

Wednesday 27 March 2013

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The events of this week will forever mark a historic occasion on the UCL Academy calendar.

The grand opening was never going to be a quiet occasion with our sponsor UCL a world leading university and our beautiful building here at Adelaide Road. However, the level of media attention that was generated was unexpected to say the least. The full organisational machine that is UCL came into action through the wonderful support of Dominique Fournier and his Media team and Dan Martin and his Events team. To view some of the media coverage please go to our website www.uclacademy.co.uk and click on the link 'Watch us on BBC London News here'.

The choir sang our own Academy version of Beethoven's Ode to Joy, which was performed beautifully. The precision and discipline of the choir impressed our very distinguished guests, especially the verse written by our Curriculum Leader for Music, Ms Dydymka that captured the ethos and spirit of the Academy. Needless to say I cried and I apologise for my very 'un-principal' like behaviour.

Special thanks to Mr Street, Vice Principal, Mr Avis, Bursar, and Ms Morrissey, General Office Manager, for their meticulous organisation throughout the preparation process. Lastly, a special thank you to all staff and students for helping to make this event such a success. Although we could not accommodate all 300 students in the formal opening I am confident that the students were well represented. The student body took part in the demonstration activities and tour guiding; Isaac Burman and Eniola Sokalu delivered outstanding speeches at the ceremony; and Blin Statovci and Cassandra Neves showed cased greetings in Mandarin accompanied by Ms Barry, Curriculum Leader for Science.

Our Level 3 students are currently preparing for AS examinations and workshops and revision sessions are being held over the Easter break.

The fourth exit programme for Foundation level students takes place on Wednesday and Thursday this week with all students visiting the British Museum to research their media project for this half terms big idea – 'discovery'. Each learning set will then be producing an Info graphic to present on Thursday.

We will be finishing the term on Thursday 28 March with a Celebration Assembly and the Academy finishing at 3:30pm for all students.

On behalf of the staff can I thank you once more for your continued support and invite you to consider joining our Parents Association. Mr. Bowen and Mr. Street will also be writing this week to those with Foundation students regarding this and in regards to parent meetings, which will take place after the holidays.

I hope you and your family have a very restful and safe holiday period.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Geraldine Davies
Principal