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Welcome

Dear parents and carers,

I'm pleased to report that the last half term has been an action-packed with much to celebrate. Not satisfied with the 3v3 crown, our Women's team became the Elite Basketball League National Champions following a hard fought season. The hard work and dedication of the members of our Basketball Academy has also resulted in 5 of our pupils achieving full scholarships to study in the United States.

I had the privilege of attending the opening of the Echoes Across the Century exhibition Guildhall Art Gallery commemorating World War One. This splendid display of art featured the collaborative work of our Year 9 pupils and the Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards.

We continue to benefit from our extensive links with the City of London Corporation. Our A Level Physicists also had the privilege of witnessing the Freedom of the City ceremony of Professor Steven Hawking. We also hosted Master Currier John Davies who lunched with the Curriers-sponsored Sixth Form students. Our Barbers sponsored students and prize-winners also enjoyed lunch at Barber Surgeons' Hall.

Our emphasis now turns to preparing our Year 11, 12 and 13 for their public examinations. As well as the usual revision classes, they have also had the opportunity to opt in to a range of sessions including Healthy Eating, Stress-busting and Rave Aerobics, all part of our Prepare to Perform week.

This year we have embedded the changes necessary to deliver the new linear qualifications at Key Stage 4 and 5 and have worked closely with university admissions tutors to understand the greater emphasis they are placing on applicants' GCSE qualifications, and ensuring pupils and parents recognise the need to achieve the

highest grades possible across a broad range of GCSEs. We are delighted that over 100 students (85% of Year 13) have applied to UK universities this year and as featured by the Evening Standard, we have 5 confirmed basketball scholarship places to study in the United States.

The Academy elected a new Head Girl and Boy at the end of March. Damilola and Kenechi will replace Khaleah, Alex and Fadil who led our Student Voice with such distinction. We are most grateful for their service and wish them the best as they move on to the next phase of their education.

The Construction of our new Sixth Form building is now complete and we have moved into the fit-out phase ahead of opening in September 2017. Students and staff have been busy working with the design team to ensure we have a new state of the art facility for our community.

We now look forward to the big events of the summer term which include the Prize-Giving, the Academy Performance, Sports Day and of course, the Year 11 and 13 Leavers' Proms.

I would like to thank all of our Academy community for their support this year and hope you'll enjoy hearing about the stories in this newsletter.

Best wishes,

Marcus Huntley
Head of School

Trips & Visits

Here at CoLA our students are extremely fortunate to have such a wealth of opportunities to engage in exciting, challenging and often unique trips and visits. We are grateful to all of the members of staff who have dedicated time and effort to making these trips and visits happen.

Design and Technology Museum Visit

On Tuesday 7th March, 14 Year 8 G&T Design & Technology students went on a trip to the exhibition 'Designer, Maker, User' at the newly housed Design Museum in Kensington.

The purpose of the trip was to expand the students' views / understanding of the role of design – 'from the spoon to the city' to quote a famous architect and how technology has evolved it over the years.

Students had to plan the journey from school, to take Mrs Monk & I to the museum using the tube & the signs/ information around them. This linked to many items on display: Harry Beck's tube map; Jock Kinneir & Margaret Calvert's road signs; the new tube train; bikes to drones, to name just some examples.

Arriving safely, the students were asked to explore the 'crowd sourced' wall that exhibits products that members of the public selected. One product had to be under £20 and the other had no price limit but both had to be worthy for exhibition in their opinion.

During the time at the gallery they worked through a work booklet that explored the role of the designer,

the maker and the user of design – interacting with the products and exhibits as they went.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the trip and made links to products they use every day and examined how they had changed over the years and in their life times. The most heart felt question asked by a student was 'Miss, surely the most important role of the designer the maker & the user is to make design sustainable?'

Following this I have asked students to send me images of two products that they feel worthy of display based on the importance of the product in their life. The same as the crowd sourced wall at the exhibition. They will shortly be on display in my classroom window along with the some of the outcomes from their time there.

