



Week Gone/Ahead –24th March 2023

Centre Academy London (CAL)

Dear Parents/Carers, Students & Staff,



Artwork by Mrs Raw

Well we finished with an EXTRAVAGANZA EXTRAORDINAIRE! Bravo and brava to our wonderful performers this afternoon and thank you to the parents who decided to pop along to join us for a relaxing hour listening and watching some very talented students perform. A particular thank you to Mr Jeffrey for organising this and a thank you to the behind the scenes staff and students who helped set it all up. It was a lovely end to a lovely spring day.

Here are a few photographs, if parents want any of them without the obscured faces, please let me know.



There must be some very proud parents out there tonight. Well done to our fantastic performers: Ollie, Freddie, Hayder, Margie, Alfie, Evan, Farren and Mimi.

Online Safety – Mrs Yar



In 2022, Microsoft's Digital Defences report estimated that cybercriminals made more than 900 attempts to hack passwords every single second - and warned that the number was on the rise. Only around a tenth of those were successful, but the business magazine Inc. nevertheless reported approximately eight million passwords being stolen each day globally. Concerning isn't it?

Thankfully, there are plenty of steps we can take to make our valuable data less accessible to prying eyes. As well as recommending password management software and multi-factor authentication, see our guide, attached which, also suggests some even easier ways to come up with different passwords that are simple to remember - but difficult to guess. Have a safe, Easter break.

This Week's Rewards- 24th March, 2023

House	Spring term total	This week						Total
		SotW	Head of School award	Kindness	Attendance	Tokens	Total for this week	
Falcon	765	130		60	80	3	273	273
Wandle	708	100	10	30	80	11	231	231
Effra	1008 Winner	100		10	90	9	209	209

Well done Falcon! They have overtaken Effra!

Student of the Week		
Wandle	Falcon	Effra
Michael- Science, Oscar- Matha, English Spencer- English,PE Jason- Science Alois – PE Hayder – PE George - PE Nick- Maths	Noah B- Art, Science Jack – Art, Science Louise- Math, Science Kurt- Science, ICT, PE Ollie- Theatre studies Farren- Theatre studies Teddy- PE Mimi- PE	Evan- Maths, Theatre studies Thomas W- Drama, William – Drama, PE Lewis – Drama Alfie- Science,PE Leo – PE Callum- PE
Students with 100% attendance		
Oscar Noah A Thomas Alois Jaylie George Spencer Nick	Kurt Farren Ollie Leo Mimi Noah B Zack Jack	Freddie Lewis Thomas W William Evan Rose Margie Michele Alfie
Head of School Award		
Michael		
House of the Week		
	Falcon	

Good to see many students receiving so many awards. Well done to all.

Well done **Michael** for being awarded the **Head's Student of the Week** for settling in so well in CAL.

Kindness Awards

Louise - 1) For being a patient peer-teacher.
2) For helping with the lighting in the GCSE play

Teddy – For being supportive and welcoming to a new student.

Kurt – for helping set up M6/8 for staff meeting.

Ollie - For helping with the lighting in the GCSE play.

Farren -For helping with the lighting in the GCSE play.

Please find below the Academic Year 2023-2024 Term Dates for those who like to book their holidays in advance! We will also post these on the website.

Have an excellent Easter break everyone.

Kas Lee-Douglas
Head of School

Parent feedback

Please continue to email us at:

Londonschool@centreacademy.co.uk.



CA LONDON ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24

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 2023

Inset days: Monday 4th September 2023
Tuesday 5th September 2023

First day: Wednesday 6th September 2023
Last day: Friday 20th October **School finishes at 3pm**
Half term: Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2023
Last day of term: Friday 8th December 2023 **School finishes at 3pm**

SPRING TERM 2024

Inset day: Friday 5th January 2024

First day: Monday 8th January 2024
Last day: Friday 9th February 2024 **School finishes at 12pm (Teachers Inset 1-3pm)**
Half term: Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024
Last day of term: Friday 22nd March 2024 **School finishes at 3pm**

