



E-bulletin Friday 06-02-2015

Important upcoming dates and events

AMENDMENT: Wednesday 11 February 2015 – Staff vs. Student University Challenge Competition

Due to clashes with student timetabling this has been rescheduled to take place during house times next week.

Friday 13 February 2015 – Last day before Half Term break

2:30pm finish for Fn/L1/L1+.

3:30pm finish for L3/L3+.

Monday 23 February 2015 – First day back after Half Term

All students start school at 9:30am on Monday 23 February 2015

Monday 2 March 2015 – Senior Leadership Team drop-in for Parents and Guardians

4:30pm – 6:30pm. All parents and guardians are invited to drop in for an informal discussion with a member of Senior Leadership Team.

Wednesday 4 March 2015 – UCL Mentor Meet-up

During the Academy day, Level 1/1+ and Level 3/3+ students will meet with their UCL mentors.

Friday 6 March 2015 – UAPA coffee morning

9:00am – 10:15am. All parents are invited to attend the UCL Academy Parent Association (UAPA) coffee morning. Email parents.association@uclacademy.co.uk for more information about the morning or the UAPA in general.

Tuesday 17 March 2015 – Foundation Level Parent Consultation Evening

More information to follow by letter.

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

Monday 2 March 2015

Monday 27 April 2015

Early finishes:

Friday 13 February 2015 2:30pm finish for Fn/L 1/L1+

3:30pm finish for L3/L3+

Tuesday 17 March 2015 2:30pm finish for Fn/L 1/L1+

3:30pm finish for L3/L3+

Late starts:

Monday 23 February 2015 - 9:30am start

Staff Planning Days:

Academy is closed to students on the following dates:

Thursday 26 March 2015

Monday 18 May 2015

Friday 10 July 2015

Message from Mr D Molloy, Assistant Principal

GCSE update

We are working hard to ensure students all get as many first choice GCSE options as possible. All the selections have been allocated and are being scrutinised by the Senior Leadership Team and Curriculum Leaders at the school. We aim to develop a suitable option combination to ensure your child is successful. We are also aware that nationally, there is a drop in the performance of students for subjects they will not be continuing. However, this is something we are very keen to avoid. They will receive their final options shortly after half term. The majority of secondary schools in the country are having their options evenings now. We are aiming to start some of the GCSE options next term.

News and other information

Building bridges with UCL

Last week, CEGE's Dr Rodolfo Lorenzo visited the UCL Academy's Engineering department as part of the collaboration between The UCL Academy and UCL Engineering.

Supporting a Year 9 module on structural engineering principles and the social, moral, cultural and environmental impacts of structures, Dr Lorenzo gave a talk to and led a workshop for around 150 L1+ (Y9) students.

The workshop was based around a bridge design exercise, similar to the scenario which second year undergraduate students tackle in their Civil Engineering studies. The students will continue to develop their bridge designs until Easter.

"The event was hosted to simulate a real life experience of a lecture through their 'Thames Crossing' project and give the students a real life experience of engineering." said Ed Chambers, Curriculum Leader for Engineering at UCL Academy. "By creating links with our sponsor, we are strengthening the link between both institutions and enhancing our students' academic aspirations."

Our 2014 A Level Results Rank Highly Across Camden Schools

As indicated in 2014 DfE league tables published on the 29th January 2015, The UCL Academy has the second highest performing Sixth Form across all maintained schools in Camden. This is an amazing result for a new school and one where subjects were weighted heavily towards Sciences and Maths. Our value added result is the second highest across all schools in Camden, including independent schools.

This is great news that we will be sharing widely; added to an excellent monitoring visit from HMI Debbie Clinton in September and very positive reports from the Academy SIP Sue Gregory (HMI and Director of Ofsted retired) over the last term, we feel justifiably proud of the progress made since we were established in 2012. Particular credit must go to the Curriculum Leaders, staff and Senior leaders, especially Assistant Principal, Mrs A Lucas who worked so diligently to make this happen and to our wonderful students, who produced such great results.

2015 E-Safety Survey Now Live

LGfL's 2013 e-safety survey secured 18,000 responses and generated a substantial and significant data set informing academic understanding of children and young people's online behaviours.

Working in collaboration with NFER, LGfL is today launching a new e-safety survey aimed at compiling an even larger and more informative data set to aid knowledge and understanding, and support and inform future safeguarding policy.

All schools are encouraged to participate, in order to generate the most complete and authoritative data set.

The survey has been timed to coincide with events surrounding national Safer Internet Day on Tuesday February 10. Schools may find the survey a useful focus for their classes on the day, but can equally choose to take part at another time. The survey is **now open and will remain so until Friday March 13.**

Schools will be notified by LGfL where a safeguarding issue becomes obvious through the answers given in the survey, but as described above, it would not be possible to identify individual pupils,.

The compiled data for each school will be made available to Local Education Authorities, and schools will be able to request the data for their individual school from their LA LGfL contact. The full results will be collated, analysed by data experts from the National Foundation for Educational Research, and published in report form during the summer term.

Information from the 2013 survey is available [here](#).

Thank you for your support and assistance with this research, and in promoting e-safety safeguarding within your school.

Social Media

We share our day to day activities and news on Twitter so please follow us @UCL_Academy

For those who do not Facebook and Twitter you can still view all of the content through our NEW [SOCIAL MEDIA WALL](#) – click link. Link also on the website home page.

Twitter: https://twitter.com/UCL_Academy

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/theuclacademy> where our news and photos are also published.

Lecture Series (for Level 3/3+ students)

5 March 2015

Prof Sophie Scott (Psychology / Neuroscience)

Trips

Student/Parent visit to UCL: 10th February 2015

Spanish Language Tour: 26 – 29th March 2015

Upcoming Sports dates

Camden Shield Matches

Under 14 Boys Basketball - Wednesday 25 February 2015 4:00pm – 6:00pm

see www.camdenshield.com for more information including upcoming fixtures

2014/2015 term dates

Autumn term

Wednesday 3 September – Thursday 18 December 2014

Half term Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October 2014

Spring term

Tuesday 6 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