



Week Gone/Ahead – 27th May 2022

Centre Academy London (CAL)

Dear Parents/Carers, Students & Staff.

The end of my first year at CAL is fast approaching and although there are always things to do on my ever-growing list, I am astounded at how much we have accomplished to date. There have been many successes and the recent residential trip to East Soar was the perfect reminder of how much the students have progressed.

As you know, we are very busy at present with our GCSE and Functional Skills examinations. Undoubtedly, it is an anxious time, but largely, the students have risen to the occasion and we have all been very impressed with their mature attitude in the examinations rooms. Keep it up everyone!

House tokens

House	Up to last week	This week!
Falcon	147	1st
Wandle	81	3rd
Effra	97	2nd

This was a huge surprise as Wandle has won the end of term pizza on 3 previous occasions, so I dined with **Falcon** yesterday! Many of the students there were on the residential trip and I have to say, they really did deserve the pizza.

Students of the Week

No certificates this week as we had a presentation at our Friday assembly instead. The students from the East Soar trip presented photographs to the whole school. This is in preparation for our Parents' Presentation next month. All parents whose children went on the trip have received a Teams invite to come in and see what they got up to! See the **Dates for the diary** below.

CAL environment



As you know, we are determined to improve the environment for our staff and students and here we have two industrious chaps, Tom & Parker, helping out Ms Raw with our planters. I hope that soon, we will have hanging baskets and mosaic tree stumps out there too. Next is the playground wall and a mural!



PSHE/RSE workshops – Mr Winship our Subject Leader for PSHE/RSE

On Tuesday 24th May 2022, Soru from <https://schoolofsexed.org/> visited CAL to deliver a series of workshops to all students in line with the new government **statutory** requirements for Relationships Education in secondary schools

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1019542/Relationships_Education_Relationships_and_Sex_Education_RSE_and_Health_Education.pdf

Sensitive and important topics ranging from puberty (KS3) to consent (KS4) to abusive relationships (KS5) were discussed maturely and sensibly by our students. We think it is vital that students are given the relevant information to protect and guide themselves and others, as they grow older.

Prior to the workshops, Ms Lee-Douglas and Mr Winship hosted a Teams meeting to inform and consult with parents. We intend to invite Soru in again this Autumn and beforehand we will again talk with students via Ms Shaker's School Council and again, with parents about the content.

Thank you to all the parents for attending the meeting and supporting the school in implementing the statutory government requirements. Students completed a survey about the day and they were overwhelmingly positive about the content and having an outside lecturer visiting in the future. One student commented '**everything was covered really well**'. That is the hope we have for PSHE/RSHE at CAL.

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact me lwinship@centreacademy.co.uk

East Soar Residential Trip – May 2022

East Soar Story – penned largely by Mr Jeffrey (can you tell?)

Let our host, Schalke, have the opening thought. Sitting around the campfire, he told us that in eleven years of hosting young people at his farm, he had never met such a well-behaved and likeable group as our C.A.L students.

There we were, 10 students, 3 teachers, and 6 tents in some of the most pleasing and often breath-taking countryside in the UK. Mornings, often thick with mist, started early, with reluctant showers and breakfast. Then off to feed the goats, chickens and ponies. Herding sheep is more difficult than we'd thought!



The walks were particularly memorable. High, cliff top treks, sheer drops to a deceptively calm sea, mud tracks, up rocks, down slopes, through horned Highland cattle, over rickety bridges. Never a word of complaint. Vertigo set in when we stopped on some God-forsaken rocky outcrop. Why our students like to perch, eagle-like on the edges, we have yet to find out.

Schalke made sure we were busy; we picked up plastic from Soar Mill cove; we used blue plastic hoses to 'bracken bash', a stress-busting way of reclaiming grassland. Is the haunted barn, really haunted? The way that Winslow the naughty pug behaved suggested that it w,w,was!

On the quayside at Salcombe, we went 'crabbing'. Lines dangling in the water soon quivered as some careless crustacean was hauled in. Some tiny, some monstrous. The ferry ride down the Salcombe Ria (funnel-shaped estuary) was not for the faint-hearted. The swell on the water was exceptional.



Our students really enjoyed sea-kayaking. It was quite a sight to behold. After a few collisions and tangled oars, they got into their stride and disappeared around the headland. At the thought of wearing wetsuits, the staff, wisely declined an invitation by their guide to join in.

Dinners were served back at the farm and very good they were too. Cooked by Marijke with ingredients from the farm: sausages, chicken, burgers and fresh veg kept us going. Afterwards, the students were able to complete their John Muir Award books by writing or drawing something memorable from their day. Bedtime was at 9. Amazingly by 10.30 the field was as silent as the approaching fog.

It really was the most wonderful and restorative time. We agree with Schalke! Your kids are amazing!

Mr Jeffrey, Ms Shaker & Ms Lee-Douglas



Can I thank my staff for their endless patience and support during the residential trip. They were incredible and it is because of them that the students had a fabulous time. There is no remuneration or extra holiday for being on duty 24/7 for the 5 days of the trip and I am extremely grateful for them giving up their own family time to support your youngsters. Bravo! Mr Jeffrey and Brava! Ms Shaker.

(Thanks also to the office staff back at base for keeping us organised).

Art gallery



The students recreated the picture "At the Race-Track" by a French artist and used the technique of collage and drawing.



Sonny created a mask using recycling materials

Dates for the diary

- Monday 6.6.22** School closed. Only open to GCSE students from 12.30pm onwards.
Thursday 9.6.22 3pm – 4pm East Soar Residential Trip Presentation (East Soar parents)
Coffee and biccies provided
Thursday 16.6.22 3pm – 4pm HSD Parents' Film Show – Coffee and biccies provided
Thursday 23.6.22 2pm – 4pm Art Fair
Friday 24.6.22 9.30am – 12.30pm Science Fair
Tuesday 28.6.22 Y8 vaccinations
Friday 1.7.22 School closed. INSET day for Graduation.
Friday 8.7.22 Sports Day. School finishes at 2pm.

Parent feedback



Please continue to email us at:

Londonschool@centreacademy.co.uk.

Have a lovely half-term week!

Kas Lee-Douglas
Head of School



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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 1st September 2022
Friday 2nd September 2022

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

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

SPRING TERM 2023

Inset day: Wednesday 4th January 2023

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

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

SUMMER TERM 2023

Inset day: Friday 14th April 2023

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

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

Christmas Bank Holidays:

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

Sunday 1st January 2023. Substitute Day: Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Easter Bank Holidays:

Good Friday 7th April 2023

Easter Monday 10th April 2023

May Bank Holidays:

Monday 1st May 2023

Monday 29th May 2023

6 staff INSET days