

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are four weeks in to our new life at the Academy building. Day by day, students and staff are realising even more just how much potential there is to learn in new, exciting and innovative ways. The daily coach runs are a thing of the past, and the students of the UCL Academy are challenging themselves both in the directed curriculum and the self-directed curriculum. We are happy to be on Adelaide Road.

As we approach the end of this half term, I wanted to keep you up to date with all of the things that have been happening at the Academy, and to keep you informed with some key dates for the coming term.

Key Dates and information:

Exit point performances: Following the trip to the Natural History and Science Museum, all Foundation Level students have today presented their understanding of this half term's unit of the International Middle Years Curriculum.

Hairspray: Students of the UCL Academy, Regent High School and The UCL Musical Society have been working together on a collaborative musical, Hairspray! The performances will take place in the week commencing **11 March 2013**. This will take place from 6pm at Regent High School.

Staff training day: The Academy will be closed to students on **Monday 18th March 2013** as part of an Academy staff training day.

Progress information: Student progress is being tracked and monitored across subject and pastoral areas. Following on from the transition report last term, we will be sending home a termly progress report in the **week of 25th March 2013**. This will report on your child's progress over the term. Over the next half term, we will also be communicating with parents in writing to share news of current progress.

APP Event : An Academic and Pastoral Progress event will take place on **Tuesday 23rd April 2013** from 3.45pm – 6.30pm. This event will give you the opportunity to discuss academic and pastoral progress with subject and House staff. Students will be asked to book 5 minute appointments with their teacher and personal tutors from 15th April in preparation for this event.

Athletics: We would like to formally congratulate the Foundation Level Girl's Athletics team, who enjoyed huge success at the recent Camden Borough athletics competition. Their win means that they will now go on to represent Camden at the London Schools' Games in May 2013. Well done girls!



International community: As part of our International programme, we have started our communication with other schools across the world. Each learning set has recently produced a video in Chinese to introduce themselves to students at Tianjin No. 3 High School, our first partner school in China. Students and staff also took part in a video-link conference with the International School of Bremen, an IMYC school in Germany. We are looking forward to many more international links over the coming year.

Chinese New Year celebrations: Students and staff at the UCL Academy have been busily preparing for Chinese New Year, the biggest event on the Chinese Calendar. We have spent this half term busily preparing for the UCL Academy celebrations on Friday 15th February 2013. Students have made traditional paper lanterns, researched Chinese history, traditions, food and Chinese taboos. We also enjoyed a Chinese lunch on the day. The afternoon furthered students' understanding and appreciation of Chinese Culture, but was also to be the perfect way to end this half term.

Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us on 0207 749 3080, or by email on enquiries@uclacademy.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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