

Dear Parents,

We want to congratulate all of our Junior students who participated in the Young Writers competition. As you may know, this is an absolutely wonderful organization that over the years has played a key role in supporting students who are very much interested in writing, whether it be poetry or prose. As you may imagine, once children get involved, many discover that they enjoy writing and, indeed, have a talent for it.

Over the years, CAEA has had significant success in the writers' competition, and this year, we want to recognise the accomplishment of Bella Whall, whose poem, "Talking Trees," has earned a Certificate of Merit in this national competition. "Talking Trees" will be published later this year in an anthology, *Poetry Wonderland*. We might note that there were over 20,000 poetry submissions for the contest—so Bella should be very proud, indeed. And we are very proud of Bella. Very well done.

On entirely different subjects, we do hope that you will bear in mind that next week sees the GCSE Mock Exams take place, and you may note that your student might be showing just a hint of nerves etc. We know that you will be supportive, as this is a time when anxiety can become a shade more prominent.

Also, we do hope that you will make every effort to attend the Parent Discussion Forum on Friday, 1 March. The topic involves security and related challenges with regard to the internet—very timely.

Thank you.

Best wishes,

Mrs Kim Salthouse Head of School Dr Duncan Rollo Principal



Monday 14th – Friday 18th January 2019 Mock Exam Week

Friday 1st March 2019 Parent Discussion Forum – 2.00pm

> Friday 8th March 2019 Parent Meetings

Friday 5th April 2019 Easter Service – 2.15pm School Finishes 3.00pm



Poetry Competition

Some of our Juniors recently took part in a national poetry competition run by 'Young Writers'

Congratulations to Bella Whall, as her poem will be published. Bella may also win a prize if her poem is in the first 10 chosen by the judges. I hope this will inspire others to take part in future competition.

Well Done Bella!



Miss Jones.

NOTICES

Students Who Travel by Taxi

Please could parents ensure that their child's taxi is informed if a child is to be absent from school and does not need to be collected by the taxi. It has come to light on a number of occasions that taxis have arrived at the school at the end of the day to collect students to return home. We have had to explain that the child has been collected for medical appointments/or sent home unwell.

Thank you.

School Diaries

Please could all parents check with their children that they have their school diaries. These should have homework assignments written in. Teachers are also checking these diaries to ensure that all parents and students are aware of the demands being made on the children. The diaries are especially helpful in facilitating communication between class tutors and parents.

Sunday boarding arrangements

Please can Parents let Mr Thompson know in advance, either by email at <u>athompson@centreacademy.net</u>, or by phone or text message on 07555 416172. This is so that we have numbers for food on Sunday evening and numbers for pick up from Stowmarket train station. Boarders should either arrive at Centre Academy no earlier than 7pm if coming directly or be picked up from Stowmarket train station.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Boarding House Telephone Numbers:

Mr Thompson can be contacted on the following mobile number during the week, Monday from 8.00 am to Friday 3.00pm. Please can any arrangements for Sunday evening boarding be made in advance prior to 3.00pm on the Friday. The Care Staff do not stay on site at the weekend and will be out of contact during this period.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr Thompson - 07555 416 172

Gentle Reminders

- If you child requires any medication, please ensure that this is handed into the office or Mrs Beadman. Medication will need to be in its original packet along with the relevant paperwork. The item must be clearly labelled with the students name and the instructions of administration.
- Students must not be sent to school if they have a fever/sickness or are feeling ill. Students should be fever/sickness free for 48 hours before returning to school to protect other students from contact with potentially contagious illnesses. Parents will be contacted by the medical staff on duty if a child shows symptoms of illness while in school.
- 4 Could all students bring stationery in to school for their lessons, e.g. pens/pencils and crayons.
- Please check and sign homework diaries every week; the diaries are a very important tool to communicate with teachers and parents.
- 4 All female students are to wear either trousers or skirts with thick tights when participating in drama lessons or drama activities after school.
- During the summer please ensure your child has sun cream, a sun hat and appropriate glasses with them; all items should be marked with the child's name.

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