

Centre Academy London

November 2015

IMPORTANT DATES & NOTICES

Dates to remember

~ **19.11.15**
PARENT
CONFERENCES
MS1, 2 & 3, US
1F & 1G

**EARLY
DISMISSAL**

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1-10.12.15
GCSE Mock
Exams

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11.12.15
Coffee
Morning

Dear Parents,

Following the changes to the administration, assessment and submission and resubmission criteria, we have had to fully review our BTEC courses. The changes mainly impact on the Level 2 and Level 3 courses.

We have therefore looked very closely at the courses on offer at CAL and have decided to transfer over to ASDAN and OCR. This is mainly an administrative change. As you know, the government has mandated that students continue with Maths and English until they reach an equivalent GCSE - A to C standard.

We have therefore planned several new courses through ASDAN and OCR, one of which is the new iMedia course at Level 2 which will be offered for the first time this academic year. Next year, we will offer the ASDAN CoPE qualification.

The Certificate of Personal Effectiveness (CoPE) is a wide-ranging qualification, the purpose of which is to enable candidates to develop and demonstrate personal, key and employability skills, to broaden their experience and manage their learning in a variety of real life contexts. This quantifies and formalises their preparedness to progress into further education, for study at level 3, for vocational training and apprenticeships, and for employment and life.

Best wishes,

Natalia Ambridge

Hats off to Centre Academy A request from Drama.

If anyone has any hats at home they no longer want, I'd really appreciate them being donated to our drama lessons. Hats are really useful and simple prop for getting students to think and act in character, and have the added advantage of not taking up much space in the classroom. All and any hats are helpful, even battered or damaged ones, from basic bobble hats or baseball caps to mother-of-the-bride extravaganzas or those comedy national ones that some might have left off from the Rugby World Cup. Many thanks, Miss Louis.



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Before the half term break we took the opportunity to develop the creative and dramatic potential of Centre Academy by having an off-curriculum day in which students prepared, then performed, Halloween themed sketches and songs.

In order to create, practice, improve and perform their scenes in just one day, the students needed to use focus, teamwork and creativity. All the students in school took part and their professionalism and enthusiasm meant that the performance of the CA Hallowe'en show was both *spooktacular* and *fantastic*. Well done to everyone that performed, especially Yasin and Michael, who took leading roles and showed a real talent for ad libbing.

Special thanks should also go to those students who helped behind the scenes, especially Adam for improving the choreography of 1F's hilarious dance routine, Annalise for writing the witty script for the Middle School sketch, and Charlotte for helping so creatively with the make-up.

We are hoping to produce some more polished drama pieces throughout the year and really give our students a chance to demonstrate their creativity and talent.

Miss Maddison and Miss Louis



NEWSLetter



LEAVERS CLUB

Although summer feels like a long time away now, I will be starting our monthly 'Lunchtime Leavers Club' to begin to prepare and think about the exciting changes of moving on from Centre Academy.

We will be having our first club on Thursday December 3rd at 12:30 in the library.

If you know that you are leaving school at the end of the year, please come along. Looking forward to seeing you all then!

Kathy

PARENTS SECTION

Letter to Parents...

I would like to invite you to join me and other parents in developing a parent association at Centre Academy that can help the school address needs to help our children.

I am a new Centre Academy parent (Gabriel's mom). Our family is also new to the country, as we moved this past summer from the US, so as a brand-new "expat" I also getting to meeting and getting to know you better!

At the parent coffee half term, I was able to speak to the Head of Centre Academy, Natalia Ambridge, to see how parents might help out.

She said the school would be very interested in parent involvement, especially with two priorities. For one, the school would welcome ideas/suggestions and resources to give the library a 'facelift'.

Second, the school would love to engage parents in student career paths. As for careers, parents could do two things: give talks or presentations regarding the work that they do and help the school make enquiries with regard to work placements.

If you are interested in being part of this group, please contact me via the address sent in the copy of the Newsletter emailed to all parents.

I look forward to meeting you and connecting in ways where we can help the school and our children.

Thanks!

Angie Donelson

Upcoming:

- Poetry Live trip 4 December 2015
- **GCSE Mock Examinations 1 - 10 December 2015**

PARENT CONFERENCES

- **REMEMBER EARLY DISMISSAL ON BOTH DAYS**
- Thursday 19th November 2015 Parent Conferences for: MS1, MS2, MS3, 1F & 1G
- Thursday 21st January 2016 Parent Conferences for: 2G, 2F, 3F, HSD1 & 2

SPORTS

- CANBURY TOURNAMENT CROSS COUNTRY RACES will take place at Richmond Park in December.
- Wednesday 2 Dec. 2015 Upper School
- Thursday 3 Dec. 2015 Middle School

CALENDAR

- Monday 2nd November 2015 Term Commences
- Thursday 19th November
- 1st December GCSE Mock Examinations commence
- Friday 4th December Poetry Live
- Friday 11th December Coffee Morning
- Friday 11th December School Finishes - 3.00 pm
- **SPRING TERM**
Tuesday 5th January 2016 Term commences
- Thursday 21st January Parent Conferences
- Monday 15th Feb. to Friday 19th Feb. Half Term
- Friday 18th March School Finishes - 3pm
- **SUMMER TERM**
Tuesday 12th April Term begins
- Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2016- . Half Term
- Thursday 7th July Prize Day/Sports Day - TERM ENDS