognised by SSAT (The Schools, Students and Teachers Network) in this year's Educational Outcomes Awards. CGA is among the highest performing secondary schools in the country, based on 2023 performance data and information from Ofsted. CGA was recognised in two categories, receiving awards for being in the top 20% of schools nationally for student progress and in the top 10% of non-selective schools for student attainment in the 2023 end of KS4 exams. For us to be recognised with an Educational Outcomes Award is a significant achievement and a testament to the work of the whole school community, including parents.

Important dates for your diary

Thursday 28 March - Friday 11 April - Easter holiday	
Monday 15 April	Professional Learning Day for Staff – school is closed to students
Tuesday 16 April	Students return to school at normal time – breakfast club is open Free hot chocolate and tea cakes available to students all week as part of our breakfast club offer (8.15-8.40am in the Dining Pavilion)
Wednesday 17 April	Spring Focus Day – all students off timetable and engaging in Health, Wellbeing and Careers based activities

Staffing update

This week, we have welcomed back Ms Williams (Deputy Headteacher) and Ms Korner (Assistant Head of Maths – KS3) from maternity leave. We also say thank you and goodbye to Mr Teale (Maths teacher maternity cover) and Ms Waqar (Year 11 ESA). Ms Grant, a longstanding member of our Learning Support team, will be replacing Ms Waqar. After Easter, we welcome Ms Jones-Dear (History teacher) and Mr Chavda (Assistant Head of Science – KS3) to CGA. Ms Knott (Humanities teacher/PSHCE Lead) will become Head of Year 10 to support Ms Greenlees who will soon be going on maternity leave.

Spring Term Holiday 'intervention classes' - Year 11 and 13

Targeted Year 11 and 13 students have been asked to attend 'intervention' classes during Easter. Teaching staff have advised relevant students and parents directly. Students must arrive at the main reception for registration at 8.50am. All sessions start at 9am and finish at 1pm. Students may wear casual clothes.

- Thursday 28 March - Year 11 History - ONLY class 11A
- Monday 8 April - Year 13 Geography & Year 13 Economics
- Tuesday 9 April - Year 11 Art & Photography, Year 13 Economics
- Monday 15 April - Year 13 History (this session will be delivered by an external provider)

Uniform

From Tuesday 16 April, as the temperature will be warmer, students will no longer be allowed to wear black scarves as part of their uniform. Any scarves must be taken off on arrival to school with all other outdoor clothing (coats, hats, hoodies etc) and must be stored in lockers. More information can be found here: [Uniform & ParentPay – Clapton Girls' Academy \(claptongirlsacademy.com\)](http://Uniform & ParentPay – Clapton Girls' Academy (claptongirlsacademy.com))



Equipment for school

All students must have a pencil case and student planner with them every day to place on the desk at the start of every lesson. The holidays are the ideal time to restock pencil cases and order new student planners (via ParentPay) if needed.

Spring Focus Day – Message for Year 9 parents

You will have received an email asking you to complete an online waiver form for the trampolining visit. Please complete this otherwise your child will not be able to take part. Please make the £9 payment by 27 March via ParentPay. Please email finance@clapton.hackney.sch.uk if you have any concerns about the cost of the visit.

Global Majority Parent Group meeting – Wednesday 17 April - 5.30-6.30pm in the LRC

All are welcome to attend. Parents and staff will be reviewing the work that has been done to support students of the global majority at CGA as well as preparing for International Evening.

International Evening – Thursday 18 April – 5-7pm

Come and join us for an exciting evening of performances, including dance, drama, spoken word, music, an exciting fashion show and special guests. This will be a ticketed event, with a maximum of two tickets per student. [Click here](#) to book free tickets. They are going fast!

Year 12 UCAS information evening - Thursday 25 April – 4.30-5.30pm

This event will support your child in applying for university/apprenticeships following their time at CGA Sixth Form. It is a valuable chance for students and parents to get important information about application processes and make informed decisions about next steps. This includes: the UCAS process; choosing a university/apprenticeship; using Unifrog and application deadlines. Further information to follow.

Safeguarding: anti-bullying reminders

As we approach the holidays, we respectfully ask parents to keep a close eye on the use of electronic devices, including phones, over the holiday. When we return to school after a holiday, we are often informed of concerns or conflict that have started online. We have reminded students to be kind to each other and to speak to parents if something happens that they are unhappy or uncomfortable with rather than engaging in or escalating an online situation. We would appreciate your support with this.

Edenred: Free School Meal vouchers for the Easter holidays

Edenred vouchers were emailed to parents on 18 March and will come from Noreply@edenred.co.uk.

Thank you for all your support this term. I hope you and your families have a very well-deserved break over the holiday. I would like to take this opportunity to wish our CGA families an early Happy Easter and Eid Mubarak! We look forward to seeing students refreshed and ready to learn on Tuesday 16 April.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher