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## The Courtyard Fortnightly Newsletter - Friday 30 June 2023

### Headteacher Update

#### Strike Action

Members of the NEU have voted in overwhelming numbers to take strike action for a fully funded, above-inflation pay rise. All of our teachers are members of the NEU and are therefore eligible to participate in the strike action on **Wednesday 5th July** and **Friday 7th July 2023**.

With this in mind, the school has adjusted its timetable on the two days to cause as little disruption as possible.

**Wednesday 5th July**—the school will only be open to those students performing in the school's production of *Midsummer Night's Dream*. The remaining students are asked to stay at home on this day.

**Friday 7th July**—All students are expected to attend school for our first day of Activities Week (see below). The day will start as normal as 8:55am.

#### Activities Week

The Courtyard hosts an Activities Week at the end of each academic year. The intention is for students to enjoy the wealth of activities that London has to offer, spending time together and celebrating their achievements.

This year's Activities Week will begin on Friday 7th July and finish on Thursday 13th July.

#### Activities

<u>Day</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Vue Cinema / Highbury Fields
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Clissold Park – picnic/games
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Oxygen Free Jumping
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Museums around London
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	KB02 – adult Soft Play

The cost for activities week will be **£25** and needs to be paid by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July via ParentPay**. Please contact the school office if you require support with payment.

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### **Midsummer Night's Dream**

I am delighted that the Courtyard is performing Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream next week.

The students and staff have been preparing for this performance for a number of weeks

We are inviting all students, parents and member of our school community to the performances on Wednesday 5th July and Thursday 6th July at 5pm.

The performances will take place at our St David's site which will be transformed into a set fit for the Globe Theatre using set design and props created by our students.

I look forward to seeing you there.

### **End of Year Reports**

Staff have been busily completing their comments for your child's end of year report. It has been a really successful year for the school and I'm sure you will see this achievement in the reports.

Reports will be shared with parents via email on Friday 14th July. This will give you the opportunity to contact teachers during the final week of term should you need to.

I ask you to read your child's report carefully with your child. They have worked very hard this year and this should be celebrated at home as well.

### **Leaver's Celebrations**

**Thursday 6th July at 2:15pm**

The end of the academic year is always a time to celebrate achievement but also one where we say goodbye to a number of students as they transfer to a new setting to continue their journey towards achieving their potential.

We are inviting all parents, where your child is leaving or not, to join us at the Courtyard for this celebration. Refreshments will be provided.

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## Supporting parents and carers

In April 2020 the London Violence Reduction Unit funded the Islington and Camden Parental Support Project to provide community based, peer-to-peer support to families as part of a public health approach to violence reduction.

The multi-level prevention programme is delivered by a small team based in Islington's VAWG and Youth Safety Service who provide:

- Comprehensive online training offer to parents and carers
- Transition to secondary school support for year 6/7 children and their families
- 1:1 support, mental health and therapeutic support to parents and carers

Violence Reduction Parent Champion programme with an active group of parent champions who organise their own training sessions, speak at public engagements, communicate directly with their peers, and provide peer to peer support.

In order to further support parents of young learners within the community they are running the following two webinars:

### [Helping Parent/Carers to understand how to support young people who self-harm](#)

Date: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Time: 6pm-8pm

Lead Speaker: Dr Lucy Payne

Parent Empowerment Champions: Zinze Bishop and Denise Marshall

### [Understanding the impact of trauma on young people](#)

Date: Thursday 13th July 2023

Time: 18:00 - 20:00

Lead Speaker: Dr Julia Jenkinson and Debbie Felix

Dr Julia who is a clinician, has had several years of experience of working with young people, who have experienced trauma. Debbie is one of the Parent Empowerment Champion's across Islington and Camden.

Between them they will give a toolbox of advice, tips, and guidance of how to support young people. This webinar is designed for parents and carers who have children aged between ten and 18.

[FOR MORE WEBINARS PLEASE CLICK HERE.](#)

## SPRING TERM FORTNIGHTLY SUBJECT FOCUS

Week Beginning	Monday 3rd July	Monday 10th July
<b>Maths Entry Level</b>	Key number skills revision	Activities Week
<b>Maths FSL1</b>	Revision of year	Activities Week
<b>Maths GCSE</b>	Topics Revision	Activities Week
<b>Maths Statistics</b>	Problems that you might encounter with	Activities Week
<b>English Entry Level</b>	Poetry, Prose and Performance	Poetry, Prose and Performance
<b>English FSL1</b>	Shakespeare, Poetry and Performance	Shakespeare, Poetry and Performance
<b>English GCSE Lang Group 2</b>	20th Century Non-Fiction	20th Century Non-Fiction
<b>English GCSE Lit Group1</b>	Macbeth	Macbeth
<b>ICT Informatics</b>	2x Coding Tasks	2x Coding Tasks
<b>ICT FSL1 &amp; 2</b>	Quizzes	Activities Week
<b>ICT Entry 1-3</b>	Quizzes	Activities Week
<b>Science BTEC Applications</b>	Coursework - explore the factors that affect human health	Activities Week
<b>Science Entry Level</b>	Assessment/ Quizzes	Activities Week
<b>French</b>	End of year assessment	Activities Week
<b>Home Cooking</b>	Practical Lesson	Practical lesson
<b>Hospitality</b>	Working in a safe and hygienic manner and storing food items	Practical lesson
<b>PSD</b>	Be able to explain what skills you could	Activities Week
<b>WorkSkills BTEC</b>	<p><b>New Spec:</b> Take part in an interview</p> <p><b>Old Spec:</b> Auditing our skills : Know own performance as a member of a team, Identify areas of good performance as a member of a team, Identify areas for improvements for working as part of a team</p>	<p><b>New Spec:</b> Take part in an interview</p> <p><b>Old Spec:</b> Auditing our skills : Know own performance as a member of a team, Identify areas of good performance as a member of a team, Identify areas for improvements for working as part of a team</p>
<b>P.E.</b>	Dodgeball	Activities Week
<b>Performing Arts BTEC</b>	Exploring Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night's dream	Exploring Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night's dream
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<b>World Studies</b>	Topics Revision	Activities Week
<b>Art</b>	Topics Revision	Activities Week
<b>Independence group 1</b>	<p><b>Public Transport:</b> To be able to take the bus and go to the shop independently and safely.</p> <p><b>PSHE:</b> To be able to identify, understand and conduct different types of relationships.</p>	
<b>Independence group 2</b>	<p><b>Food:</b> To understand the diverse range of foods, trying new foods, planning and preparing meals safely and independently.</p> <p><b>Social communication/ neurodiversity:</b> To understand how to go to the shop safely and independently .</p>	

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## A SNAPSHOT OF THE LAST TWO WEEKS