SUMMER TERM 2024

Inset day: Friday 12th April 2024

First day: Monday 15th April 2024
Last day: Friday 24th May 2024 **School finishes at 12pm (Teachers Inset 1-3pm)**
Half term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024
Inset day: Friday 28th of June 2024 (Graduation)
Last day of term: Friday 5th July 2024 (Sports' Day) **School finishes at 1pm**

Christmas Bank Holidays:

Monday 25th December/Tuesday 26th December 2023.
Monday 1st January 2024

Easter Bank Holidays:

Good Friday 29th March 2024
Easter Monday 1st April 2024

May Bank Holidays:

Monday 6th May 2024
Monday 27th May 2023

6 staff INSET days

Ten top tips for STRONGER PASSWORDS

Passwords continue to be the most common way to prove our identity online. A combination of a username and a password known only to the user provides access to our online accounts and data – and hopefully keeps unauthorised individuals out. As a security measure, though, passwords are relatively weak. People are often predictable in how we choose our passwords, for example – making them less secure. With increasing volumes of usernames and passwords being leaked online, what can we do to keep our data more secure? Here are our top tips for stronger passwords.

BE UNPREDICTABLE

We often choose passwords which are easy to remember: featuring the name of our favourite sports team or favourite film, for instance. Those are predictable passwords. Cyber criminals will routinely try various combinations of passwords relating to sports teams, actors, musical artists and the like – and they often focus on these during major sporting events or around high-profile movie releases.

AVOID GETTING PERSONAL

Many of us use passwords relating to our family, such as children's names or favoured holiday destinations. The problem here is that we also typically post about our holidays and our family on social media – making that information potentially visible to cyber criminals and supplying them with clues which could help them in narrowing down possible passwords we might have set.

NEW PLATFORM, NEW PASSWORD

Where cyber criminals gain access to an online service through a data breach, they often use the data they've stolen to try and access the victim's other accounts. This is because the criminals know that, for convenience, people often use the same password across different services. When we reuse passwords, our security is only as strong as the weakest site where we've used it.

LONGER IS STRONGER

Our passwords are often stored by online services in an encrypted format, in case the service suffers a data breach. The strength of this encryption, however, is dependent on the length of the password you've selected. If your password is only a short one, cyber criminals are significantly more likely to be able to break the encryption and identify your password.

CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA VISIBILITY

Staying up to date with friends and relatives on social media is part of everyday life now. We need to ensure, though, that we limit who can see our posts via each platform's privacy settings. It's also wise to consider what we're posting and if it's *really* safe to share online. If we restrict what cyber criminals can see, we reduce the chance of them using that information to identify our passwords.

Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



Source: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/>

CCTV
IN OPERATION

SECURITY

'DOUBLE LOCK' YOUR DATA

It's possible that cyber criminals may eventually discover your username and password. Enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA) on your accounts, however, reduces the chance of them obtaining access to your data, as they'd also require a code which is provided via an app, SMS message or email. MFA isn't infallible, but it *does* definitely provide extra protection and security.

DELETE UNUSED ACCOUNTS

Data breaches occur when cyber criminals gain access to an online service and all the data contained within it – including usernames and passwords. Whenever you stop using a service, it's wise to make sure that you delete your entire account and not just the actual app. If the service no longer has your data, there's zero risk of it being leaked should they suffer a data breach in the future.

TRY PASSWORD MANAGERS

Even though most of us have numerous online accounts to manage these days, it's advantageous to avoid password re-use. Specialist password management software (like Dashlane or OnePassword, among others) can help by storing a different password for every online service that you have an account with: the only one you or child will need to remember is the single master password.

GET CREATIVE

The British government's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) recommends the 'three random words' technique. This method helps you create a password which is unique, complex and long – yet which is memorable enough to stay in your mind ("FourBlueShoes", for example). The NCSC website, incidentally, also offers plenty of other useful information relating to personal cyber security.

STAY VIGILANT

The best way to protect your accounts and your data is to be vigilant and careful. If you receive an email or text message that's unusual or unexpected, treat it as suspicious until you're able to verify whether it's genuine and safe. Starting from a position of vigilance and caution will reduce the likelihood of you or your child being tricked by a malicious email, text or phone call.

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