



E-bulletin Friday 07-11-2014

Theme of the fortnight: Health, Well-being and Happiness

Important dates and events

Revised date: Monday 10 November 2014- Year 8 Girls HPV Programme - 1st dose –

This is **only** for students who missed the first dose that was given in September 2014.

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Revised date: Monday 24 November 2014 – UAPA coffee morning

Email to parents and guardians will be sent next week.

Tuesday 11 November 2014 – Foundation meet the tutor evening

Tutors will be available to discuss students in Foundation until 17:30. Please report to reception. We look forward to seeing you.

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.

Tuesday 18 November 2014 – L3+ Parent Consultation

Students are required to make appointments with teachers

15:30 – 17:30

Wednesday 19 November 2014 – UCL mentor meet-up for Level 1/1+ and Level 3

UCL Mentors will meet with students during the Academy day

Friday 21 November 2014 – Careers Breakfast

Careers information event for Level 3 students

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

Monday 12 December 2014

Early finishes:

The UCL Academy- 3:30pm finish:

Thursday 13 November 2014

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

Tuesday 11 November 2014

Late starts:

Please see future e-Bulletins for any upcoming late starts

Planning Days:

Academy is closed to students on the following dates:

Tuesday 9 December 2014

Monday 5 January 2015 (N.B. Additional staff planning day added)

Wednesday 4 February 2015

Thursday 26 March 2015

Monday 18 May 2015

Friday 10 July 2015

Messages from Vice Principal, Mr Street

Dear Parents and Carers,

Punctuality

In line with our work regarding expecting the highest standards in all that we do, I would like to ask for your support in ensuring **students arrive punctually** to the Academy in the morning. We expect all our students to arrive on time **ready to be in form time for 830**. That means we expect them to be walking through the student entrance at 0825 ready for registration at 830. While overall punctuality is good, there are a core group of students who are arriving on or just after 830 too often. Please can we ask for your support in ensuring students arrive ready to take a register in their house areas at 0830. We are sanctioning students accordingly for being late, however, **support in ensuring prompt departure from home** and reinforcing our expectations would be very much appreciated and will have a **significant impact**.

Travelling to and from the Academy

Similarly, we would like to ask parents and carers to remind students that when they are travelling home in the afternoon that they continue to act in a respectful and orderly manner on their way home. While they are in the uniform they continue to represent the Academy and we have worked hard since we opened to establish positive and friendly relations with the local community. We regularly receive positive feedback from the local community in regards to the behaviour and attitude of our students. Students have been reminded that we expect the same level of impeccable behaviour in and around the Academy. Your on-going support with reinforcing this is valued and appreciated.

Student leadership roles

We are delighted this week to have started using students to support the Academy in its day-to-day running by welcoming visitors and supporting the front office. Four students thus far have been involved and done a terrific job. We plan on giving every student the opportunity to support the front office helping them to develop their confidence, organisational and interpersonal skills. A big well done and thanks to Danielle Becker, Raz Naji, Sadiyah Ahmed and Rachapon Bangshengon for their great work and support for Ms Mellet and her team.

We are also developing **lead learners** this term as well as **student monitors** and giving the **Student Senate** more responsibility and opportunity for leadership work. We continue to use **students to feedback** on quality of teaching and learning at the Academy and are delighted to be launching more opportunities for **student leadership and development** across the whole Academy.

News and other information

Level 3 STEM event: Level 3 STEM Day

On Thursday 23 November Level 3 Students took part in an introduction to STEM, work experience and careers day. The day was set up to meet the following aims:

- To inform students about the links between the STEM subjects
- To give students an experience that develops their understanding and interest in STEM subjects
- To provide students with an understanding of the value of STEM subjects
- To inspire students to explore information about exciting careers and alternative opportunities

Students experienced a number of inspirational talks given by a wide range of speakers including Stephen Piron from Bright Sun Group; Michael Healy from Ratemash and CoderCourse; Jonathon Pfahl from Rockstar Group; Sean Redmond from Vertizan; and Paul (Pablo) Ettinger founder of Café Nero. Students also took part in a number of exciting, problem solving and teamwork challenges.

Photos can be found on the Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.713983298688460.1073741853.115271585226304&type=1>

Pass-it-on Cooking Event:

On Mondays and Wednesdays every week, a number of Level 1+ students take part in a cooking course - *Jamie's home cooking skills* - for their Self Directed Learning option. The course enables students to gain a BTEC qualification. It has been designed by celebrity chef Jamie Oliver and has a strong emphasis on teaching students how to cook healthy, nutritious recipes and equipping students to pass these skills onto others. Students have currently cooked three dishes and are rapidly gaining confidence in the kitchen.

On Wednesday 5th November these students took part in our first 'Pass-it-on' event in which teaching staff volunteered to come along and cook with Level 1+ students. The students were responsible for guiding staff through a variety of recipes. In addition, students gave economic advice for purchasing ingredients.

Girls U14 Basketball:

On Wednesday 5 November, our U14 girls' basketball team travelled to Acland Burghley School to face their U14 girls' basketball team. We started the game a bit slow and allowed ACB to take a 6-4 lead but as we got settled in we managed to turn the score around. All 12 of our players were given a chance to have fun on the court, gain experience and develop their skills. The players worked together really well and shared the ball between each other to make sure that everyone had an opportunity to score and contribute. In the end we won the game 16-6 but as one of the players said in great UCL Academy spirit after the game, "It was great fun regardless of the final score!" Great work girls!

NASA Administrator Bolden:

Students will all be given a copy of the signed photo of Charles Bolden as an astronaut.

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 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	Foundation: Geography, Museum of London
12 November 2014	Art Students: Conway Hall for Arts Award Exhibition
11-13 November 2014	Level 3: Physics trip to CERN Switzerland
27 November 2014	Level 1: Humanities, trip to South Bank

Upcoming Sports dates

Girls Basketball Team – Foundation and Level 1 girls

U14 Girls Basketball: Wednesday 12 November vs. Platanos College

Camden Shield Matches (boys)

Level 1 Table Tennis: Wednesday 12 November vs. Regent High School

Level 1 Table Tennis: Wednesday 19 November vs. Regent High School

Foundation Badminton: Wednesday 26 November vs. Haverstock School

Level 1 Badminton: Wednesday 3 December vs. Haverstock School

Level 1+ Badminton: Wednesday 10 December vs. Haverstock School

see www.camdenshield.com for more information

2014/2015 term dates

Autumn term

Wednesday 3 September - Friday 19 December

Half term Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October

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