



## **E-bulletin Friday 24-10-2014**

### **Theme of the fortnight: Community Care and Service**

#### **Important dates and events**

**Revised date: Monday 3 November 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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**Monday 3 November 2014 - Senior Leadership Team drop in for Parents and Guardians**

16:30-17:30 (changed to a 17:30 finish due to Frankenstein performance)

**Monday 3 November 2014 – Frankenstein**

19:00-21:00 at UCL Academy main hall

UCL Academy is hosting a production, Frankenstein by Mary Shelley, Adapted by Phillip Pullman, Presented by Garden Suburb Theatre <http://www.gardensuburbtheatre.org.uk/>

**Tuesday 4 November 2014 – Level 3 Open Event for prospective 2015/16 students**

17:00-19:00

**Tuesday 11 November 2014 – 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 start - 17:30 finish

**Thursday 13 November 2014 - 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.

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

Monday 3 November 2014

Monday 12 December 2014

**Early finishes**

**UCL Academy- 2:30pm finishes:**

Friday 24 October 2014 (as per this week's letter from the Principal)

**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

## Letter from Principal Ms Davies



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October 2014

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, the Academy had the Monitoring visit from Ofsted. Monitoring visits automatically follow a Requires Improvement judgement (RI). The possible outcomes for such a visit are either that the school is making progress on the areas of improvement required or that the school is not making progress.

Ofsted have published the outcomes of the visit in a letter on their website and I'm delighted to say the letter is very positive. Their view is that the Academy is taking swift, incisive action. Debbie Clinton, HMI, stated that leaders had responded constructively to the outcomes of the last inspection and had worked together in a determined way to ensure rapid early improvement in the areas identified. A copy of the full letter is attached.

We are very pleased that the great work of the staff throughout the Academy has been recognised so positively. We now concentrate on further embedding the required actions.

To celebrate this good news, and to say thank you to all students and staff, the Academy will be closing at 14.30 on Friday 24 October.

Yours faithfully

Geraldine Davies  
Principal

## 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

### Annual Prize Giving Ceremony

<https://uclacademy.fluencycms.co.uk/Congratulations-to-all-Prize-Winners>

Congratulations to all Prize Winners!

The UCL Academy would like to congratulate all Prize winners who received an award at the Prize Giving Ceremony held on Wednesday 22 October 2014. Thank you to all students, parents and guardians who attended. We hope you all enjoyed the night as much as we did!

Outstanding performances were given by a number of students including Sonal Jayasena playing Shostakovich on the Piano, South African community song Tshoshokozi by the school Choir and poetry readings by Val Borba and Zana Blakcori. Also, it was great to hear all parents, students and teaching staff getting involved and singing the UCL Academy song together.

Principal Geraldine Davies expressed her pleasure at being able to publically recognise the achievements of all students. It was great to see so many of last year's Level 3+ students attending the ceremony.

We would also like to thank our guest speaker Vivienne Parry OBE, Vice Chair of UCL's Council for sharing her fascinating story and for personally congratulating each of the prize winners. Vivienne Parry told students of how she – a self-confessed clumsy UCL science undergraduate – went on to become the presenter of the BBC prime time Science programme 'Tomorrow's World'. Her distinguished television, radio and press career provided entertaining stories that proved that broadcasting and filming are not always as glamorous as they appear. Her lasting message to the students was that just as science had opened the door for her to a broadcasting career and incredible opportunities such as hosting the G8 conference last year; it could be the key for them. But opportunities need to be actively seized not passively awaited.

A great time was had by all!!!

Don't forget to like us on Facebook to see more photos taken at the Ceremony.

## 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](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

11 November 2014	<b>Foundation:</b> Geography, Museum of London
11-13 November 2014	<b>Level 3:</b> Physics trip to CERN Switzerland

*Letters for these trips will be sent via email and students*

## Upcoming Sports dates

*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