

Friday 13th February 2015

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

We are overjoyed at the Academy's recent success in the league tables which ranks the Academy as 2nd in Camden for both achievement and Value Added based on our A Level results. We are now regarded as one of the highest achieving schools in North London and we fully intend to maintain these high standards as the Academy develops.

Due to unprecedented demand, we have extended the recruitment period for Level 3 and are happy to receive such strong applications to study at the Academy. The Level 1+ students are also very excited about starting their chosen Level 2 subjects in June and preparing for the start of their curriculum is a key focus at the Academy this term.

As you will be aware, we believe that outstanding attitude, behaviour and attendance are vital for students to achieve their full potential. We therefore monitor attendance at the Academy very closely and expect all students to achieve 100% attendance. Mr Street, Vice Principal, has recently contacted the parents of students whose child's attendance has fallen below 95%. Please be aware that a child whose attendance is only 95% will miss the equivalent of 2 weeks of school every year, which equates to over 2 months of missed learning between the ages of 11-16. This is highly likely to have an impact on their academic achievement. The attendance of these students will continue to be monitored and a lack of improvement will result in further action. Please note that minor illnesses or ailments do not necessarily require absence from school and I would ask you to encourage your child to attend school even if they are feeling a little unwell. All doctors or dental appointments should be outside of school hours or during holidays where possible. We appreciate your assistance with this, along with your support in maintaining high standards of behaviour. The students are ambassadors of the Academy in the local community and their calm arrival and exit of the Academy is pleasing.

We are excited to be holding our very first art competition in the next half of the spring term. I and the other judges (Susan Collins, Slade Professor and Director of the Slade School of Fine Art and Professor David Price, Chair of Governors and Vice Provost, Research at UCL) are eager to view the students, staff and your very own pieces of art when we judge the submissions later this month. More information about the event and the submission process can be found on the attached letter from Ms Kosasih-Wall, the Curriculum Leader for Art.

On Thursday 19th March, we are looking forward to celebrating our second Founders day. We are working closely with our colleagues at UCL to prepare for the event and details will be circulated after the half term break. Please be aware that the celebrations may result in changes to the Academy day.

We are still in the consultation process for the proposed change to the sibling criteria and full information about the proposed change can be found on the Academy's website (www.uclacademy.co.uk). Please email any comments that you would like to make about the proposed change to consultation@uclacademy.co.uk by the end of February.

Please note that school restarts at 0930 on Monday 23 February 2015.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Davies', written in a cursive style.

Geraldine Davies
Principal

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RE: UCL Academy Art Competition 2015

As we grow as a school we would like to give an opportunity to staff, students and parents to showcase their talents and visually demonstrate this year's theme of '**The UCL Academy – What makes us, us?**' in what we hope to become an annual Arts competition.

All are welcome to participate and submit their art work, which will be judged on Tuesday 17th March 2015 by a panel led by Professor David Price (Vice-Provost, UCL and Academy Chair of Governors), Sue Collins (Faculty Director Slade School of Art) and the Principal, Mrs Davies. The work will feature in an exhibition in the Spring term and winners will be chosen then. The winning pieces of art will be displayed throughout the Academy and a cash prize of £50 for each category winner will be awarded along with a prize for all runner-up winners. The categories are as follows:

- **Students aged 11-16**
- **Students aged 16-19**
- **Staff of the Academy**
- **Parents of students attending the Academy**

The competition is very simple; any medium may be used to create a piece of work that represents the theme '**The UCL Academy – What makes us, us?**' from photography, textiles, fine art painting and drawing to mixed media etc. Any interpretation can be made from this theme whether it is a more realistic approach or a more abstract view point and there is no size limit. All work must be submitted to the school by **Friday 13th March 2015**. Please ensure that all work is clearly labeled with your name, medium used and category. If you are a student please also include your age.

If you have any further questions or queries in regards to this, please do not hesitate to contact me via the academy reception or through email enquiry.

Kind regards



Miss T. Kosasih-Wall
Curriculum Leader for Art