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<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B9LgIvUo-IjEASVFUQ2pPcVpnTWs>

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B9LgIvUo-IjEAZXVxWIE2TUIkY2c>

BFI Year 9 French & Spanish

In February, 20 students went to a French film study day at the BFI (British Film Institute, Southbank), and another 20 went to a Spanish one the week later.

Students completed workshops on film with experts

on European cinema, and then watched the film itself. It was a hugely beneficial trip, greatly enjoyed by all!

Mr S Hallam



Clubs & Extra Support

There is an enormous range of extracurricular activities and clubs on offer at CoLA. Here are a few that have been taking place this term. A massive well done to the

students who have attended and of course a big thank you to the staff who have given up their time to make these clubs happen.

French - Arsenal Double Club

Since February, a group of 20 Year 8 boys have been attending the Arsenal Double Club, completing extra French lessons after school followed by football training in English and French, putting into practice some of the language they've learned in the sessions. It's been a huge success with students vastly improving those key language and football skills!

Mr S Hallam



Events

At CoLA we celebrate and honour all cultural events. This term there has been plenty to commemorate!

Economics Essay Competition

The topic, or essay title, was: 'Should the government raises taxes on cigarettes or subsidies patches in order to reduce the number of smokers?' After lots of successful and fascinating entries, the three students selected to win were:

1st position: Gbemisayo Oduyini 9B

2nd position: Martins Edionwe 9D

3rd position: Aliyyah Lawal 9D



They were each awarded a £10 book token (to coincide with World Book Day). Dr Quaye came and gave the prizes to the students and there is currently a display in the atrium for students to read some of the essays submitted. Congratulations to the students and thank you Mr Cross for organising the event!

Science 'British Science Week 2017'

The British Science Week of Friday 10th March - Sunday 19th March 2017 was celebrated at CoLA this year with various practical activities and competitions in Science Lessons. The big finale was the Science Fair in the main hall where students and staff members enjoyed trying the multitude of practical activities on display and watching some exciting demos by the Science staff.

The theme for this year's British Science Week was "Change", encouraging young people to think about and investigate the changes happening in the world all around us; from seasons and climate, to materials and energy. It is also a chance for young people to consider the changes they can enact to have a positive impact on the future.

Ms Susan Olatunbosun



MFL - Year 7 Spelling Bee School Champions

In March, Year 7 students completed the French and Spanish Spelling Bee and the school champions were decided. The winners were Hasena Mahmood, Christian Ogheneharo, Mukhsina Sadykova, and they will now go on the represent CoLA at the MFL Spelling Bee Regional Finals. Bonne chance, buena suerte and good luck to them!

Guildhall Gallery

We also completed our Year 9 collaborative project with the Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards commemorating World War One. This resulted in an excellent display in our atrium which has now moved to Guildhall Art Gallery as part of the Echoes Across the Century Exhibition.

Congratulations!

We are exceptionally proud of how hard our students work at CoLA and how much effort they put into everything they do. No matter what your talent or skill, there is always something for us to celebrate about you.

Here are just a few of the things you've done to make us proud!

CoLA basketball team are the WEABL Champions 2016/17

Our girls' basketball team today won the WEABL Final today, beating Charnwood College 40-31 at the Leicester Arena. The WEABL is the premier junior female basketball competition in the United Kingdom, featuring the top U19 programmes in the country. Included in the CoLA team were our four players who have signed with full athletic scholarships to National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division One US colleges later this year. They are; Ire Ozzy-Momodu

committed to Robert Morris University in Pennsylvania, Emerald Ekpiteta committed to Niagara University, NY, Khaleah Edwards committed to Wagner College, NY, and Toyosi Abiola committed to Iona College, NY. Ire Ozzy-Momodu was named MVP (most valuable player) after finishing with eight points; she said; "It feels great, not that we didn't expect it. It was our team goal that we set this season and we've achieved it so it feels great."

