



E-bulletin Friday 12-06-2015

Important Upcoming Dates and Events

Monday 15th June – UAPA coffee morning (N.B. this has been rescheduled from Friday 12th June 2015)

9:00am – 10:15am. All parents are invited to the UAPA (UCL Academy Parents Association) coffee morning for a themed session about the Academy's UCL links.

Monday 6th July – Senior Leadership Drop-in for Parents and Guardians

4:30pm – 6:30pm. Parents and guardians are invited to have an informal discussion with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Tuesday 7th July – Sports Presentation Evening

More information will be provided by letter.

Thursday 9th July – Summer Concert

Details TBC. Details will be provided by letter.

Friday 10th July – Staff Planning Day – Academy closed to students

Due to a scheduled staff planning day, the Academy will be closed to all students on this day.

Monday 13th – Friday 17th July – Level 3 Work Experience

Students will be undertaking a week of work experience. This is being organised within the Academy.

Friday 17th July – Last Day of Term

Students finish at 12:15pm.

Important Notices

Messages from the Principal, Mrs Davies

Uniform

I would like to draw your attention to the standard of uniform. As you are aware, we expect a very high standard of uniform at the Academy and we are thankful for your continuous support with this. However, there have recently been some instances where the standard of uniform has fallen short of our expectations. Students have therefore been made aware today that on Monday we will be conducting a student uniform audit during house time. As a reminder, the correct uniform is as follows:

- A blazer
- If wearing a skirt, it is correctly worn; not rolled up at the waist
- A tie, correctly knotted at the neck
- Formal shoes (not trainers that resemble formal shoes)
- A lanyard (worn)
- Their ID card attached to their lanyard
- Unpainted nails
- If they have long hair; it is tied back
- No make-up
- Their top button is done up
- They have their planner

We hope that this audit will act as a reminder of the required standards at the Academy. Once again, many thanks for your support on this.

The Challenge Partners Report

I hope you have had a chance to read through The Challenge Partners report that was posted out to you earlier this week. It is a wonderful read and we are very proud of the hard work and the acknowledged progress that we as a community have made in the last year. The report is also available online through the following link: <http://www.uclacademy.co.uk/Message-from-Principal>.

If you have any queries regarding the report, please do not hesitate to contact us via enquiries@uclacademy.co.uk.

Staff Announcements

We wish Ms Heffernan well as she starts her maternity leave today. We look forward to hearing of the new arrival and will share the good news with you.

We also wish Mr Wilson-Roe all the best as he leaves the Academy today to spend time with his family in Barbados.

Messages from the Vice Principal, Mr Street

Collective Responsibility

While the recent external review by Challenge Partners did not report formally on behaviour and safety as Ofsted does, they were very clear to us in discussion and in references in the report as to how impressed they were with the attitudes, respect and relationships they saw between students and staff. We continue to work with hard with students to ensure that behaviour for learning, manners and respectful attitudes are maintained at the highest standards and we take very seriously any occasions when these standards drop.

We are also working with our students to understand that as citizens of the Academy and local community they have a responsibility to reflect carefully about any concerns they have about others behaviours and actions. With learning sets, form tutors, heads of house, community police team, staff from the Winch and a range of other mentors and roles of support, students have a number of people they can talk to and share any concerns. By continuing to support the development of ethically minded young people they become central to maintaining the positive and collaborative atmosphere of the Academy. The example of our diligent students regarding the e-cigarettes below is the perfect example of this. Please continue to discuss and talk with your child about the importance of their role in doing the right thing for the greater good.

While incidents of vandalism and bullying are rare with our students, it is vital that all parents and students understand that there is zero-tolerance to these incidents at the Academy. We also expect all our students to report to the class teacher or Head of House immediately if they are aware of or see any examples of this. Any students who are aware of such incidents and do not report them accordingly will be met with by the Head of House.

Flavoured Tobacco Pens and E-cigarettes

It has come to our attention that some of our students have been approached outside of school and offered e-cigarettes and flavoured tobacco pens. Our diligent students have reported this to us and we are now working with the community police team on this, but I wanted to take the opportunity to ensure parents are aware of this. It is also important that all parents and students are aware that these items, and any similar equipment, are completely banned from school premises and any students who are found to have them on their possession, will receive a serious sanction.

