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Director - CCfL: Jeanette Lowe

Message from the Director and Headteachers

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are fast approaching the end of the Christmas Break and it has been a really busy and successful term. Read on to find out more about some of the activities and successes that have taken place last term and new ones that are planned for the new term.

Remember it is Student Review Day on January 4th when you will have an opportunity to meet with staff to discuss your child's progress and to look at next steps for further progression.

Finally could I wish you a restful and enjoyable break and thank you for your continued support in ensuring that our students attend well and continue to be as successful in the year ahead.

Amazing Displays!

KS3 Students and their tutor teams were challenged to produce a winning school display for the Autumn Term.

Every term groups showcase examples of excellent student work to illustrate progress and develop students' pride in their achievements. This term, one group was so proud of its achievements that the students wanted an extra special display. Their enthusiasm turned in to competition fever and the contest was begun!

One Capricorn student worked with the Assistant Head for Teaching and Learning to draw up success criteria for the competition. 6 student judges diligently evaluated each group's display, recording comments and scores on their checklists.

The competition was extremely close with fantastic display work seen in many classes. In 3rd place was Pisces; in 2nd place Capricorn and the winner was ... Scorpio! Well done to all the staff and students - we'll wait to see who wins next term!



Dates for the Diary

Spring Term

- 3rd January : Inset Day
- 4th January: Student Review Day
KS4 Careers Fayre
- 9th January : Mock Exam Week
Yr11 Students
- 18th January: Mock Exam Results:
Parent Meetings

Term Dates : Academic Year 2016/17

Spring Term 2017: Tuesday 3rd January - 7th April

Half-term: Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February

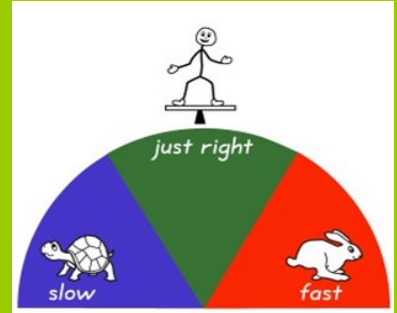
Summer term 2017: 24th April to 21st July

Half-term: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2017

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Team Challenges with Katie and Shana

Scorpio class have been doing weekly challenges with Katie (speech and language therapist) and Shana! (occupational therapist) At the beginning of each session we have thought about our bodies as engines and tried different strategies, thinking about what makes us feel fast, calm or just right. For example, for some students, listening to waterfall music made them feel calm and for others it made them feel focused and just right. We also tried things like chewy, crunchy and sour foods, different types of fidget items and liquid timers.



The class were then given a challenge to complete as a team - they had 5 minutes of planning time and 10 minutes of doing time. The class received points for completing the task (getting through a maze, rescuing Lego man out of a well, creating a tower out of spaghetti and marshmallows) and for working together as a team.

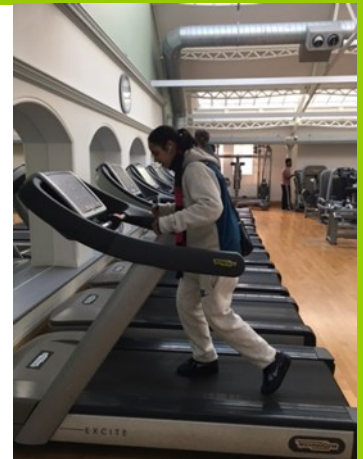


Students Excel at the Gym



A group of year 11 students have been attending the gym as part of the Thursday afternoon activities.

The students who have been attending are engaged and are learning new exercises to improve their personal fitness. Some are now very independent and can run a session by themselves. The experience has been great for them to test their fitness and to help create healthy lifestyles for their future.



Year 11 Mock Exams

Year 11 students will be sitting their mock exams the week beginning the 9th January.

They will also have the opportunity to sit Functional Skills Exams too .

All these exams will be sat under examination conditions and they are important preparation for the final year exams which are quickly approaching.

On the day of their exam please encourage your child to arrive at school on time and to hand in their phone and any personal belongings to the office as these are not allowed to be taken into the exam room.

Mock Results Day

18th January - We have a Mock Exam Parent Results Day where all parents are invited in to discuss your child's results and discuss next steps in order for your child to achieve their potential



GCSE Revision Classes

Monday Tuesday Thursday
3.00-4.00

Please encourage your child to attend

Careers Fayre

Careers Fayre 10.00-12.30 January 4th KS4 School

To support students with their Post 16 choices the CCfL and Camden Connexions have provided a Post 16 Providers Fayre where all the students can meet Education, Training and Apprenticeship providers to look at and discuss the future options open to them when they leave school.

Below is a list of the providers that will be attending on January 4th.



- Spear Training
- Let Me Play
- London Hairdressing Apprenticeship Academy
- Street League
- Camden Apprenticeship Team
- Kings Cross Construction
- London College of Beauty Therapy
- Weekend Arts College: WAC
- Harington Scheme Gardening and customer services

Parents' Forum

Parents' Forum Wednesdays 10.00-11.00am - at KS3 School

A support group for parents facilitated by members of our multi agency team:

Michael King & Teresa Reed: Families in Focus, Juliet Whitfield: School Home Support, Paul Carroll: Social Worker

Presentations have been organised and guest speakers invited on topics identified by the parents.

Parents who attended have found these forums very useful. We would love to encourage more parents to attend.

Spring Term Dates

11/1/17, 25/1/17, 8/2/17

Half Term

1/3/17, 15/3/17, 29/3/17

**ALL
ARE
WELCOME**

Governors

Our Governing Body met with parents to invite them to be part of our Governing Body

A number of parents initially showed an interest and two parents met with Jeanette Lowe and the Governing Body last term and are keen to be involved

- Aaron Rename
- Linda Plummer

We will elect these parents on to the Governing Body and if any additional parents are interested please let us know.



Girls Group—Healthy Eating

As part of the Girls group, the students have chosen to focus on developing basic cookery skills and healthy eating. The students have chosen their recipes based on their own personal choices, they have prepared, cooked and evaluated the food once cooked, looking for ways to improve it if they were cooking the recipe again. The students have worked out the cost of the recipe, purchased the ingredients for the recipes and followed the recipe. The students have shown an improvement in their basic cookery skills and have enjoyed following the recipe and trying their own food!



Art Therapy

What is Art Therapy?

Art Therapists use art materials to help young people make sense of their world. Our focus can be on feelings that may be hard to explain or even too difficult to put into words.

We aim to help young people feel more confident, find positive solutions and begin to think about themselves differently. We encourage self-expression, support emotional well-being, confidence, social skills and aim to help young people reach their full potential.

Art Therapy is a free and confidential service provided by Coram. Sessions take place in a designated room at CCfL or at Coram's Pears Pavilion which is located on our main campus near Kings Cross.

CCfL staff and Multi Agency professionals can refer students through the Multi Agency Referral Meetings (MARM) that take place every fortnight at both CCfL sites

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