



## **E-bulletin Friday 29-05-2015**

### **Important Upcoming Dates and Events**

#### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 – First day back after half term break**

On Monday, the Academy day will start at 9:30am and finish at 3:30pm.

#### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015 – Assessment Week**

This is a key way for students to demonstrate how much they have learned and progressed over the year, and will give us an opportunity to celebrate student achievement. For more information about Assessment Week, please see letter sent out Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

During Assessment Week, the Academy day will run as follows:

- Monday 9:30am – 3:30pm
- Tuesday – Friday **8:30am** – 3:30pm (N.B. corrected from letter sent Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015)

#### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015 – Festival Week**

This will be a week of activities and visits taking place during the Academy day. Further information about the exciting activities and outings has been sent by post this week. The details about Festival week are also included on Page 3 of this e-bulletin.

#### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Party**

6:00pm – 8:30pm. This will be a summer party organised by the Academy and the UCL Academy Parents Association (UAPA). All information for the summer party and tickets are available on the following website: [www.uclparty.info](http://www.uclparty.info)

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – UAPA coffee morning (N.B. this has been rescheduled from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Senior Leadership Team Drop-in Dates for Parents and Guardians – 4:30pm-6:30pm**

Cancelled: Monday 1 June 2015

Monday 6 July 2015

**Staff Planning Days:**

**Academy is closed to students on the following dates:**

Friday 10 July 2015

# Important Notices

## **Festival Week – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Note: This information has already been sent out to all Parents of Foundation, Level 1 and Level 1+ students earlier in the week.

### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Party**

**Normal Timetable: 8:30am – 3:30pm**

**Summer Party: 6:00pm – 8:30pm**

Please note that there will be no self-directed learning on this day.

The Summer Party is organised by the Academy and the UCL Academy Parents Association (UAPA). All information for the summer party and tickets will be available on the following website: [www.uclparty.info](http://www.uclparty.info)

### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – House Day Out and STEM Experience**

**Timings of Both Days: 9:30am – 3:30pm**

Students are to report to their House Area upon arrival at 9:30am.

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, students will alternate between a House Day Out and a STEM experience.

The House Day Out is a day when each House will take a trip with their form tutors and HOHs. Equuleus will be visiting Greenwich and will be taking a special trip down the Thames. The other houses will be having their own screening of the Avengers at the VUE cinema at the O2 Finchley Road followed by lunch and games and activities on Primrose Hill. Students on Free School Meals will be given a packed lunch. Students not on free school meals will need to bring their own packed lunches.

The STEM experience will involve activities at the Academy and an external trip to the RAF museum. Students will be able to eat at the Academy on this day.

The schedule is as follows:

#### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**Equuleus, Lyra and Cygnus House** - House Day Out

**Vela and Orion House** - STEM experience and trip to the RAF museum

#### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

**Equuleus, Lyra and Cygnus House** - STEM experience and trip to the RAF museum

## **Vela and Orion House - House Day Out**

As these are paid trips we would ask that a **voluntary contribution of £3** is contributed by each student attending. The school will arrange for free transport. Payment for this trip must be made via the Parentpay website or via Paypoint at your local retailer using the barcode on the back of the letter that was sent out to you earlier in the week.

## **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Try Something New Day**

**Timing of day: 9:30am – 3:30pm**

Try Something New Day will give students the opportunity to try out a range of new activities as well as a new lunch menu. Students will make choices after half term with regards to which activity they take part in. The majority of activities will be at the Academy. For offsite activities, separate information will be provided.

## **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Fundraising Day for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal**

**Timing of day: 9:30am – 3:30pm**

Students will be following their normal lesson timetable starting at 0930.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June will be a non-uniform day for students who bring in £2 as we will be raising money for the Nepal Earthquake appeal. We will also be running some additional fundraising events during that day as well.

Students are required to wear the Academy uniform all week apart from non-uniform day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. For House Days out they will need to be in school uniform but do not need their jumpers and can wear more comfortable shoes.

It promises to be an enjoyable and engaging week. We will continue to expect the highest level of good behaviour, attendance and punctuality. We thank parents for supporting us in reminding students of how they should represent themselves and the Academy throughout the week.

## 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

### Camden Notices

#### What next?

If you're leaving school or sixth-form College this year, having completed GCSEs or A levels, and you're not sure about your next move, maybe you'd like to consider an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship can be a great introduction to working life, the way into a career or an alternative to university if you would rather earn while you learn. While most apprentices move into permanent work when they complete their training, doing an apprenticeship doesn't stop you from going on to university afterwards as well – and you'll have had the opportunity to save some money towards your fees too.

Camden Apprenticeships has vacancies for people aged 16 to 24 all year round, in a wide range of different sectors. Business administration, IT, creative and digital media, facilities services, construction and digital marketing are just a few of the areas where we can offer contracts. Most of our employers are in Camden, and some of our apprenticeships are with the Council. In 2014/15, the team placed 256 people into apprenticeships.

Not sure whether or not an apprenticeship would suit you? Visit our web page at [camden.gov.uk/apprenticeships](http://camden.gov.uk/apprenticeships) and have a look at what is available this week. Sign up to get email alerts from us so you're sure to hear when the perfect apprenticeship for you comes up.

To be eligible to apply for a Camden apprenticeship, you must be aged 16 to 24, and live in Camden or be a former Camden secondary school student.

For more information, visit the Camden Apprenticeships webpage: [www.camden.gov.uk/apprenticeships](http://www.camden.gov.uk/apprenticeships). You can also contact the Camden Apprenticeships team on 0207 974 2689 or email [apprenticeships@camden.gov.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@camden.gov.uk)

## 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](https://twitter.com/UCL_Academy)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/theuclacademy> where our news and photos are also published.

## Trips

**Festival Week Trips (see page 3 for details)** – 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**Bechtel HQ Trip** (TBC) – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**Gothic Conference Trip – Level 3 students** - 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Upcoming Sports dates

### Camden Shield Matches

see [www.camdenshield.com](http://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