



Week Gone/Ahead – 23rd September 2022

Centre Academy London (CAL)

Dear Parents/Carers, Students & Staff.

Another action-packed week here at CAL! Even though it was a short week, we managed to organise a Fitness Day, which was a huge success! Well done to our PE teachers, Lee Winship and Faisal Dacosta for organising the day. Here are some of the photographs that I can publish online, but we have many others that we shall display around the school.



My goodness! Look how high they climbed! Well done to everyone that did the course. It was not for the faint hearted and I heard many stories of those that challenged themselves and succeeded. Many thanks to staff and students who encouraged each other to do it.

Inspiration Week

The week beginning 26.9.22 is our **Inspiration Week**. We have 3 visitors this week who will chat with the students about their own additional needs or overcome some of life's challenges and been successful. We hope that these visitors will inspire our students.

Thursday 6th October 2022 3pm-3.45pm



We invite all parents of **new students** who have enrolled this year to a coffee and chat meeting on Thursday 6th October at 3pm. This is a chance to put faces to names and to meet the teachers. Please do come along and meet my lovely, hard-working staff.

Remember - full parent consultations, **for all parents** will be in January.

Thank you



Just a quick thank you for those of you who have taken the time to contact us and share with us your thoughts or appreciation for everything we are doing to ensure that your child feels safe and happy at our school. These little nuggets of appreciation boost the morale of my staff and a happy staff is a happy environment for our students to be in.

Conversely, if you have any concerns or worries about your child or their progress, please do contact your child's mentor. Our mentors will happily give you an update on how your child is faring. You should have heard from them at least once this term.

New staff

This week, it is the turn of our new Maths trainee teacher, Mr Victor Kinimah to introduce himself to you all:

I was born in Takoradi, which is the third largest city in Ghana. I attended Takoradi Business college and successfully graduated, but because my parent were ordinary farmers and could not support me to further my studies, I could not continue after college graduation because in Ghana, from primary school to university level must be paid for.

I taught as an unqualified teacher from 1984 to 1987, after which I left Ghana to further my studies in the UK, but I went to Italy first and worked a couple of years there to support my younger siblings, so they could join me in Italy. I finally left Italy in 2006 for the UK after they had settled in Italy.

Once in England, I immediately enrolled at East London College to undertake an ACCA course and after obtaining the intermediate qualification, I went to Greenwich University in 2013. I graduated in 2015 with an award of £10,000, which I used to pay for tuition fees for my master's degree in 2015 and I graduated from this in 2017.

After working as an assistant accountant for a year to two, I decided to undertake a PGCE to teach students. I am very passionate about teaching and it keeps me very active, being on my feet most of the time (unlike sitting all the time in front of computers!) I look forward to teaching the students here at CAL.

Victor, you are a wonderful example of how sheer hard work and determination enables you to achieve your dreams. It is quite sobering to hear that if you want to be educated in some countries, you have to pay for it.

Rewards

Wandle		Effra		Falcon	
Marianna	English	Freddie	English	Kurt	Sportsperson of the week
Oscar	English	Lewis	Media	Ollie	Theatre Studies
Jason	Film study & Art	William	Media & Sport	Noah	Sport – Fitness Day
Alois	Science			Louise	ICT
				Evan	Science

A couple of doubles in there. Well done to Jason and William.

Kindness Award



**“Unexpected kindness
Is the most powerful, the least costly, and most
underrated agent of
human change”**

Bob Kerrey, US politician

Student nominations:

Evan. For helping with photography on the Go Ape trip.

Callum. For being welcoming to a new student.

Margherita. For being kind to a new student.

Thomas McN. For making a new student feel welcome.

Jason. For being kind to a new student and being helpful to the teachers.

Dimitrios. Encouraging another student to climb the tree using encouraging words.

Staff Nominations:

Mrs Rivera and **Mrs Scully** for staff kindness this week! They both go above and beyond, putting the students first no matter what, and never ask for anything in return.

I am not surprised by any name on these lists. Thank you to you all for showing kindness this week.

School Council – I think you should nominate a termly prize to the kindest student and teacher. Let me know what you think.

Head of School Award

As you can see below, my Head of School nomination is not on Mr Dorjee's house points results table, as I was not in school. So... this week I am choosing:

Jack for showing resilience and perseverance.

