



Newsletter

CITY GATEWAY
COLLEGE TOWER HAMLETS

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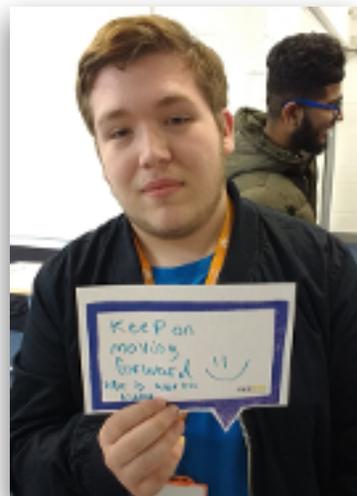
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the first edition of our quarterly newsletter, containing highlights from the year so far.

In August, we celebrated some great exam results which you can read about on our website.

To help our students develop skills for the future, we are investing in **Active Citizenship & Enterprise (ACE)**, a programme of events and activities that support learning outside the classroom. So far, volunteers from companies across London have worked with our students on an enterprise challenge and a personal finance day. Future events will explore other industries, such as fitness and fashion. We have also joined in with international celebrations, such as **World Mental Health Day** and **Black History Month**.

Another priority that I want to highlight is student safety and wellbeing. You can view all our policies (Behaviour, Attendance, E-safety, Safeguarding etc.) on our website under '**Key Documents**' or request them from the main office. We have also created a section for parents and carers, signposting you to helpful information about keeping your children safe. Select '**Parents/Carers**' from the options at the top, then select '**Safeguarding**'. Please contact us to suggest any other topics that you would like to see in this section.



As part of ongoing measures promoting student safety, the Governing Body have agreed that a metal detecting arch will be installed at 2 main entrances to the college. The decision has been taken in consultation with the police and is part of wider initiatives promoting student safety, both within and outside college.

We expect the arches to be in operation soon. Students are already expected to sign a '**Fresh Start**' agreement, which summarises our expectations around behaviour, mutual respect and prohibited items, therefore we hope that students and families will see how this latest development contributes to maintaining a calm college environment where everyone can feel safe. If you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via the main office.

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 Lead** for City Gateway College is **Karin Compton**, Assistant Principal for Inclusion, who can be contacted specifically regarding safeguarding concerns.

I hope you enjoy this term's newsletter and look forward to seeing many of you at the next **Student Review Day on Wednesday 17th January 2018**.

Best wishes,

Martin Nirsimloo

Principal





Thinking of being a parent governor?..

Parent Governor Vacancy

City Gateway College is looking to appoint a parent governor to work with the senior leaders on strategic planning and decision making for the benefit of the students.

Here are some reasons why people might become school governors:

- To represent the views of parents and carers and support the local community
- To contribute some experience / knowledge about working with young people
- To contribute other experience / knowledge such as finance, legal knowledge, etc.

The parent governor would be nominated and elected by other parents and would usually meet the following criteria:

- Be available to attend meetings / visit the college at least twice a term
- Be interested in supporting the college, for the benefit of all the students
- Be able to complete a small amount of admin, such as reading or contributing to paperwork that is discussed in governors meetings
- Willing to support the ethos and mission of City Gateway College
- Agree to complete an enhanced DBS check

Please visit our website or contact the school office at 020 3727 6300 to make an appointment with the Principal to know more about this role.

Student Reports

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

Please get in touch with your child's Student Journey Lead / Progression Coach if you have any questions. We hope to see you at the next **Student Review Day, which will be on Wed 17th January 2018**, when staff will be available to discuss your child's progress.

Careers Support

Our aim is that each student moves on from City Gateway College with the skills and experience needed to thrive in further education, apprenticeships or employment.

Our Careers offer to all students includes:

- 1:1 careers interview
- Careers events and work-related trips
- A daily lunch time drop-in (help with CVs, job searches etc.)

As part of our Careers Education programme, each student can gain credits and work towards a Prince's Trust **Personal Development & Employability** qualification.

Calendar



Term 2: Monday 30 October - Wednesday 20 December 2017

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)

Half Term: Monday 12 February 2018 - Friday 16 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



Inspirational Evening

16th November 2017

As part of a global celebration of entrepreneurship, KS5 students who have shown outstanding commitment to their studies in term 1 will hear from successful individuals who have made their mark in business, media and sport.



Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance

Careers Day

22nd November 2017

Every student will meet employers and attend a range of skills workshops throughout the day.

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.