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NEWSletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

The term is well underway and I am very happy to report that the students have settled in well. In fact, we have noticed many of our students demonstrating a very mature attitude to their studies. Some have clearly worked and revised during the holiday period. So I would like to say 'well done' to all our students.

This week and next, the teachers are internally assessing their groups. So far the results we have had, have been very encouraging.

The log in details for *Show My Homework* were sent out to all students and parents. If you need another copy of the log in details, please let the school office know. Some parents have signed up to the service but all parents are welcome to do so.

Best wishes

Ms Natalia Ambridge
Head of School

Class news

Miss Louis

As a newcomer to Centre Academy in September, I found my first citizenship lessons with MS1 & MS2 very interesting. We were exploring the idea of 'community' and considering the different communities we all belong to.

We went on to list what the students thought were the 'community values' of the school, having first established that these values are distinct from (but underpin) its educational aims. I've done similar exercises in a broad range of mainstream and SEN schools in London. Most children in most schools can cite what they think they ought to say are their school's values, but I was really struck by three things:

those students who had been at CA for a year already wanted to include: 'building our confidence', 'sharing our worries' and 'knowing it's the right thing to join in even when it's hard' (I abbreviated the last one to fit it on our board). These were not things I have heard students declare so clearly and readily in other schools.

The speech bubbles are examples students gave of ways they showed those values in their behaviour. One of them refers to helping teachers, which is exactly what MS1 and MS2 did on the day we had a quiet lesson because I was losing my voice, and they enthusiastically and industriously designed the banners for the display.

Citizenship





Art

Ms. Parker



This term the students of 2F are very excited to be having Art lessons, as they missed out last year.

The students are creating their self-portraits, taking care to make their measurements as accurate as possible.

Judith and Dylan both said that it is "Good" to have Art lessons, Kerry Louise added, "I am enjoying it because I missed it last year" and Charlotte summed up everyone's feelings with

"I love Art, because it's relaxing and it's fun to draw myself."

Can you recognise the students from their drawings?

Notices

PGL

Dates for PGL 2016 are Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th of May at

Windmill Hill in Sussex.

The classes going this

year are MS1, MS2, MS3, 1G, 1FL and 2 FL.

An information pack has been sent home and more information will follow in the coming weeks.

HSD1 and HSD2

High School Diploma students have been made aware of various University Open Days that they could attend throughout the academic year. The notices are displayed in Mrs Fisher's classroom. Some of the Open Day dates are as follows:

Plymouth University:

Saturday 10th October and Saturday 14th November 2015

University of West London:

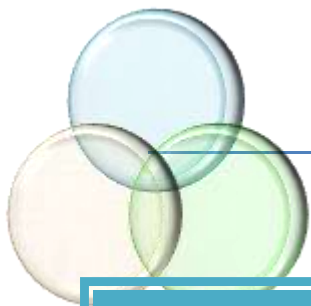
Saturday 3rd October 2015

Saturday 7th November 2015

Saturday 23rd April 2016

Saturday 22nd June 2016 and

Saturday 2nd July 2016.

**UPCOMING TRIPS****POETRY LIVE TRIP**

US2G students are scheduled to attend a Poetry Live trip at the Victoria Palace theatre on Friday 4th December 2015. This is a fascinating opportunity for GCSE English Literature students to meet some of the contemporary poets whose work they would be studying in preparation of their final GCSE examination. In addition, students would discover first-hand how these poets were inspired to write.

Summer Term MS3 Imperial War Museum

We will be studying WWI in history in the summer term and also using their understanding of the period to create some short scripts to be acted out in drama. We will concentrate on the WWI material in the museum, but there will also be time for the boys to explore the rest of the building.

Summer Term MS1 & 2 Globe Theatre

Students in this group will be exploring Elizabethan London in history and learning about Shakespeare's witches, fairies and monsters in their English lessons. This trip will be support their learning in those subjects and hopefully help to deepen their enthusiasm for drama, too.

Calendar**Autumn term 2015**

Half term: Monday 26 October 2015 to Friday 30 October 2015

Parent Conference: MS1, 2&3, 1F & 1G- Thursday 19th November 2015

GCSE Mock Examination Dates: 1st to 10th December 2015 (excluding Friday 4th December)

Friday 4th December 2015 - Poetry Live trip - 2G

Last day: Friday 11 December 2015

Spring term 2016

First day: **Tuesday 5 January 2016**

Half term: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2016

Last day: Friday 18 March 2016

Parent Conference: 2G, 2F&3F, HSD1&2 - Thursday 21st January 2016

Correction to previous date due to bank holiday

Summer term 2016

INSET: 11 April 2016 - teachers return - no school

First day: Tuesday 12 April 2016

Early May Bank Holiday Monday: Monday 2 May 2016

PGL TRIP - 3rd to 6th May 2016

Half term (includes Spring Bank Holiday) Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2016

Last day (Prize Day/Sports day): Thursday 7 July 2016