House Points

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House	Upto last week	This week					
		SotW	Headteacher's award	Kindness	Tokens	Total for this week	Final
Falcon	114	50		10	16	76	190
Wandle	80	50		50	11	111	191
Effra	99	40		20	9	69	168

Well done Wandle on overtaking the others. Come on Falcon and Effra! Don't let them dominate this term! Remember last year? I want to see new faces at the pizza meal for a change.

E-Safety Parent Safeguarding Courses

Please find attached a letter off our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Samina Yar. She has outlined a number of courses that may be of interest to parents regarding e-safety. Teaching students about keeping safe online is of paramount importance and I know that some parents would appreciate some guidance or information on how to keep their children safe at home.

Please have a look and see if there are any that you feel you would like to do. Log yourself on and take advantage of up-to-date national guidance!

Uniform

CAL likes our students to have a uniform. For lots of reasons, but primarily for students to be part of our school community and to take pride in being part of it.

As you know, we are very flexible with uniform as we know that some students have sensory needs and we are very mindful of this but we do insist that the students look smart and are comfortable. This is why we allow them to wear PE kit on the days they have PE so they don't have to change at school.

Recently, there has been some discussion with the students about two issues: wearing ties and for the girls, about the length of their skirts.

When it is hot, the students are allowed to take off their ties. When they are in lessons and if the teacher agrees, they may loosen their ties but when they leave the classroom and move around the school, they smarten their ties up again. Teaching them to take pride in their appearance is a life skill and good for their mental health.

The length of girls' skirts is taking up an inordinate amount of my teachers' time to regulate. The uniform policy says knee length and I think it is a sensible rule considering that we have stairs and from the bottom floor, you can see right up to the top and anyone climbing the stairs. Can you see my concern here? In addition, in Art & Science, the students sit on stools and legs are more visible. I cannot see how pulling your short skirt down constantly and cupping the back of your legs going up the stairs because your skirt is too short, is comfortable. Therefore, for now, we would appreciate parental support in ensuring that if the girls wear skirts, that they are knee length.

However, we do pride ourselves on listening to our school community so I have asked the School Council to consult with the girls in the school about this. I will also consult with parents but most of the parents I have spoken to already, seem to err on the side of school uniform being smart and comfortable. I'll keep you posted on this.

Dates for the diary

Week beginning:

25.9.22	Inspiration Week
Thursday 6.10.22	Meet the teachers (new parents only)
3pm – 3.45pm	Coffee and biscuits will be served.
Monday 10.10.22	Mental Health Day
	Bletchley Park trip ICT & History focus
24.10.22-28.10.22	Half Term

Week beginning:

14.11.22	Anti-bullying Week (Friendship & Kindness Week)
Wednesday 7.12.22	Christmas Jumper Day & Parties
Friday 9.12.22	Last day of term

Parent feedback



Please continue to email us at:

Londonschool@centreacademy.co.uk.

Have a good week everyone,

Kas Lee-Douglas
Head of School

For term dates, scroll down below. Please note that the Sports Day has been changed to Wednesday 5th July 2023.

For **Mrs Yar's letter**, please scroll down.



Dear Parents & Carers,

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

We are therefore delighted to announce that **Centre Academy London** have shown our commitment to protecting our pupils online by working with National Online Safety- providing resources for all parents and carers.

The resources include Parents & Carers courses (presented by Myleene Klass), online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics, including:

- Online Relationships
- Fake Profiles & Social Bots
- Online Bullying
- Online Grooming
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sexual Harassment & Violence
- Sexting
- Live Streaming
- Online Identity
- Screen Addiction
- Online Challenges
- Overspending
- Social Media Platforms
- Online Gambling
- Radicalisation, Terrorism & Extremism
- Age-Inappropriate Content
- Copyright & Ownership
- Hacking
- Fake News
- Online Fraud
- Online Reputation
- Personal Data
- Pornography
- Targeted Adverts & Pop-Ups
- The Dark Web
- Games & Trends

To create your account, please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/centre-academy-london> and complete your details. When you are set up, you will be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access **National Online Safety** online via any device- including via their brand-new smartphone app. To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

Alternatively, search for '**National Online Safety**' in the App Store/Google Play Store.

Answers to frequently asked questions and customer service can be accessed at <https://helpdesk.thenationalcollege.co.uk/helpcentre> .

Kind Regards,

Mrs Yar

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Centre Academy London



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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)
Sports' Day Wednesday 5th July 2023
Last day of term: Friday 7th July 2023 **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