



E-bulletin Wednesday 15-10-2014

Theme of the fortnight: Community Care and Service

Important dates and events

Monday 20 October 2014- Year 8 Girls HPV Programme - 1st dose - This is for students who missed the first dose that was given in September 2014.

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Wednesday 22 October 2014 – Annual Prize Giving Event

As per the calendar and Mrs Davies' email last week, we are pleased to announce that we will be holding our annual prize giving event on the evening of Wednesday 22nd October (18:30-20:00). We are delighted that science writer and broadcaster, Vivienne Parry, has very kindly agreed to distribute prizes at the ceremony. Two tickets will be available to the family of all prize winners, the names of which will be announced by letter. An email regarding additional ticket availability will be sent to all parents in the next few days. We look forward to seeing everyone at the ceremony.

Thursday 23 October 2014 – Level 3 Grand Challenge

All day – This is an exciting programme of challenges, problem solving and teamwork for our Level 3 students.

Tuesday 4 November – Level 3 Open Event for prospective 2015/16 students

17:00-19:00

Tuesday 11 November – Foundation consultation event and meet the tutor evening

This is an opportunity for new parents to meet tutors and heads of house and hear about their child's start to the year.

15:30- 17:30pm at Main Hall

Thursday 13 November - L1+ option choice and tutor evening

Parents are invited to an information evening about L1+ option choices with Assistant Principal Mr Molloy. The information assembly will be held at 16:45, followed by visiting stalls. Those that miss first assembly can attend the second held at 17:45.

Postponed: Thursday 16 October - UAPA social event - 'Collaborating to support student learning'

The UAPA social event that was originally scheduled for Thursday 16th October has been postponed until December. We will be welcoming parents to the Academy for a Christmas Social!

Senior Leadership Team drop in dates for Parents and Guardians – 16:30-18:30

Monday 3 November 2014

Monday 12 December 2014

Early finishes – Foundation, Level 1 and Level 1+ students finish at 2:30pm on the following dates:

Tuesday 4 November 2014

Tuesday 11 November 2014

Late starts – The school day will start at 9:30am on the following date

Monday 3 November 2014

Planning Days – Academy is closed to students on the following dates:

Tuesday 9 December 2014

Wednesday 4 February 2015

Thursday 26 March 2015

Monday 18 May 2015

Friday 10 July 2015

Messages from Vice Principal, Mr Street

Dear parents/guardians,

Behaviour for learning at the Academy

We are very pleased with the start that students have made this year in terms of their approach to learning and the relationships that have been built across the Academy community. Students are engaged, interested and motivated.

Our ethical behaviour policy supports a culture of learning and presents all students with clear guidance as to our expectations. Students have clear guidance in their planners in regards to our Learner's Charter and these expectations are reinforced daily.

If individual students' behaviour is unsatisfactory they are issued with sanctions and dealt with appropriately. To support in this we ask that you, as parents and guardians, remind your child about the importance of excellent behaviour at all times in the Academy – and just as importantly – coming to and from school. As a guide, I would like to suggest that you work with your son or daughter in looking through their planner and discussing with them their rights, responsibilities and duties as learners.

We are proud of the external recognition from last year to the standards of behaviour we have at the Academy, but as with everything we do, everyone can always do better. Behaviour for learning is exhibited by making sure low-level disruption does not happen, students are well organised and focused in class and consistently show a desire to learn and find out more about what they are studying. In line with the guidance for Ofsted published recently, we believe impeccable behaviour is at the cornerstone of supporting a child's education.

Thank you to all parents and guardians for your on-going support in maintaining the highest standards of work, behaviour and attitude for all of our students at the Academy.

Attendance

Last year we were proud to have school attendance above the national average. Outstanding attendance supports outstanding outcomes. All students are expected to attend school every day. Parents of students whose attendance becomes a concern will be contacted by the Heads of House or our attendance officer. In cases where there are significant concerns or attendance does not improve despite support and guidance from us, we will work with the Educational Welfare officer for the local borough and will take appropriate legal action where necessary.

Please support your child and the Academy by ensuring your child makes every effort to attend school every day.

Very best wishes

Mr Street

News and other information

Visit from NASA administrator Charles Bolden

Students at UCL Academy were extremely excited to host a very special guest speaker, NASA Administrator Charles Bolden on Thursday 9th October. Read more at:

<https://blogs.ucl.ac.uk/events/2014/10/10/astronaut-touches-down-in-swiss-cottage/>

Social Media

We share our day to day activities and news on Twitter so please follow us @UCL_Academy or https://twitter.com/UCL_Academy

You can also like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/theuclacademy> where much of our news and photos are also published.

Lecture Series (for Level 3/3+ students)

11 September 2014	Prof Jonathan Butterworth (Physics)
25 September 2014	Prof Steve Humphries (Genetics)
9 October 2014	Prof Imran Rasul (Economics)
6 November 2014	Dr Jason Lotay (Mathematics)
20 November 2014	Dr Helen Czerski (Engineering)
22 January 2015	Prof Raman Prinja (Astrophysics)
5 February 2015	Dr Dewi Lewis (Chemistry)
5 March 2015	Prof Sophie Scott (Psychology / Neuroscience)

Trips

15 October 2014	Level 3 / 3+: UCL
21 October 2014	Foundation: Geography, Museum of London
21 October 2014	Level 1: The Globe Theatre
23 October 2014	Level 1 +: TFL Museum
11 November 2014	Foundation: Geography, Museum of London
11-13 November 2014	Level 3: Physics trip to CERN Switzerland

Letters for these trips will be sent via email and students

Upcoming Sports dates

Wednesday 22 October – Girls Basketball @ Achland Burleigh- Tip off is 4pm.

Additional sports matches will be published in the next e-Bulletin

2014/2015 term dates

Autumn term

Wednesday 3 September - Friday 19 December

Half term Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October

Spring term

Monday 5 January - Thursday 2 April 2015

Half term Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February 2015

Summer term

Monday 20 April - Friday 17 July 2015

Half term Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May 2015