Breakfast Club

This will be open as normal from Monday 15 June until the last day of term 17 July. Open from 8.00am – 8.30am.

Mandarin Notice

We are currently taking part in a collaborative programme with a Chinese School, Tsinghua High School, Fengtai, as part of the British Council International Link School Programme.

We are looking for any Lower School parents interested in hosting a 13-14 year-old Chinese Exchange student in February 2016 for 12 days.

Please forward your Expression of Interest to h.yin@uclacademy.co.uk

Student Absences

Please be reminded that the correct procedure for reporting your child's absence is by calling 02074493080 and pressing option 1 (student absence) where you will be directed to the Attendance Officer.

Guidance on Mobile Phones

Please note some changes to the procedure on confiscated phones:

At the Academy, we absolutely understand that mobile phones are an important method of communication between parent and child which can enhance student safety. If a student wishes to bring a mobile phone to the Academy, they must ensure that it is kept in their locker and that they are not seen at all in the learning spaces, corridors or in the communal areas. Mobile phones seen or heard by staff inside the Academy will be confiscated, unless a member of staff has given explicit instruction that it can be used. A student's mobile device is their own responsibility. We do not take responsibility for students' losing mobile devices. This information is clearly printed in your child's planner.

If your child's mobile phone is seen by a member of staff when permission has not been given, it will be confiscated. A member of staff will then contact you to inform you. **We ask that you please collect the mobile phone from reception between 4:30pm – 6:30pm.** Confiscated phones will be kept in the school safe and can only be collected by a parent or guardian unless special dispensation has been given by a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

There is absolutely no reason for any student to have their mobile phone out and visible without permission whilst on Academy premises. Should they need to contact a parent or guardian urgently, students must speak to a member of Academy staff.

News and Other Information

Festival Week

What an amazing week! Students were given so many different opportunities to take part in a fantastic range of fun activities.

On Monday night we had our annual UCL Academy Summer Party. We had such a great turn-out with around 150 students in attendance. Special thanks are owed to our organiser Mr Currid, our lovely UAPA, UCL Academy staff and sponsors for making this night unforgettable for students.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, students went on House days out. Equuleus went to Greenwich Park, while Lyra and Cygnus students watched Avengers at the VUE cinema at the O2 Centre Finchley Road, followed by lunch and games at Primrose Hill. On Wednesday, Vela and Orion went out to watch Avengers at ODEON Swiss Cottage, followed by Lunch

and games at Primrose Hill. On the days that Houses weren't on their house trips, they took part in a very special Cambridge Science event and also went on a trip to the RAF museum.

On Thursday, for 'Try Something New Day', students selected a number of options from a comprehensive programme of amazing activities including: Horse Riding Lessons, Camping Experience, Breakdancing lessons, Rocket workshop, Swing Dancing, Spring Rolls & Dumplings cooking lessons, Nail Art, Trip to IoE, Chess Tournament, and Forensics Investigation, plus many more! Be sure to check out photos from the day on the UCL Academy Facebook Page.

On Friday, we held a non-uniform day to raise funds for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal <http://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/nepal-earthquake-appeal> . See the table below for a breakdown of the funds raised. Congratulations to Equuleus for leading the pack!!!

Admin	£	11.74
Cygnus	£	152.50
Equuleus	£	198.63
Lyra	£	162.49
Vela	£	140.48
Orion	£	151.88
	£	817.72

Social Media

We share our day to day activities and news on Twitter so please follow us @UCL_Academy. For those who do not use Facebook and Twitter you can still view all of the content through our [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.

Trips

Gothic Conference Trip – Level 3 students - 22nd June 2015

PGL Trip – 22nd -24th June 2015

Upcoming Sports dates

Camden Shield Matches

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

Term and Holiday 2015/16 *

Autumn term 2015

Tuesday 1 September to Friday 18 December 2015

Half-term: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2015

Christmas break: Monday 21 December 2015 to Friday 1 January 2016

Spring term 2016

Monday 4 January to Thursday 24 March 2016

Half-term: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2016

Easter / spring holiday: Friday 25 March to Friday 8 April 2016

Summer term 2016

Monday 11 April to Wednesday 20 July 2016

Spring Bank Holiday: 2 May 2016

Half-term: Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2016

*Subject to change; staff planning days to be added at a later date