

Dear Parents/Carers, Students & Staff,

It is most alarming how many weeks have flown by and how many few we have left before we finish for the summer on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Here are a few key dates that staff have urged me to put at the beginning of the newsletter so you do not miss any changes. We look forward to seeing you at the Options Evening and Sports' Day.

#### Dates for the diary

14 <sup>th</sup> June 4-5pm	Y9 Options Meeting for GCSE & Y9-11 Functional Skills students
15 <sup>th</sup> May – 21 <sup>st</sup> June	GCSE examinations
15 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	HSD Theatre performance (to the students only)
23rd June 2023	Leavers' Last Day
26 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	KS3 Assessment Week
30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	INSET day (Graduation of HSD & GCSE students)
6 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Sports' Day School finishes at 1pm (please inform SEN Transport)

East Soar slideshow (coffee and biscuits provided)

School finishes at 1pm (please inform SEN Transport)

4th & 5th September 2023 INSET days.

Wednesday 6th September 2023 Students return to school

#### Message from Mr Winship and Mr Dacosta – PE Teachers:

CAL Sports day 2023

5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 3pm

7th July 2023

We can confirm details for our 2023 Sports day:

Date: Thursday 6th July

Time: 10 -1 (students to school as normal day then bus to the venue)

Venue: Spencer Sports Club, SW18 3HF

Please feel free to bring a picnic (no nuts or alcohol!) and folding chairs, picnic blankets etc.

I will send out a letter nearer the time but wanted to get the date for your diaries now. Just get in touch if you have any questions **lwinship@centreacademy.co.uk** and start that training for the staff vs parents race!

Thank you as ever for your support.

#### **East Soar Residential Trip**

We had the most amazing time at East Soar Residential in Devon this year. The weather was glorious, the hills were hellish and the students showed great resilience and perseverance through the hot weather. Highlights for me were the students making new friends, showing great resilience, facing their fears and trying out new skills such as the sea kayaking.

It was a resounding success and many thanks to my hard-working staff Ms Shaker and Mr Dacosta, who volunteered their time and were literally on duty 24/7. I am most grateful for their support in making this an amazing experience for the students. We have booked it already for next year.

Although we had a Parents Teams chat during the week – we intend to have a slide show on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 3pm** for parents wishing to see all the photographs and join us for some light refreshments.

## Urban Farm Trip – Ms Raw

This week we visited a pop up farm near us in Clapham.



Members of various farms and organisations from Dartmoor gave schools the opportunity to learn a bit about farm animals, the environment and the types of vegetation that help keep the countryside and farm lands going.

Whilst having a talk about compost and how we can use every day waste to help create it and use it to boost growing vegetables with its nutrients, we discovered we had a compost expert amongst us! Alfie was so knowledgeable that the lady laughed and said she had to explain much less than usual as he spoke so well on the subject!



We learnt about moss and had the chance to view through a microscope the oxygen bubbles that form on it, despite its tiny fronds showing its contribution to the air around us. Whilst at the stand, we made some wool pom poms to help create a large piece of art — a moss wall.





At the end of the session there was a phone on the wall that one of our students answered to have a brief chat about the environment and what we had learnt.

Following on from moss we had the ground cover from the moor explained, learning about peat, the foliage and plants that create a sponge and filter for the water going into it. A very interesting fact that we have our own version of the Venus Fly Trap on a lot of our moors, absolutely tiny but it does the same thing.



We also got to meet someone from a fruit farm who showed us how apple juice is made and students had a change to mulch some apples a during the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the process.

Finally, we met farmers who had brought pigs, sheep, cows, chickens and ducks and learnt a little about tractors and had great fun taking turns sitting in one.

We had a wonderful time at the urban farm. Thank you to our Dartmoor friends for sharing such an important way of life.



Many thanks to Mr Winship, Mr Jeffrey & Ms Raw who organised and accompanied the students on the trip.

### This Week's Rewards-9th June, 2023

2	Spring term		This week					
House	total	SotW	Head of School award	Kindness	Attendance	Tokens	Total for this week	Total
Falcon	909 Winner	40	-	-	50	2	92	92
Wandle	793	60	-	10	90	2	162	162
Effra	866	40	10	20	50	-	120	120

Student of the Week						
Wandle	Falcon	Effra				
Jason- art, film studies Oscar – humanities, art George – humanities Jacob- humanities Thomas M- Kindness	Mimi- ICT Louise - Science Jake- English Farren- ICT	Leo - Science William- Art. Kindness Ethan- PE, Kindness Michele - PE				
Students	with 100% attendanc	e and on time.				
Thomas M	Kurt	Ethan				
Ahmed	Zack	Thomas W				
George	Omal	Leo				
Oscar	Noah B	Alfie				
Spencer	Louise	Ahmed				
Spencer Noah A	Louise	Ahmed				
-	Louise	Ahmed				
Noah A	Louise	Ahmed				

# House of the Week Falcon

Well done Falcon and very well done to Ethan who received the Head of School Award for completing his work experience at McDonalds the past few weeks. They thoroughly enjoyed working with Ethan and Ethan enjoyed making new friends. Thanks to Mr Jeffrey for organising this.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Kas Lee-Douglas Head of Centre Academy London

#### Parent feedback

Please continue to email us at:

Londonschool@centreacademy.co.uk.



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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 2023**

Inset days: Monday 4th September 2023

Tuesday 5th September 2023

First day: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Last day Friday 20st October School finishes at 3pm

Half term: Monday 23rd October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023
Last day of term: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 <u>School finishes at 3pm</u>

#### 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 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 20234

6 staff INSET days