



## Parent e-Bulletin Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Welcome to the fortnightly Parent e-Bulletin, the best place to be informed about upcoming key events, important changes to the previous schedule, general notices and news updates. Also included is a brief summary of some of the many activities and headlines that have taken place at the Academy recently.

### UAPA – UCL Academy Parents' Association

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to include some key UAPA dates in this week's Parent Bulletin. The UAPA is an informal association of parents and carers, who meet to learn more about the Academy, engage with fellow parents and attend key events and activities.

Since the Academy opened, we have developed the UAPA in many different ways. Each year, we have had a stalwart group of dedicated parents who are involved in what goes on at The UCL Academy.

UAPA member Florie Canolli, along with Robin Street, have worked together to schedule the below dates for the upcoming academic year. Please note that some of these dates are TBC.

#### UAPA Coffee Mornings

Each UAPA coffee morning will take place in the library, and will be hosted by Florie Canolli and a member of staff. The meetings will focus on what is happening at the Academy, and will include presentations from students, discussions about the curriculum and information about key events and activities. The dates for the 2016/17 academic year are as follows:

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2016:** 8.45-10.00

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2016:** 8.45-10.00

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2017:** 8.45-10.00 (Plan the International Day)

**Wednesday 24 May, 2017:** 8.45-10.00

#### UAPA Social Evenings

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 - Meet the Tutor & UAPA Social Evening**

This is an opportunity for new parents to meet their child's form tutor, as well as an opportunity for current UAPA members to meet new parents. The event will take place from 4.40pm to 6.30pm.

### **December 2016 (date TBC) - Christmas Concert & UAPA Social**

We will be hosting a Christmas concert, which will be followed by a social for UAPA members.

### **March 2017 (date TBC) - International Cultures Celebration Day & UAPA Social** (celebrating Founders Day)

One of our most memorable events, International Cultures Celebration Day is when a number of parents and students take part in a celebration of our Academy's diverse cultures and backgrounds. This year, we will celebrate along with Founder's day. We will work with parents to confirm the most appropriate date and time.

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 - DISCO & UAPA Social**

As part of festival week, we have a traditional lower school disco. This is a chance for parents to meet each other and even show off their dance moves! As we work with parents, additional activities may arise.

#### **Please note:**

*The UAPA is an informal social association for parents and carers. Parents and carers who have individual concerns or queries regarding their child or and Academy policies should attend the SLT evening drop-in sessions, arrange to meet key staff and use the consultation evenings appropriately. **It is important the UAPA events remain a vehicle for parents to learn about the school in general, meet socially and support activities and events.***

If you have any questions, please email [parents.association@uclacademy.co.uk](mailto:parents.association@uclacademy.co.uk).

## **Important Upcoming Dates and Events**

### **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – SLT Drop-in for Parents and Guardians 4.30pm – 6pm**

This is an opportunity for all parents to meet with Academy leaders and to ask any questions.

### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Open Morning for Prospective Foundation Level Students and Parents**

An open morning for prospective new students will take place at The UCL Academy from 11:15am – 1:00pm. All parents of current year 6 students are welcome.

### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Foundation and L3 Meet the Tutor event, 4:40pm – 5:30pm**

An event for new Foundation Level and Level 3 parents and students, this will be an opportunity to meet with Heads of House and tutors on a more informal basis. Our UAPA social will follow!

### **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Staff Planning Day**

School is not in session.

### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Level 3+ Consultations, TBD**

A Level 3+ consultation will be held on this day. More information to follow.

## General Notices

### What's Been Happening at the Academy?

Please do follow our Twitter Account and Facebook page to keep further updated.

- On 26th September at the House of Lords, a group of the most forward-thinking teachers from across in the UK were presented with special awards by Founders4Schools and Lord Holmes of Richmond to recognise the work they were doing to inspire young people about the jobs of tomorrow. The UCL Academy's own Mr. Molloy was presented with an Award for Diversity! Read more here: <http://bit.ly/diarmuidF4S2016>
- On 4<sup>th</sup> October, we hosted over 200 prospective students and parents for our Foundation Open Morning. Our final event in this series is next Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>—don't miss it!
- Level 1 and Level 2 boys did themselves and the Academy proud in the ESFA Cup, winning 8-3 and 4-0, respectively. Go team!
- Principal Geraldine Davis announced the Co-Principal Model; more can be read here: <http://www.uclacademy.co.uk/Message-from-Principal>

## General Housekeeping

### Food & Drink Purchasing

Please be reminded that cash will not be accepted at canteen tills, and ensure that your child has adequately loaded their card with enough currency to purchase food and drink.

