



## Week Gone/Ahead – 16th September 2022

### Centre Academy London (CAL)

Dear Parents/Carers, Students & Staff.

The past two weeks have felt like the end of a summer term! The students are settled, new staff feel like old friends and we are all impressed with the maturity of the students who have returned.

During the summer, the proprietor Rohan Murphy and his team, including our own Mr Skipper, have transformed the Annex. New windows, flooring and carpeting. Ms Schwartz has new cupboards and we have a new kitchenette installed with oven, hob and dishwasher so we can teach the students life skills. We are now saving up for a fridge!

The outside environment has had a lick of paint and Mr Skipper is in the process of building seating so the students can sit in different social groupings. We are starting to look very smart.

These things have had a massive impact on the morale of staff and students. From the start, we have wanted to improve our environment, as it is so vital to everyone's mental health.

#### **The Queen at CAL**



Last Friday, the staff and students paid our respects to the Queen by having a minute's silence in the yard. Some staff and students wore black ties or clothing. Some teachers played documentaries about her 70 years' reign and we talked about her impact on the UK and indeed the world. She certainly left a remarkable legacy.

If anyone would like to leave condolences, there is a virtual condolence book at: <https://www.royal.uk/>



#### **The Royal Family**

Queen Elizabeth's was a life well lived; a promise with destiny kept and she is mourned most deeply in her passing. That promise of lifelong service I renew to you all today.

[www.royal.uk](https://www.royal.uk/)

## Retirement of Dr Duncan Rollo, Principal of Centre Academies

Over the summer, we learned that our Principal Dr Duncan Rollo has decided to retire at the grand old age of 78 years old.

We are saddened to hear of this but he says it is now time and he wants to spend his retirement being with his family and writing another book!

Duncan was the Head of School here at Centre Academy and Principal of both schools for many years and the staff at CAL were very fond of him.

We wish him a long and happy retirement.

## Rewards & Certificates

For those of you who are new parents to our school, we have a weekly rewards & certificates assembly on Fridays. Here the staff nominate students who have excelled. This can be for academic subjects, being a good role model, being kind to others, being respectful or tolerant - a whole range of things we value in our school. For each nomination or certificate, their house is awarded, 10 points.


I also give out a Head's certificate for my Student of the Week, which is worth 20 points. The students are given house tokens during their lessons and these are tallied up by Mr Jeffrey who keeps a record of which House is winning. At the end of the term, the winning house chooses what treat they would like off the Head. It usually ends up being pizza for lunch! 😊

This week's results are:

Wandle	Effra	Falcon
<b>Thomas McN</b> for English & History! 😊 <b>Jules</b> for History <b>Spencer</b> for Science	<b>Michele</b> for ICT & English <b>Leo</b> for Music <b>Ethan</b> for Science <b>Margie</b> for Film Studies	<b>Ollie</b> for Science <b>Mimi</b> for ICT <b>Louise</b> for Maths <b>Michaela</b> for Maths <b>Zack</b> for PE

Well done to all the students; particularly Thomas McN and Michele who were awarded a double this week! I wonder if we will get any triples next week.

## House points

	Upto last week	This week				
		SotW	Kindness	Tokens	Total for this week	Final
Falcon		50	10	34	94	94
Wandle		50	10	20	80	80
Effra		50	20	29	99	99

Well done to Effra this week with an excellent 99 points!

## Head of School Award

This week I have awarded it to one of our new students, who has settled in to her new school extremely well: **Louise from Falcon House.**

Does this mean that Falcon have actually won Mr Dorjee? We may need a recount!

## Kindness Award

**“Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see”**

**Mark Twain**

This week's nominations are in fact teachers. Mr Dorjee nominated **Mr Jeffrey, Mr Winship, Miss Rivera and Mr Dacosta** for helping him clear the builder's debris and set up his classroom the Friday before we started back.

I too would like to thank all my staff who helped set up their colleagues' classes, so they did not have to come in at the weekend.

I hope that we will have some nominations off the students next week!

## Proprietor

As you may know, Mr Rohan Murphy has taken over from his father and is now our new Chairman of the Proprietor Board. We have him to thank for the wonderful work carried out during the summer and his generosity in providing the best school experience for our youngsters. He kindly provided the newsletter this short paragraph about himself:

*Rohan Murphy is the Chair of our Proprietor Board. Rohan graduated from Trinity College, University of Dublin with a B.A. in Business and Economics. After this, he went into finance working for a global insurance company where he gained his Chartered Financial Analyst accreditation. Rohan was a fund manager and analyst working on equities with a focus on energy. A large amount of his time was spent working on the energy transition and investing to solve the climate emergency. Rohan has been involved with the Centre Academy Schools for many years as an interested family member; however, in 2022 it became a full-time role.*



## Fitness Day Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Next week Mr Dacosta and Mr Winship have organised a Fitness Day at Centre Academy London. There will be some inter-house matches during the morning and in the afternoon, the whole school are invited to **GO APE!** The students will be completing the Treetop Challenge on the high ropes, tarzan swings and zip lines. Strange but I wonder why the students are looking forward to

the staff completing this course!

