



E-bulletin Friday 21-11-2014

Theme of the fortnight: Citizenship, global, local and digital

Important dates and events

Revised date: Monday 24 November 2014 – UAPA coffee morning

As per website calendar, previous e-Bulletin and email sent earlier this week to all parents, the UCL Academy will be hosting a UAPA (UCL Academy Parents Association) coffee morning from 9:30am- 10:15. All parents are welcome to attend.

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

This is being rescheduled for after the Winter Concert on evening of Tuesday 16 December 2014. Approximate times TBA.

Note: this was originally scheduled for Thursday 11 December.

Friday 5 & Monday 8 December 2014 – Planned GCSE information, advice and guidance meetings

Level 1+ students will have the opportunity to receive further information, advice and guidance. More information to follow.

Wednesday 10 December 2014 – UCL Mentor meet-up

Students will meet-up with their UCL mentor during the Academy day

Tuesday 16 December – Winter Concert

Details will be sent via letter and email in the next few weeks.

Wednesday 17 December – Student Christmas Lunch

Cost will be £3.00. Menu details/posters to follow.

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

Monday 8 December 2014

(N.B. this date was previously written in error as Monday 12 Dec)

Monday 12 January 2015

Monday 2 February 2015

Early finishes:

Please see future e-Bulletins for any upcoming early finishes

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 Assistant Principal, Mr Bowen

Chewing Gum and unhealthy snacks

Our Academy is a chewing gum free zone!

Please could we ask all parents and carers to support us in ensuring that children do not come to school with chewing gum.

The same applies to fizzy, sugary drinks and unhealthy snacks such as crisps. Please could students bring water or juice to the Academy for refreshment. Water fountains are available throughout the Academy for students to top up their water bottles.

Message from Assistant Principal, Mr Gratton

Communication Week

The Academy has had a special Communication Week (17th-21st November) with a daily communication focus.

The overall aim of the week was to work towards achieving that every Learner:

- is an Active Listener
- can use Academic vocabulary
- can use formal, respectful talk
- takes their turn in talk activities
- ensures and supports others to take their turn

The daily themes for lessons were as follows:

Monday- Developing Effective Active Listening - Taking responsibility for listening to and learning from each other

Tuesday- Developing effective note taking skills

Wednesday- Increasing use of Academic/formal/respectful Talk

Thursday- Ensuring everyone is supporting each other to participate in speaking and listening activities and allowing others to take their turn (including more confident talkers)

Friday- Ensuring everyone is engaged, participating and taking their turn in speaking and listening activities (including more reluctant talkers)

News and other information

Orion House Fundraiser

Victim Support Charity is dedicated to helping victims of crime. Any crime. They provide a wide range of support including counselling post crime victims. They also provide physical or financial support such as accompanying victims to harrowing appearances in court or changing all the locks for families who have been burgled and cannot afford to do this themselves.

The UCL Academy takes part in regular fundraising activities and each of our houses fund-raise for a different charity. This term, Orion house have selected Victim Support and are directing their fund-raising efforts to this worthwhile charity. On Monday 10 November 2014, they launched their charity drive with a big cake sale raising £200. The cakes were made by students in their homes and brought in to the academy. During the rest of the term, form groups within Orion house will take part in a variety of fund raising activities working in groups, alone or as a class. This will be an in-house competition and students will compete to raise the most funds leading up to Christmas. Further to the work of Orion house, two of the other school houses at the UCL Academy will also be fundraising for the Victim support throughout the academic year.

Special thanks to student volunteers Faisa Muse, Siobhan Aldridge, Rita Fernandes and Fadowsa Ali. Great work Orion House!

UCL launches largest ever mentoring scheme with UCL Academy

UCL in conjunction with the Brightside Trust, a mentoring charity, has launched a bespoke mentoring scheme for students at the UCL Academy, the UCL-sponsored school in Swiss Cottage. The project sees 65 current UCL students, a mixture of undergraduate and postgraduate volunteers, mentoring 245 Level 1 students (12-14 year olds) and 70 Level 3 students (16-18 year olds).

The UCL mentors visit the school roughly once per month to meet individually or in small groups with their mentees. The mentors help the Academy students to make informed decisions about their future and serve as role models by offering advice on topics such as subject choices and post-16 and higher education options. The mentors are provided with prompt materials to aid discussion of areas such as student life, budgeting and revision techniques. In between the face-to-face meet-ups the Academy students are able to communicate with their mentors safely online through the Brightside platform, which is full of helpful articles and resources. The mentors are able to share their experience of higher education whilst also developing important skills through working with the young people.

Mark Copestake, UCL Education Partnerships Manager, explains “We piloted a mentoring programme with the Academy last year and found that it is a fantastic way of increasing student links between UCL and the UCL Academy. The UCL volunteers are great role models for the Academy

students, especially where the pupils don't know anyone else at university or don't have anyone in their family who has been through the UK higher education system."

Geraldine Davies, Principal at the UCL Academy, said "The UCL mentoring programme is a fantastic opportunity for our students and is a wonderful example of how UCL can have a positive impact on the confidence and aspirations of students at the Academy."

Fiona Addison, Volunteering Development Coordinator in the UCLU Volunteering Services Unit, comments "The enthusiastic response from students to be involved in the UCL Academy mentoring scheme exemplifies the interest students have in UCL's partnership with the Academy. With over 60 UCL student volunteers and the collaboration of 4 partner organisations – Brightside Trust, UCL Students Union, UCL and UCL Academy – it is the largest school mentoring scheme the VSU has ever supported."

Hannah Steele, Education Projects Coordinator at Brightside, adds "Brightside is delighted to be working with UCL and UCL Academy on this innovative mentoring programme, and we are excited by this opportunity to strengthen links between the Academy and the University. It's inspiring to work with the UCL mentors and help so many students develop and achieve their ambitions."

The mentoring programme runs alongside an extensive programme of partnership activity, including a learning companion scheme where sixth form students receive academic support in their A-level subjects from UCL students studying the same or related subjects; and a successful lecture series which sees some of UCL's top academics delivering monthly lectures in the school's state-of-the-art lecture theatre.

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

24 November 2014	Foundation, Level 1 /1+: Tottenham Hotspurs
25 November 2014	Level 3/3+: Maths Inspiration Lectures
29 November 2014	Foundation, Level 1: First Lego League Tournament
9 December 2014	Level 1+: Royal Astronomical Society Trip
11 December 2014	Level 1+: Warner Bothers Studio

Upcoming Sports dates

Camden Shield Matches (boys)

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