



## **E-bulletin Friday 05-12-2014**

### **Theme of the fortnight: Celebrations and Traditions**

#### **Important dates and events**

**All parents please be aware that the last day of Autumn Term is:  
Thursday 18 December 2014  
The Academy will be closed to students from 12:15pm**

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

Level 1+ students will have the opportunity to receive further information, advice and guidance. Letters were sent out to parents with details and individual appointment times.

#### **Wednesday 10 December 2014 – UCL Mentor meet-up**

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

#### **Friday 12 December 2014 – Non-uniform day**

As part of a large Ebola fundraising drive, the UCL Academy is holding a non-uniform day. Cost is £2 and money will be collected during student registration time.

#### **Tuesday 16 December – Winter Concert**

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

## **Tuesday 16 December – UAPA social event: Collaborating to support student learning**

This has been rescheduled for after the Winter Concert on evening of Tuesday 16 December 2014. It will be held at The UCL Academy and will start at approximately 7:30pm. This is a chance for all parents to meet and socialise with other parents.

*N.B. - This was originally scheduled for Thursday 11 December.*

## **Wednesday 17 December – Student Christmas Lunch**

Cost will be £2.50.

- Roast Turkey, cocktail sausage, stuffing and cranberry sauce
- Vegetarian Christmas Parcels
- Roast Potatoes, Brussel sprouts and gravy
- Chocolate roulade and vanilla Cream
- Christmas crackers

## **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:**

**The Academy will close early to students – 12:15pm**

Thursday 18 December 2014

## **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 Vice Principal, Mr Street

### **E-mail sent to the UAPA (The UCL Academy Parents Association) on Thursday 4 December 2014**

Regarding the UAPA social evening to follow the x-mas concert on Tuesday 16 December, feel free to bring your wine and mince pies (and whatever else) along. Furthermore, we would welcome any fundraising efforts on the night – one idea floating around was that the UAPA might like to sell mince pies for people at the winter concert. This would however, be in conjunction with our current drive which is for the Ebola drive we are currently raising funds for (see page 27 of today's Ham and High <http://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/Launch.aspx?eid=f30bd673-60a9-4d20-b91c-39b314e4fddd>). Please let me know if you like the idea. It would be great exposure for the UAPA in general.

We are also discussing the idea of a large fundraising drive for the First Robotics League SDL club who are travelling to the USA to compete next calendar year. The idea at the moment is that we have a market/gallery night at The UCL Academy (February 2015). We will be auctioning of artwork made by the art students, selling key rings and other assorted accessories (made by Engineering students). We could also have a cake sale, and the UAPA could take this opportunity to have the second-hand uniform sale.

Please let me know your thoughts – this could possibly be discussed at the next UAPA.

### **UAPA committee**

Please also be aware that we are starting a UAPA committee in January. More information to follow in the next E-Bulletin.

You can contact the UAPA by email at [parents.association@uclacademy.co.uk](mailto:parents.association@uclacademy.co.uk)

## News and other information

### **Sustainable Architecture Visitors**

On Friday 14 November 2014, The UCL Academy had two very special visitors come in and talk to Level 1+ students in their Sustainable Architecture class. Mark Rowe (Penoyre & Prasad Architects, London) and Avril Rogers (London Borough of Camden) were just some of the brains behind the building of the UCL Academy at Swiss Cottage. Penoyre & Prasad Architects were the winners of the AJ100 'Sustainable Practice of the Year' award for 2014, so this visit presented students with great exposure to a real-world professional with recognised expertise in sustainable architecture.

The focus of the talk was on minimising energy costs and reducing a building's impact on the environment. Some examples included: using rainwater for toilets; increasing wall and insulation

sizes to reduce the cost of heating/cooling; and using natural light, sensor technology and LED globes to reduce the cost of lighting.

After the talk, some students stayed behind and embraced the opportunity to present their in-class assignments (designing an eco-classroom) to the field experts and receive some free professional advice. Level 1+ student (and aspiring Architect/Engineer) Ermal Berdyna said, "It was very interesting and gave me an idea of the kinds of things that are actually considered in a building's design. "

Mr Rowe and Ms Rogers were both extremely informative and gave students the opportunity to ask as many questions as they wanted. Ms Maxwell, the Sustainable Architecture teacher at the UCL Academy said, "The students were engaged throughout and asked some really brilliant questions".

## **Australian Rules football Club**

As part of the Self-directed learning program held at the UCL Academy, Engineering teacher Mr Sullivan has been running an Australian Rules football club. This is a sport that originated from a combination of both Rugby league and Gaelic football. It was started in Australia to keep the cricketers fit in the winter months.

It is also believed that Indigenous Australians had a big role in the formation of this great game through a game they called 'Marn Grook' in which indigenous males would kick and play with a ball made out of kangaroo skin.

The SDL group has been coming together every Wednesday to learn the fundamentals of this sport including how to mark, handball and kick a drop punt. They have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and they have all picked up the modified games extremely well, especially handball footy!!

Mr Sullivan would like to thank all of the students who have been involved.

## **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](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)
<b>22 January 2015</b>	<b>Prof Raman Prinja (Astrophysics)</b>
<b>5 February 2015</b>	<b>Dr Dewi Lewis (Chemistry)</b>
<b>5 March 2015</b>	<b>Prof Sophie Scott (Psychology / Neuroscience)</b>

## Trips

9 December 2014	<b>Level 1+:</b> Royal Astronomical Society Trip
11 December 2014	<b>Level 1+:</b> Warner Bothers Studio

## Upcoming Sports dates

### Camden Shield Matches

<b>Under 13 Girls Football:</b>	Tuesday 9 December vs. Haverstock
<b>Under 15 Boys Badminton:</b>	Wednesday 10 December vs. William Ellis
<b>Under 12 Boys Basketball:</b>	Wednesday 17 December vs. William Ellis

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