

27th Feb 2024



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 7th March	Year 13 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 6:30pm
Thursday 14th March	Year 7 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 6.30pm

City Schools Chess Tournament 2024

On a wet dreary February morning, the COLAI chess team bounded off the bus, and through the 'Potter-esque' Great Swan Alley to the Guildhall to play at the annual City Schools Chess Tournament.

Entering the grand hall, filled with row upon row of chess boards, the students took some time to soak in the atmosphere, and of course get a glimpse of the competition from the other schools. Abdul, a local chess legend became our COLAI coach for the morning and helped our team with an abundance of tips and tricks to prepare them for success. He realised we were tough competitors as even Jaiden and Jake managed to outsmart some of his more tricky chess challenges. Omar was keen to take on any chess challenge, and Teddy was ready to become a Grand Master!

Miss F. McKnight
LRC Manager



Trips

KS4 Islington trampolining competition at Beacon High – Ela P and Mya L finished the competition in joint first place!

Performing Arts trip to see Hamilton.

Year 7 Netball league at Highbury Grove. The A team won all their matches!

Year 10 boys basketball competition at Central Foundation. The player of the day was Reiss B.

Year 11 boys football vs Highbury Grove.

MFL trip to Spain (Madrid).



Celebrating Success

Congratulations to the following students who have had an amazing last half term

Year 7 Shout Outs

<i>Ms Malkin's tutor group</i>	They earned 590 achievement points last half term! This was the most in the year group!
<i>Kiera M</i>	Kiera earned over 50 achievement points during the last half term!
<i>Sarah O</i>	Sarah makes the most of the opportunities available at COLAI – she plays for the netball team and recently attended a debating competition!
<i>Leonat K</i>	Leonat always has an excellent attitude in PE and is a great leader for others!
<i>Safia A</i>	Excellent effort and attitude!
<i>Sienna H</i>	All round leader, excellent attitude in all her subjects.

Year 8 Shout Outs

<i>Maahir A</i>	Earned 52 achievement points across the term – great job!
<i>Adonay M</i>	For always being resilient and working hard in lessons, earning a total of 57 achievement points last term!
<i>Shantell Correa S</i>	For representing the school at a year 7 and 8 basketball tournament!
<i>Precious V</i>	For showing resilience and coming into school every day ready to learn with a smile on her face!
<i>Alfie P</i>	For making a great start to life at COLAI and working hard in lessons.
<i>Kai B</i>	Being a consistent student with 100% attendance and excellent attitude to learning in all lessons.
<i>Heidy G R</i>	For always being polite to staff and greeting them beautifully every day!
<i>Gracie B</i>	For always getting the basics right and showing integrity in everything she does!
<i>Mert P</i>	For being polite and encouraging others to get it right too!



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Year 9 Shout Outs

<i>Ms Francis-Clarke's tutor group</i>	Wow – the top achieving tutor group in the Academy with 619 achievement points last half term!
<i>Teddy F</i>	Incredible from Teddy! He earned 60 achievement points last term!
<i>Students attending the Spain trip</i>	Ms Wilding, Ms Nieto and Mr Segal said you were a credit to the Academy!
<i>Morgan S</i>	Showing exceptional kindness and making all members of the community feel welcome.
<i>Ella P</i>	Working extremely hard in her English lessons and improving on her vocabulary- using GCSE terms already.
<i>Qanit A-M</i>	Showing a real improvement in engagement in lessons.
<i>Damien G</i>	Consistently being brilliant in lessons - always working hard and being great in cadets.
<i>Dillon J</i>	For being a mature young adult and asking for help to make things right- so much respect for this!

Year 10 Shout Outs

<i>Olivia H</i>	Worked extremely hard during assessment week and her attitude to learning has been excellent.
<i>Nathan S</i>	Making excellent progress across all of his subjects through hard work and acting on feedback.
<i>Caleb F</i>	Demonstrated a real maturity in his conduct and his attitude to learning.
<i>Tia S</i>	Attended every morning revision session and has been praised by teachers for her efforts.
<i>Alissa S</i>	Excellent role model to peers and younger students and has made outstanding progress.



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Year 11 Shout Outs

<i>Evinda B</i>	<i>100% attendance, 100% punctuality, 0 behavior points and some outstanding reports from class teachers.</i>
<i>Maxwell L</i>	<i>Outstanding attitude to learning across all of his subjects. A true role model to others who want to get it right.</i>
<i>Rocco H</i>	<i>Working very hard to achieve some excellent progress levels in his GCSE examinations. Polite, well mannered and well behaved in class.</i>
<i>Emma M</i>	<i>Working very hard in her core subjects to get the grades she needs to get to the next stage of her education. Has been very pro-active with her learning and post 16 work.</i>
<i>Kiki H</i>	<i>Has made outstanding progress over the month after a difficult period. Working very hard in class and doing the right thing around the school.</i>

Trip highlights from last term

“The Most Precious of Goods” Theatre Trip

On Tuesday 23rd January, a group of Year 9 and 10 students went to watch ‘The Most Precious of Goods’ at the Marylebone Theatre in Baker Street. Students were selected due to their excellent work in performing arts and humanities, and enjoyed great seats watching Samantha Spiro perform a one-woman storytelling monologue. The show was well-crafted to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day, sharing the story of a Jewish child thrown from a moving train. Our students were very mature and impressed in a following Q&A, asking insightful questions to further their knowledge of the history and the dramatic intentions behind the performance.

Mr C. Porter

Speaker’s Club

We have been fortunate enough to receive a variety of excellent speakers through our extracurricular 'Speakers' Club'. Our Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 students have had the opportunity to hear from an aeronautical engineer, private equity bankers and even MP Emily Thornberry. We feel exceptionally privileged to hear the stories, journeys and paths of these speakers, and have our students be exposed to such wonderful opportunities. This enrichment is every Thursday after school in 102 - do come and join!

Ms A. Theodotou