



E-bulletin Friday 20-02-2015

Important upcoming dates and events

Monday 23 February 2015 – First day back after Half Term

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

Friday 27 February 2015 – Campaign night – How can we make the world more just?

5pm – 6:30. All parents are invited to join us at The UCL Academy for an evening of shared student understanding. 30 presentations, 30 injustices.

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.

Monday 9 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. N.B This has been rescheduled from Friday 6 March 2015.

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:

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

Important Notices

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.

Guidance on mobile 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 collect the mobile phone from the main admin office between 900-1700. 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.

Lunchtime

In order to deal more effectively with students who are forgetting their cards or not putting money onto their cards, we will no longer be providing a full meal deal for students. Instead they will be offered a sandwich for £1.00, there is always water available. We will then recoup the money direct with parents and students.

Students who qualify for Free School Meals will only be able to use their cards at lunchtime. If children wish to have something to eat from the canteen at break, they will need to put money onto their cards.

THESE CHANGES WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2015.

Remember that you can top up on the parent pay website – www.parentpay.com

Cash machines by House Canteens – please be reminded that the machines only take 10p coins and above. They do not take 1p, 2p and 5p coins.

News and other information

Bring your parents to UCL event

The 'Bring your parents to UCL' event was designed to explain the opportunities that exist for students after they have finished their time at the Academy, and to open up the wealth of information, resources and advice available at University College London. Students and parents enjoyed a drinks and canapés reception and were given a tour of the campus by current undergraduates. Clare James, Access Officer for Widening Participation & UK Undergraduate Recruitment then spoke to the group about their GCSE choices and what students can aspire to study at UCL or other universities. We were then given a lecture by a PhD student about the fascinating subject of how different colours of light affect the way that we see the world. We finished the session by seeing this in action in a 3D film!

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

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