Rohan Murphy has kindly donated 50% of the cost of this trip and it is now the bargain price of **£6**. Please make sure you send in your child's reply slips and you can pay by either BACC or send in cash, in a sealed, named envelope to the office by Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

## **New staff**

As you know, we have several new members of staff. Over the next few weeks, they will introduce themselves via the newsletter. This week is our new SENDCo Ms Maria Palamartsuk, who is also Rashford's mentor.

*Ms Maria Palamartsuk, BA Special Ed, PGDip, PGCert in SEN Coordination*

*I have over 15 years of experience across mainstream and specialised settings in London and abroad supporting and teaching learners with dyslexia & dyscalculia, autism (including high-functioning), behavioural and social needs, speech and language difficulties, ADHD/ADD, global developmental delay, processing disorders, anxiety and physical disabilities. For the past 5 years, I have successfully led SEN provision at an international independent school, where I have raised academic attainment and improved outcomes of learners with additional needs. I firmly believe that education is not only about academic outcomes but also about helping to raise happy, confident and kind individuals who are equipped for the challenging world ahead, regardless of need or background.*

## **Student Council**

I popped along to the school council last week to check that I had completed the things they asked me to do last term. Fortunately, I had fulfilled my end of the bargain! They are happy with the changes but they still had another list for me! It was heartening to hear all their ideas – the student voice at CAL is very important to our school community.

One of the things the school council are very concerned about is the state of the economy. They are concerned about the impact on our small school community and one of their suggestions was a breakfast club. We are still looking how to do this cost effectively and what to provide. If you have any ideas or thoughts on this, we would love to hear them.

## **Mentors**

A mentor is a very important role in our school. They are vital to the life of the student and the communication link between the school and parents. Our mentors are trained to help and support the students with all aspects of their school life.

The school opens at 8.15am and the mentors are in early, waiting in their classrooms, welcoming the students in and checking that they have all the resources they need for the day and that there are no concerns or worries that may impact on their learning. I love walking around in the morning and seeing the different ways the mentors start their day – music, newspapers, newsround, documentaries – varied but all focussed on setting the students up to have a good day.

Mentors also communicate with you regularly on how your child is progressing. By now, you should have heard from your child's mentor either by email or by telephone. Please do contact them if you have any concerns or worries about any aspect of our school. A conversation with a mentor or a quick response to an email may dispel or alleviate any concerns over something your child or another parent has said.

Don't forget that I am on the gate in the morning and at the end of the day. I appreciate that not all of you can do this so please ring or email the school.



## Art gallery

This week's art comes from the Creative Club that our school Finance Officer delivers. The week's theme is **The Queen** and I'm sure you'll agree, they are stunning and a fitting tribute to Her Majesty.



Work in progress ...



One of the final pieces. Lovely.



The others, equally as beautiful. Well done to you all.

#### Dates for the diary

<b>Monday 16.9.22</b>	School closed for the Queen's funeral.
<b>Thursday 22.9.22</b>	Fitness Day & Go Ape trip!
<b>Monday 26.9.22</b>	Inspiration Week
<b>Monday 10.10.22</b>	Mental Health Day
<b>24.10.22-28.10.22</b>	Half-term holiday
<b>Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Anti-Bullying Week (Friendship & Kindness Week)
<b>Wednesday 7.12.22</b>	Christmas Jumper Day & Parties
<b>Thursday 8.12.22</b>	Christmas Holidays

#### Parent feedback



Please continue to call us or email at:

[Londonschool@centreacademy.co.uk](mailto:Londonschool@centreacademy.co.uk).

Wishing you a lovely weekend and Bank Holiday Monday for HM The Queen's funeral

**Kas Lee-Douglas**  
Head of School





## CA LONDON ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/2023

*Whilst every attempt has been made to publish dates accurately, the school reserves the right to change these dates should it be necessary to do so*

### AUTUMN TERM 2022

Inset day: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

First day: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
Last day: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October **School finishes at 3pm**

**Half term:** **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022**  
Last day of term: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 **School finishes at 3pm**

### SPRING TERM 2023

Inset day: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023

First day: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
Last day: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 **School finishes at 12pm** (Teachers Inset 1-3pm)

**Half term:** **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023**  
Last day of term: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 **School finishes at 3pm**

### SUMMER TERM 2023

Inset day: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023

First day: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Last day: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 **School finishes at 12pm** (Teachers Inset 1-3pm)

**Half term:** **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2nd June 2023**  
Inset day: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of June -2023 (Graduation)  
Last day of term: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (Sports Day) **School finishes at 1pm**

#### Christmas Bank Holidays:

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December/Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Substitute day Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023. Substitute Day: Tuesday 3rd January 2023

#### Easter Bank Holidays:

Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Easter Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023

#### May Bank Holidays:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023

6 staff INSET days