



Week Gone/Week Ahead - 4th September 2020 Centre Academy London

Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff,

The start of the year usually brings with it a mix of emotions – excitement, anxiety, stress, anticipation – and this will be true for September 2020 more than any other. We are really pleased to be able to start welcoming everyone into the School building but know that it is important to do this in a manageable way for students – many of whom we have not seen in person since the end of March.

Yesterday we held an introduction day for our new starters, and we would like to thank our returning-student-buddies for their help and support in ensuring that we were able to create a welcoming atmosphere.

We now begin welcoming back individual 'pods' starting today with our two GCSE classes – Gambetta and Parmentier. On Monday, Tuileries and Châtelet (our Middle School pod) will start. Our Foundation pod, Laumière and République, will start on Thursday 10th September. Our final pod – our HSD class – begins on Monday 14th September. We have sent emails to all parents/carers with the staggered start times for each pod – please contact the office if you have not had this. There seems to have been an inconsistent email delivery over the holiday with not all of them being received.

Please also be aware that until Friday 25th September we will be finishing School at 1:30pm, this will ensure a gradual transition back into the classroom. From Monday 28th September, we will lengthen the School day and pods will finish between 2:30pm and 3:00pm depending on the staggered leaving time of each group.

In other news, I would like to announce that Ms Schwirtz has joined Centre Academy London as our new Art Teacher. Students will get to meet her over the course of the first weeks of School. Unfortunately, I must also announce that Ms Ismail will not be returning this term. Due to the impact of COVID on the global travel situation she will be remaining in Australia rather than returning to the UK. I will be sending out more information about a replacement Speech and Language Therapist soon.

You will find on the next page, some more information about how we have been preparing the school for the return of our students. Should you have any questions, please do call and speak to us.

Miss Maddison

Upcoming Dates

Monday 7th September:
Middle School Classes Return

Thursday 10th September:
Foundation Classes Return

Monday 14th September:
HSD Class Returns

Monday 26th October – Friday
30th October 2020:
Half Term

School Start of Term Preparations (what to expect when you return)

- Students will stay in their base-rooms (and teachers will move around the building)



- Students will have individual equipment packs that will stay in School



- Please bring a mask to school, students and staff will be wearing these in the corridors

- Desks will be wiped down and students will be washing their hands regularly during the day



- Lunch will be in the yard – watch this space for delivery of our marquee! (please make sure your lunch does not need to be heated up as students will not have access to the microwaves)
- Please remember we need to protect each other. Do not send your child to school if:
 - they are feeling unwell; or
 - you have recently returned from countries on the isolation list; or
 - you have been asked to self-isolate.
- If your child falls ill during the day, you will need to arrange for them to return home immediately, please ensure your emergency contact details are up to date.