



Newsletter

CITY GATEWAY
COLLEGE TOWER HAMLETS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parent / Guardian

So much has happened over the past few weeks that we have decided to publish an extra Christmas Newsletter!

In November, as part of Global Entrepreneurship Week, CGC hosted an **Inspiration Evening**, with guest speakers sharing the highs and lows of their careers as innovators in business, media and sport.

Students and alumni spent the interval networking with our visitors and sampling some cutting edge High Protein Donuts from Jim Buddy's, who kindly sponsored the event. The students fed back that the evening was 'very inspirational and interactive' - and that they hope to meet even more professionals from other industries in future.



The following week was Careers Day, with industry experts coming to support our students with interview skills. Every student at CGC receives a 1:1 Careers

interview and can drop in to get advice and guidance from our Careers Team **every lunchtime**. Please visit the **Careers page** (under the **'Parents/Carers'** section on our website) for more information and links to great websites about jobs, apprenticeships and training. This Friday, CGC students are hosting Spirit of Enterprise, a community day with food, fun for local children and hopefully lots of fundraising for our charity of the year, Whizz-Kidz, who support children with disabilities.

Please follow us on social media or visit our website in the coming weeks for photos from the day.

I want to remind our students, parents and guardians that keeping staff, students and visitors safe on site continues to be a high priority for the college. In my last letter I informed you that a metal detecting arch would be installed at 2 main entrances to the college and can now confirm that these will be in operation from the end of January 2018.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via the main office. Alternatively, visit our website to view our policies, which are saved under **'Key Documents'**.

Finally I want to wish all our students and families an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas and New Year. I look forward to seeing many of you at the next **Student Review Day** on Wednesday 17th January 2018.

Best wishes,

Martin Nirsimloo
Principal

Parent Governor Vacancy

Parent Governors can make an extremely valuable contribution to the way schools are run, helping to make strategic decisions for the benefit of all students.

Since opening nominations we have had one application for the role of Parent Governor. We will have more information on the outcome in the New Year.



Online Safety Update

At CGC we are always keen to work with parents and carers to keep young people safe. As technology gives us more opportunities for digital communication and expression, it is important for us all to be having conversations with young people about staying safe online. The **Safeguarding** section under the **Parents/Carers** menu on the CGC website provides links to helpful information, including an updated link to a fantastic website called **Net Aware**. In addition, if you are thinking of getting any of your children a bluetooth/wireless enabled device this Christmas, check out a recent investigation that found these can pose a safety risk, as strangers can hack these devices, enabling them to speak to children. Search for 'Which? connected toys report' for more information.



Student Reports

Your child's latest report is also included with this newsletter.

Please get in touch with your child's Student Journey Lead (**SJL**) / Progression Coach (**PC**) if you have any questions AND to book an appointment for the next **Student Review Day** on **Wed 17th January 2018**, when staff will be available to discuss your child's progress.

If you are unsure who your child's SJL / PC is, contact **Jonny Wright** (john.wright@citygatewayap.org.uk) for year 10 and 11 students or **Syra German** (syra.german@citygatewayap.org.uk) for year 12, 13 and 14 students.

Keeping in Touch with CGC

For any queries regarding a specific student, please contact the young person's **Student Journey Lead** (KS5) or **Progression Coach** (KS4) directly. In addition, the *Designated Safeguarding Officer* for City Gateway College is **Karin Compton**, Assistant Principal for Inclusion, who can be contacted specifically regarding safeguarding concerns.

Calendar

Christmas Break: Thursday 21 December 2017 - Tuesday 2 January 2018

Term 3: Thursday 4 January 2018 - Friday 9 February 2018 (INSET DAY: Wednesday 3 Jan)

Student Review Day: Wednesday 17 January 2018

Half Term: Monday 12 February 2018 - Friday 16 February 2018

KS5 Open Evening: Thursday 22 February 2018

Term 4: Monday 19 February 2018 - Thursday 29 March 2018

Easter Break: Friday 30 March 2018 - Friday 13 April 2018

Term 5: Monday 16 April 2018 - Friday 25 May 2018

Half Term: Monday 28 May 2018 - Friday 1 June 2018

Term 6: Monday 4 June 2018 - Tuesday 24 July 2018



UPCOMING EVENTS

SPIRIT OF
ENTERPRISE

Spirit of
Enterprise

15th December 2017

Students will bring their skills and subject knowledge to life, creating festive community projects and raising money for our chosen charity Whizz-Kidz.

PASSION
FOR FASHION

Fashion &
Enterprise

20th February 2018

Students will get a taster of a dynamic industry that is estimated as being worth £28 billion to the UK economy.

For any enquiries please feel free to contact the main reception on 020 3727 6300 or email us at info@citygatewayap.org.uk