



E-bulletin Friday 12-12-2014

Theme of the fortnight: Celebrations and Traditions

All parents please be aware that the last day of Autumn Term is:

Thursday 18 December 2014

The Academy will be closed to students from 12:15pm

We look forward to seeing everyone back at the Academy on Tuesday 6
January 2015

Important dates and events

Tuesday 16 December – Christmas Concert

Starts at 6:15pm. Doors open 5:45pm. Tickets for sale from main reception for half an hour at the end of each Academy day from Monday 8 December - Monday 15 December. Adults £2, Children £1.

Tuesday 16 December – UAPA social event: Collaborating to support student learning

This has been rescheduled for after the Winter Concert on evening of Tuesday 16 December 2014. It will be held at The UCL Academy and will start at approximately 7:30pm. This is a chance for all parents to meet and socialise with other parents.

N.B. - This was originally scheduled for Thursday 11 December.

Wednesday 17 December – Student Christmas Lunch

Cost will be £2.50.

Menu:

- Roast Turkey, cocktail sausage, stuffing and cranberry sauce
- Vegetarian Christmas Parcels
- Roast Potatoes, Brussel sprouts and gravy
- Chocolate roulade and vanilla Cream
- Christmas crackers

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

Monday 12 January 2015

Monday 2 February 2015

Early finishes:

The Academy will close early to students – 12:15pm

Thursday 18 December 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

Message from Vice Principal, Mr Street

RE: UAPA (The UCL Academy Parents Association) Social Evening on Tuesday 16 December 2014

Please be reminded that **all parents and guardians** are invited to the UAPA social evening which will follow the Christmas concert on Tuesday 16 December. Please note, you don't have to be going to the Concert in order to come to this social evening, it is simply being held on the same night out of convenience. There will be wine, mince pies and music and the event promises to be a great night. It will be a great chance for you to meet other parents, learn about the UAPA, and perhaps even become a part of the committee. There will be a UAPA committee forming as of January so if you would like to find out more come along to the social evening.

If you are able to donate food or drinks to the UAPA social evening, or if you would like to volunteer your time on the night, please don't hesitate to contact the UAPA by emailing parents.association@uclacademy.co.uk.

News and other information

UCL Academy students receive first-hand Engineering experience at UCL

University College London has started hosting an Engineering after-school club for AS Level students studying mathematics. The after-school club program is being run by the UCL Electronic and Electrical Engineering Department and the Fleming Society. The Fleming Society is a student run society that allows the students of the Electronic and Electrical Engineering course to apply the knowledge they have gained throughout their degree in any way they feel will benefit their learning and also benefit young audiences.

Each session has 4 mentors, each of whom is in their final year of study in Electronic and Electrical Engineering. Further mentors in their first and second years of study will also be joining in sporadic sessions. At the Engineering after-school Clubs, students are able to:

- Determine component values with the use of simultaneous equations and algebra as taught in GCSEs and A-levels
- Gain a working knowledge of equipment such as; oscilloscopes, millimetres, signal generators, Milling CNC Machine
- Gain a working knowledge of software such as; Maitland, disgrace, arduino working environment
- Gain skills such as PCB design, soldering, circuit analysis/system verification

The UCL Academy was proud to send over 3 excellent students, Sami Deiri, Anna Furmaniak and Maymuna Osman. These students made a good first impression and have done the UCL Academy proud!

Dr Elpida Makrygianni, Engineering Education Developer & Co-ordinator at the UCL Faculty of Engineering Sciences said: "*We are delighted that Anna, Sami and Maymuna have joined the UCL Engineering After School Clubs and extremely proud of the hard work, commitment and collaborative ethos that they have demonstrated while working with students from schools across London on real-world engineering applications and ideas. The Engineering After School Clubs programme is*

developed by our academic staff and the Fleming Society students at UCL Engineering, who also act as mentors to the students, to provide an insight into studying engineering at university and making the connection between engineering and the subjects taught at school in a fun, creative and informative manner. We would love to see more UCL Academy students applying for the second term of the programme as it has been a pleasure having them at our lecture theatres and labs during the past six weeks."

Non-uniform day

Today's non-uniform day has been a great success. All the money we have raised (along with money raised at the Christmas Concert on Tuesday 16 December 2014) will be going towards helping victims of Ebola in Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Many thanks to everyone who donated!

So far the breakdown of money raised per house is:

£159.20	Vela
£ 156.21	Cygnus
£ 167.04	Orion
£ 172.49	Equuleus
£ 170.95	Lyra
£ 149.20	Level 3 and Staff

Total: £975.09

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

Please see future e-Bulletins for any upcoming trips

Upcoming Sports dates

Camden Shield Matches

Under 12 Boys Basketball: Wednesday 17 December vs. William Ellis

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