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Message from the Director and Headteachers

Welcome back to the second half of our Spring term. We are now exactly at the mid-point through this academic year. Most of our students have continued to make really good progress and we need to work together to ensure all our students continue to make the best progress they possibly can.

I also want to re-emphasise the importance of good attendance and punctuality, as well as good behaviour and engagement with learning. If a student is not in school they cannot make progress. Can I thank you for working with us to support your child to attend every day.

Just a reminder that we have student review day on Friday 23rd February - this Friday -and we hope to see all of you at this time with your child. Your child's tutor should have contacted you to make a time to meet.

Thank you all for your continued support and have a great half term

Parent Forum

Challenge Yourself Celebrate
Achievement Focus on Success Learn for Life



Parent Forum

When: Thursdays 10.00-11.00am

Where: KS3 School,
Harmood Street NW1 8DP

The Parent Forum sessions will focus on the following topics next term:

- 1.3.18 : Drug and Alcohol Awareness
- 15.3.18: Getting Involved in your Child's School
- 29.3.18: Arts and Crafts Easter

Please come along to any or all of the sessions.
We would love more parents to be involved.

Meet other parents, share your ideas,
voice your concerns!

There will be refreshments!



We look forward to seeing you
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Parent Forum takes place every two weeks and is run by member of our multi agency team.

It is a great way to meet other parents and discuss things that are relevant to you.

Parents that have attended these sessions have found them really helpful.

So come along and share ideas and enjoy some lovely refreshments!!

Oracy

The Spring term saw the launch of our CCfL oracy development programme. This will provide opportunities for teaching staff and BLSAs to work together to develop all students' speaking and listening skills.

This is a cross Camden initiative designed to support young people to become increasingly confident communicators. It has included primary and secondary colleagues across the local authority working with experts to plan new learning approaches to take back and trial in their schools.

CCfL staff have seized the opportunity to create and trial exciting tasks for students. The focus for Spring has been on developing vocabulary, practising structured talk in the classroom and enabling students to identify and assess their speaking and listening skills. Formal discussion, role play, turn-taking, observing and debating are evident in lessons with students sharing and expressing their views increasingly clearly and enthusiastically.



History

This half term students at KS3 have been learning about Crime and Punishment during the 1800s. The focus of our learning has been **Why Robert Peel Changed the Police Force.**

As home secretary he set up the first metropolitan police force in 1829. Students had to use a number of sources and film to work out the reasons for the changes he made. Incidentally a public house on the corner of Queens Crescent and Malden Road is named after him and students were able to engage better in the lesson by having a locally recognised landmark included in their learning.

We are looking to recruit parent Governors



Parent Governor

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

Our Governors do a fantastic job supporting the school

If you are interested in being part of our Governing Body talk to a member of school staff or a Governor.

Governors will be attending the Student Review Day this Friday.



Safer Internet

Get the conversation started on a positive note!!!



Safer Internet - this is a fantastic opportunity to have a conversation with children about using the internet safely, responsibly and positively.

Whether you are a parent, grandparent, foster carer, aunt, uncle or older sibling - we can all play a role in empowering children to enjoy their time online!

This year, the UK Safer Internet Centre is particularly focusing on the role of the internet in young people's lives in terms of their relationships and digital wellbeing.

These conversation starters are a great way to help you talk about these issues with children.

What have you created?

Do you like to be creative online?

(It could be anything from a picture or video to creating their own games, sites or apps.)

The internet offers brilliant opportunities for making connections with others.

What do you like most about the internet and why?

What's your favourite game/app/site?

Who do you like to keep in touch with online and what apps/-services do you use?

PSHE and Citizenship

The learning focus this half term has been about Human Rights and British Law. Students at KS3 have had to recap some of the learning they did last term and explore what **multiculturalism** means in the UK today. They will continue this topic into next term by developing their understanding of how challenging it is to balance basic human rights alongside their everyday legal rights as citizens. We have also had the opportunity to mark **Holocaust Memorial Day** in a Citizenship lesson which looked at the experience of Holocaust Survivors. This year's theme, **the power of words** gave students the opportunity talk about how words that are spoken can have a lasting and damaging effect on people's lives.



Dates for the Diary

Spring Term 2018: Wednesday 3rd January - 29th March

- 23rd February: Student Review Day
- 16th April: Student Review Day

Term Dates : Academic Year 2017/18
Spring Term 2018: Wednesday 3rd January -29th March

Half-term: Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February

Summer term 2018: 16th April to 25th July

Half-term: Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June 2018

Christmas Jumper Day 2017



Staff and governors took part in the annual Save the Children Christmas Jumper day again this year—we managed to raise £53. We would love to see some of the pupils get involved next year so here is advanced warning for next year!!!

Dig out those fabulous Christmas Jumpers to raise money for a great cause!

