

13th Dec 2023



## Principal's weekly update for parents and carers

*This is our weekly update to keep you informed of upcoming events and weekly successes.*

### Key Dates for your Diary

Thursday 14th December	Awards Evening 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Monday 18th December	Winter Concert 5:30pm to 7:00pm

### Deloitte - Women in Technology Workshop Year 10 and Year 12

Four female staff from Deloitte came in to discuss the importance of women in technology and what it entails. I was especially interested by the fact that even with little to no experience in technology, it was possible for these women of all different backgrounds to find a career in technology. It really inspired me to look more into that field as I was surprised to hear of the amazing stories that the women had gained from working in Deloitte. **Mya L**

One story that specifically stood out to me was about how a woman was one of 150 employees: being the only female in the workplace. She had to surpass the microaggressions from her coworkers and stand her ground in order to gain their respect. The fact that there were also no female toilets in the workplace further emphasises the exclusion she faced. She was really passionate about women changing the social divide that had been established in her workplace and that was really inspiring. **Itamara**

### Winter Concert

The Performing Arts department are pleased to welcome all members of the COLAI community to come together to celebrate the festive period at our annual winter concert on *Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023* at *5.30pm* in *St James' Church, N1 8PH*. Students have been preparing a number of musical and dramatic performances to help you get into the festive spirit.

We look forward to welcoming you!

### Trips and Visits

Y7 Netball vs Elizabeth Garrett Anderson – Won 7-1!

Chances Trip to Emirates where students in Y9 and 10 got to meet Arsenal players as part of the project they are participating in.

Combined Cadet Force Camp.



## Celebrating Success

<i>Shaylene L</i>	11	Excellent start in her new English class - well done!	<i>Ms Theodotou</i>
<i>Victoria R</i>	10	Excellent work in Geography with practice exam questions, well done!	<i>Miss Begum</i>
<i>Jeanette A</i>	7	Great contributions, excellent work and looking out for others.	<i>Ms Maloney</i>
<i>Jennifer N</i>	10	For showing kindness and empathy.	<i>Chelsea (PSM)</i>
<i>Jayson S</i>	11	Contributing lots to Geography lessons.	<i>Ms Maloney</i>
<i>Shasha A</i>	7	Shasha has great insights into our class reading book, plus she has given me lots of interesting book recommendations. She is a fantastic reviewer!	<i>Ms Esber</i>
<i>CJ E</i>	11	Congratulations CJ on your hard work and determination, which has resulted in you being named as a Prefect.	<i>Mr Courtney-Pinn</i>
<i>Carla G</i>	9	Started thinking seriously and logically about her options for Year 10.	<i>Ms Theodotou</i>
<i>Maya R</i>	10	For always being incredibly polite.	<i>Chelsea (PSM)</i>
<i>Benny H</i>	8	Benny regularly greets me in the corridor and it always makes me smile!	<i>Ms Esber</i>
<i>Tia S &amp; Rae W-W</i>	10 & 9	Well done to both girls, who presented brilliantly when speaking to the Governors of the school.	<i>Mr Courtney-Pinn</i>

**Congratulations to the following students who earned the most achievement points in their year group last week**

<b>7</b>	Sanae-Rose D	Qayum A	Sienna H
<b>8</b>	Brandon-J B	Tiago F	Cindy D
<b>9</b>	Teddy F	Jessie C-T	Kaitlin C
<b>10</b>	Alissa S	Jahmai N-W	Cedrik M
<b>11</b>	Bailey A	Zaharaa A	Nicole H-M



## Winter Holidays

02-05 January, 2024

A Winter programme gives eligible young people the chance to enjoy a range of free holiday activities where they will also be offered free meals.

It is offered to Islington residents who are enrolled in schools from Reception to Year 11 (aged 4 to 16 years old) and who meet at least one of the following conditions:

- *receive benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM).*
- *has an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP).*
- *can be referred by a social worker, family support worker or other professional.*
  
- *To find out what's on and to book places you need to be registered on the central booking system.*
- *Already registered – then just click the Bookings button on the webpage from the link below.*
- *Not registered – go to the webpage and follow the steps to registering.*

[www.islington.gov.uk/lunchbunch](http://www.islington.gov.uk/lunchbunch)

**FREE!**

**Holiday Activities**  
with Lunch

Activities running 2-5 January 2024 - there's something for everyone!  
To find out more and register, see [islington.gov.uk/LunchBunch](http://islington.gov.uk/LunchBunch)

And there is more...

This winter Islington are offering young people and families a food hamper and a £12.00 Tesco voucher to make three delicious meals to share with family or friends, at home. Why not give cooking a try or if you already enjoy cooking give these recipes a go!

To get a hamper all you need to do is book a hamper using our booking system.

If you need any help with registering or booking places or a hamper: please contact The Lunch Bunch Team

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