### Start and End of the Day

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that all students from Foundation to Level 2+ must arrive through the Harley Road entrance by 0830 every morning. (0840 Mondays).

Students have also had it made crystal clear to them that at the end of the Academy day they must leave the area directly outside the school on Adelaide road immediately and not wait around on the pavement. If they want to wait for friends they can wait on site. We ask parents and carers to reinforce this message to students as the space on Adelaide road is very tight and students must adhere to this guidance or they will face an appropriate sanction.

### The Academy in the Local Community

Local groups, businesses, and organisations are making increasing use of facilities at the Academy. This is very much in line with our desire to be at the heart of the local community. While the majority of our students represent the Academy superbly on the way to and home from school, we would ask all parents and carers to remind their children of the following:

- Guidance from PC Sweeney and Metropolitan Police: Parents and students should remain aware that any toys that could be misconstrued as weapons are completely banned from the Academy. We urge parents and students to hand any such inappropriate toys to the Police. These include objects such as laser pens, BB guns or any replica weapons. **We have a no tolerance approach to any student bringing in objects that may be seen as a weapon.**

- Students should wear their uniform as per the expectations set until they are home or well out of sight of the Academy.
- We continue to work with Camden Council in regards to the traffic challenges and road crossings around the Academy. Our students in the main are exemplary in terms of how they cross the roads and use public transport. They must though always be vigilant, careful and respectful of others. This is something we have made very clear at the Academy and confirmation of this from home can only help us keep our students safe.

## The UCL Academy's Digital Citizens

Our children are the first generation to grow up in a completely digital age. We work constantly to ensure students remain safe online and understand how to act ethically and thoughtfully online. Parents and Teachers must work in partnership. From now on every parent bulletin will include links, ideas and suggestions to help parents remain up to speed on what can be a difficult area to keep up with your children with!

- <http://ceop.police.uk/> - an ideal place to start for all parents, carers and guardians with easy-to-understand guidance for the challenges of keeping children safe online.
- <https://www.common sense media.org/social-media> - US based website that outlines the key areas of social media that your children may be surprised to know you know about.

## Timings of the Academy Day

Please note that you can find the structure for the Academy day based on year level here: <http://www.uclacademy.co.uk/The-Academy-Day>. This includes start and finish times for each year level.

## Student Absences

Please be reminded that the correct procedure for reporting your child's absence is by calling 020 7449 3080 and pressing option 1 (student absence) where you will be directed to the Attendance Officer.

## Punctuality in the morning

The majority of our students are consistently punctual to The Academy, ready to learn every morning. To maintain these high standards and to ensure that all students understand the importance of arriving to school punctually, we have begun sanctioning students who are consistently late over a one or two week period. This sanction runs from 15:35-16:00pm for Foundation, Level 1 and Level 1 + and 16:30pm-1700pm for other students on a Friday. Students who arrive at school without a note (or a phone-call) from a parent or carer to explain lateness, **more than once in a week** will be given a 30 min ACS on the Friday after school. Students whose punctuality **does not improve** may receive a 60 min ACS. Parents will be asked to give permission for their child to attend this ACS. We thank you as ever for your on-going support in ensuring students understand the value and importance of the high standards of behaviour and attitude to learning.

## Guidance on Mobile Phones

Please be aware of 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.

## Social Media

We share our day to day activities and news on Twitter so please follow us [@UCL Academy](#). We also regularly update [Facebook](#) with news stories and photos. 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.

## Term Dates and Holidays 2016/17

### Autumn Term 2016

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Half-term: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Winter break: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017

### Spring Term 2017

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

Half-term: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Spring holiday: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April

### Summer Term 2017

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017**

Half-term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

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## Staff Planning Days 2016/17 (Non-student days)

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July**