Head coach, Jackson Gibbons added: "We have a big rivalry with Charnwood and I respect what they did today so much. Their girls did themselves proud. Our mantra has been *nothing is given*. I want them to go off and remember this for the rest of their lives. The unity they've had has just been amazing." CoLA girls' basketball team made it to the national Women's Elite Academy Basketball League (WEABL) final, after defeating defending champions Barking Abbey.

The WEABL also announced their individual awards with Player of the Year honour going to CoLA's Toyosi Abiola. Toyosi led the entire league in scoring with 19.8 points per game.

CoLA's coach Jackson Gibbons was also named Coach of the Year in the South, having claimed the accolade in the 2015-16 season. CoLA finished 9-1 for the top seed in the South, and had the second best offensive and defensive rating in the league.





CoLA's Basketball Academy was launched in September 2013 to create a centre of excellence and is one of only ten schools in England to be accredited as a 'Basketball School'.

For more info on the match itself, click here <http://weabl.org/2017/03/cola-complete-championship-triumph/>

Lexia Programme

Congratulations to Year 7 and 8 students who have participated in the Lexia programme. Lexia is a Literacy intervention for students identified with Dyslexia to help develop their reading, writing and spelling skills. The programme is run in the SEN department on Tuesday - Friday from 8.15 - 8.50am.

Congratulations to these students from Ms Doku Literacy Intervention - Enthusiasm, hard work and excellent punctuality

Zainab Rassuli 8E
 Hasanutu Kamara 8E
 Emily Turner 8E
 Fayez Yassine 7C
 Nefeli Savro 7C
 Felleza Agasi 7C
 Reem Ahmed 7D
 Jack Sonnex 7H
 Kady Souare 7E
 Leah Rogers 7B

Godspower Agent 8C – Outstanding maths home learning

Caique Pires Salles 8H – Excellent participation and team work

Hezzie Evans-Lutterodt 9G – Well done for attending Maths Home Learning club every Friday from 2.40pm- 4pm

Congratulations Year 8!

In Year 8, we have been celebrating our improving attendance. On Thursday 23rd February, we hosted a special assembly to recognise those in the year group who had excellent and good attendance. More than half of the year group were given a gold badge for having 100% attendance or a silver badge for having over 98% attendance. Lots of the students are now wearing their badges with pride! One Year 8 student said 'I like wearing it on my blazer, it gives it a bit more style!'

On Monday 27th March, the Year 8 team celebrated those 32 students who still have 100% attendance. They were invited to the canteen during registration in order to be given a free breakfast with the Principal Mr Bannister and Senior Vice Principal Ms McCarthy. There were lots of happy faces! Well done to all those students! One student said 'it was a lovely treat'.

On Wednesday 15th March the Year 8 boys football team travelled to local rivals Bacon's in the quarter final of the South London Cup. Against a very strong and successful Bacon's side, on their home pitch, the team went 1-0 down very early on in the game but did not let this affect them and managed to equalise before half-time with a composed finish from Emmanuel Babarinde. The effort and team-work from all of the boys in the second half led to a very comfortable half of football where Bacon's were only allowed a handful of half chances. At the other end, David Olatunji scored a poacher like goal to make the scores 2-1, Dawda Deen then scored a 25 yard worldie to make it 3-1, and Obi Nebuwa then finished the game off with a superb solo run and finish in the last few minutes. 4-1 CoLA! The team have their semi-final match away to STAC school on the Tuesday 28th March. Well done boys!

Ms N Gray

Notices & Reminders

Exam season is upon us!

Year 11, 12 & 13 will be entering the public exams season from April 24th until the end of June. It is vital that students have 100% attendance to ensure they are fully prepared and sit all exams they have been entered for.

Carly Moran and Abigail Blessing worked with their respective teams to create a Prepare to Perform Programme with exam students. A booklet was shared with all students and parents/carers. Please visit the school website to view a copy.

Wishing you all a very spring break from all at The City of London Academy Southwark!



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