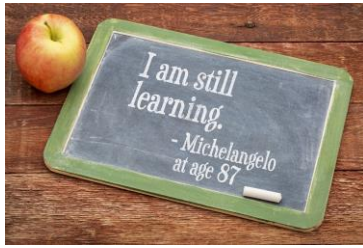




Week Gone/Ahead – 22nd April 2022

Centre Academy London (CAL)

Dear Parents/Carers, Students & Staff,



What a lovely Easter break we had! The weather was glorious and it really does lift the mood when the sun is shining and new life starts to grow around us. The students have settled back into school as if they were only away for the weekend and they deserve credit for this!

Whilst everyone was away, we have decorated the old library to create a meeting room for parents, staff and some of our upper school students. We have also taken down the marquee and will be sprucing up our surroundings with a lick of paint and lots of planters, hanging baskets, potato and tomato barrels: ready for the students to grow some flowers, fruit, herbs and vegetables. Some of which will be used by the cooking club later in the term!

Residential Trip

We are finalising numbers for our middle school residential trip to Devon next month. We still have some places for any last minute decisions. Remember, this is for students who have not had the opportunity of a trip because of the pandemic so this includes the Y6 – Y9 students. Contact Karen in the office if you wish your child to go on this trip. The cost is £230. I am so looking forward to camping out, sea kayaking, making dens and working with the animals during that week. Please Google **East Soar Outdoor Experience** if you want more information but there will be an information meeting for parents on **Wednesday 4th May at 3pm**. I look forward to seeing you then.

[East Soar Outdoor Experience - Schools & Educational Groups](#)

School Opening hours

Centre Academy London opens the gates for students at 8.15 am so they can be in their home-rooms for mentor time by 8.20 am. Their first lesson starts at 8.35 am but students are expected to be in during their mentor time as this is when we discuss the day with the students, make sure they are prepared for the day and that any important messages or changes are shared to ensure we reduce any anxiety for the day's learning. Could you please ensure that your child is in school for 8.20 am.

Uniform

Now that we have a School Council, I will be reviewing uniform with parents, staff and students this term. For now, I have noticed that hoodies and sweat tops are being worn on non-PE days. Please ensure that your child wears a school blazer and tie every day. Any sweat-tops or hoodies must be removed on entering school. Black jeggings or jeans are not school trousers so we ask respectfully that you support us with keeping our students looking smart and proud to be at CAL.

We have lots of spare ties, so if any have gone missing over the holidays, please let Karen know in the office and we will send one home! No charge this time.

Lateral Flow Tests

As you know, we had one member of staff and one student contract COVID during the holidays. It is still out there. As Head of School, I am acutely aware of the impact of Long COVID on the health of several of my staff and students, which is likely to affect them for many years to come.

Please support us by testing your child on a regular basis and certainly if they have any symptoms. We have been very generous with our LFT stock and made sure that all parents had tests. Our stock has reduced considerably but please ask if you wish us to test your child and we will do so. Staff continue to test on a weekly basis to ensure that we all remain safe.

End of term school concert

Some of you have kindly messaged the school about how much you enjoyed the end of school concert before the Easter holidays. It was a small, intimate (and very informal affair) that was simply wonderful. I was so proud of the youngsters involved and how brave they were to perform in front of the middle school in the morning, and then parents and upper school in the afternoon.

I did write a few words to say at the end of the concert but I was a little bit emotional and could only gush at Mr Jeffrey & Mr Dacosta to thank them for working so hard with the students and prepare them and for some, their very first public performance. May I thank:

Tommy who could energise and persuade any crowd to join in and sing with him, impressing everyone with his infectious enthusiasm and endearing performance

Marianna who moved us to tears with her reading of the wonderful poem "Let no-one steal your dreams"

Louise who astounded us with her obvious talent as a pianoforte composer and amused us with her Chopsticks rendition at the end

Jack & Alfie's scene from the musical "The Producers," which showcased beautifully their obvious acting talent and ability. I was lucky enough to see this show on Broadway and I enjoyed this performance just as much.

Lauren whose sweet voice echoed around the room; where you could have heard a pin drop. Simply beautiful.

Drama club. Mr Dacosta and students from the drama club wrote a play about the conflict in Ukraine and the impact it has on families involved. The way the students sensitively handled such a difficult and dark subject was very moving. The parent participation in a rowdy game of "Splat" was great fun and showed some of their hidden acting talents too!

Julie's rendition of the song "Viva la Vida" was simply lovely and a shining example of her own personal journey. With tenacity and determination, obstacles can be overcome.

Our humble production not only showed off the dedication and commitment of my staff to ensure that all students reach their potential or have an opportunity to

succeed but also the courage, talent, resilience and bravery of our students. Bravo and Brava!



Brain Tumour Research & Comic Relief Friday 25th March 2022



Thank you so much! We raised a total of **£126**, which will be divided, between our two chosen charities. Thank you to parents and students who made cakes and donated to these two worthy causes. When you next visit the school, have a look at some of the photos of the fabulous hats we were all wearing on the day. Here are a few staff examples and those of students whose faces are covered:



Forthcoming events:

16th May to 23rd June: GCSE exams

16-20th May: East Soar Trip

30th May – 3rd June: Half-term

1st July – INSET Day (Graduation)

8th July: Sports' Day

Parent feedback



Please continue to email us at:

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Have a good weekend,

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Head of School