



E-bulletin Friday 19-12-2014

Happy Holidays!

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

Important dates and events

Monday 12 January 2015 – Senior Leadership Team drop-in – Themed on Assessment

16:30- 18:30. To explain the Academy Assessment Policy and gather feedback. Letter to follow week commencing 5 January 2015.

Tuesday 13 January 2015 – PSHE day

This is for Foundation, Level 1 and Level 1+ students and will happen during the Academy day. There will be workshops, talks and activities for students, with some of the focus being on tackling cyber-bullying.

Tuesday 13 January 2015 – Interim reports

Interim reports for the Autumn term will be sent out.

Friday 16 January 2015 – UAPA coffee morning

9:00 -10:15. All parents are invited to The UCL Academy Parents Association (UAPA) coffee morning held in Orion Superstudio.

Tuesday 20 January 2015 – Level 1 Consultation for Parents and Guardians

15:00 – 17:30. Appointments will be made through an online booking system. Letter to follow week commencing 5 January 2015.

Thursday 22 January 2015 – Level 3 Open Event

17:00 – 18:30. This is an additional date added due to popular demand.

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

Monday 12 January 2015

Monday 2 February 2015

Monday 2 March 2015

Monday 27 April 2015

Early finishes:

Tuesday 20 January 2015 – 2:30pm finish for Lower School only (Foundation, Level 1 and Level 1+

Late starts:

Please see future e-Bulletins for any upcoming late starts

Planning Days:

Academy is closed to students on the following dates:

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 UCL Academy Parents Association

UAPA Social Evening

After enjoying an inspirational programme of music at the Winter Concert, parents and guardians gathered for an informal social event in the Orion Superstudio. It was very good to see so many people there, and thanks to everyone who contributed food and drink. The extra mince pies - let's not call them leftovers - were donated to the Orion House charity cake sale in aid of Victim Support.

The UAPA is planning more events next year, including a Uniform Sale and an International Food evening. And there will be regular chances to meet up for coffee and a chat. All parents/guardians are welcome, so keep an eye out for future dates, or email parents.association@uclacademy.co.uk to go on the mailing list. Have a wonderful and peaceful break.

News and other information

Consultation on proposed admission arrangements for the 2016/17 academic year:

The governors of The UCL Academy are consulting on the Academy's admission arrangements. These arrangements are for students who will be starting secondary school in September 2016, or requesting admission to the Academy between September 2016 and July 2017. They are also for students who will be joining the sixth form (Level 3) in September 2016. The consultation is taking place between 2 January 2015 and the end of February 2015. To view the proposal, please go to the Admissions section on our website and click on [Admissions Consultation](#). It is also included on the last page of this e-Bulletin.

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)

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

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

The UCL Academy: Consultation on proposed admission arrangements for the 2016/17 academic year

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The governors of The UCL Academy are responsible for offering or refusing places at the Academy.

We would welcome your views on the proposed arrangements, which include changes from those agreed for the 2015/16 academic year. These changes are to:

1. Amend criterion 2 so that applicants with a brother or sister in the sixth form at The UCL Academy will no longer be given any priority in the oversubscription criteria; and
2. Amend criterion 2 so that applicants with a brother or sister at The UCL Academy will be given priority in the oversubscription criteria only if The UCL Academy is the nearest secondary school to their home address.

The principal reason for these proposed changes is that a large number of places are being taken by siblings of existing students who live beyond the catchment cut-off point which is shortening each year as demand for places increases. This is reducing the chances of other applicants who live closer to the Academy in securing a place. Specific reasons for these proposed changes are:

1. Demand for places at The UCL Academy has increased in each year since it opened in 2012. In 2014, the number of applications for places exceeded those available by more than 7 to 1.
2. In 2014, approximately 23% places in Year 7 were offered to applicants with a sibling at the Academy; and of these approximately 54% live beyond the catchment cut-off point of 0.57 miles;
3. As the Academy grows towards full capacity (reached in 2016) it is expected that the number of sibling admissions will substantially increase
4. In 2014, one quarter of all applicants offered a place under sibling criteria had a sibling in the sixth form, and all live beyond the catchment cut-off point. Sixth form places are currently not oversubscribed and so distance from the Academy is not a factor in gaining admission.

For the reasons set out in the paragraphs above it is proposed that The UCL Academy Trust 2016/17 admission arrangements be changed to include amendments to criterion 2 from its admission criteria to limit the allocation of places to applicants with a sibling at the Academy.

Please send any comments relating to the proposed admissions arrangements above to consultation@uclacademy.co.uk