



This is our update to keep you informed of upcoming events and successes at the academy

Dates for your diary

Monday 25th - 29th May

Summer Half Term Break

Finsbury Park Athletics

On Thursday 30th April, students took to Finsbury Park athletics track for an exciting day of athletics in truly beautiful weather.

The sunshine set the perfect scene as competitors gave their all across a range of events, showcasing determination, teamwork, and impressive athletic ability. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and sportsmanship on display, making the competition a memorable and successful occasion for everyone involved.



As a team, we collected almost 20 podium medals from the track events with special mentions going to Selena G, Prinelle A, Daniel A and Jeremiah O who managed to achieve gold in their respective races. Field event results are set to follow next week. We look forward to trying improve our results next year!

Mr Vassie, Ms Wilding, Mr Norris and Mr Haastrup

Selena G	Y7	100m	2nd
Josiah	Y7	100m	3rd
Tayo	Y8	100m	2nd
Daniel A	Y9	100m	1st
Prinelle	Y7	200m	1st
Selena	Y7	200m	1st
Jesse	Y7	200m	2nd
Kaliyaah	Y9	200m	2nd
Brooklyn	Y7	300m	2nd
Theo J	Y8	300m	2nd
Jeremiah	Y8	300m	1st
Nahiah	Y9	300m	3rd
Lili-Star	Y9	300m	3rd
Y7 Girls Relay	Prinelle, Selena, Scarlett & Daisy	4x100	2nd
Y9 Girls Relay	Nevaya, Lili-Star, Kaliyaah & Naiha	4x100	2nd
Y9 Boys Relay	Daniel, Ryan, Hajid & Zuhair	4x100	2nd



The Year 10 Junior NBA 3 v 3 Basketball

Six of our Year 9 girls took part in the Year 10 Junior NBA 3 v 3 Basketball Central London Regional School Qualifier at The Black Prince Sports Centre in Kennington. Hosted by Jenelle Grant, ex NCAA Division One athlete and representative for the Junior NBA, students went against six other schools for the chance to compete in the London finals in Trafalgar Square.

Despite not making it through the finals, the girls played valiantly, pushing each team they played against to produce their best. We look forward to taking the same team back next year to try to change the result!





Student Lanyards and ID Cards

Please be reminded that all students are required to wear their school lanyards with their ID cards, as these are part of the required Academy uniform.

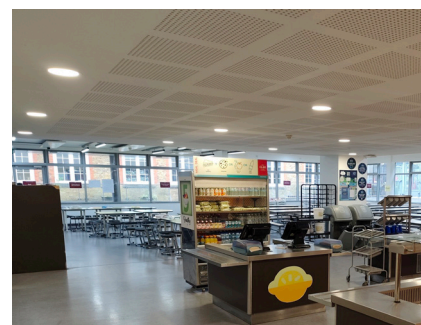
Please ensure that your child brings their lanyard and ID badge to school daily. If your child has lost their lanyard, cardholder or ID badge, replacements can be purchased via ParentPay.

Thank you for your support.

Breakfast Club

From 7.20am our Dining Hall is a safe, supportive place to which Year 10 and Year 11 students can bring their own revision resources and get input from their teachers as well as freshly made toast.

This will continue through the exam period, with some days devoted to particular subject warm-up sessions, depending on which external exam is scheduled that day.



2026 Year 11 Prom Crowdfunder

We are excited to share that we have launched a crowdfunding project to help raise £5,000 towards the 2026 Year 11 Prom.

Your support would make a real difference, and any contribution - no matter how small - would be greatly appreciated. We would also be very grateful if you could share the link with any local businesses or others who may be willing to support this wonderful event.

Depending on how much we raise, the funds could help reduce the overall cost of prom tickets for parents and carers.

You can find full details and make a donation using the link below:

Year 11 Prom Event 2026

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/year-11-prom-event-2026>

Thank you so much for your generosity, continued support, and for helping us create a truly memorable celebration for our students





Shout Outs

George G	Year 7	George showed exceptional resilience and integrity in working hard to understand a challenging concept in mathematics. All week he has impressed me with his display of the COLAI values, especially doing the right thing when nobody is looking.
Hashir S	Year 7	Hashir has made a fantastic start in 7ma4 earning 12 achievement points for his use of the learning habits and sharing his thinking in full sentences in his first lesson with Miss Hippolyte!
Dia D	Year 8	Fantastic persistence and integrity with her homework.
Moziah B	Year 7	Making great use of time to dilligently check over quiz.
Lee-Paris W	Year 10	Superbly argued and passionate explanation of why a certain politican was not a worthy role-model in Lee-Paris's PSHE class on the 16th April. Well done!
Fatma C	Year 7	Consistently working hard in lessons - keep it up!
Maira M	Year 7	Consistently worked hard in lessons - keep it up!
Jimmy N	Year 9	Since starting in the group Jimmy has worked hard to be sure that he asks questions, excellent use of STAR and always pays attention.
Yara A	Year 11	Progressively increasing her test scores paper to paper- its clear she is putting in a lot of work to cover newly learnt content.
Lili Thomas-F	Year 9	Lili asked some exceptionally smart and nuanced questions in History today (22nd April) in order to understand The Troubles and why they began. Well done!
Alexa W	Year 10	Great attitude in her science lessons, she has been very enthusiastic about the new Ecology topic we have been learning about this week.
Jordan L	Year 7	Great focus in class and putting a lot of effort in his work.
Millie C	Year 7	Putting a lot of effort in her work - keep it up!
Yevai J	Year 10	Yevai has worked exceptional hard all week and was very helpful in managing class resources Friday when we changed over between two teachers over a double. She was proactive, responsible and respectful, making it easier for the teacher to teach and for others to learn.
Kaylen M	Year 7	Kaylen Mabika has moved up 9 levels in Sparx due to consistent effort. He shows exceptional determination and drive to succeed
Matthew F	Year 11	Matthew has shown exceptional humility and courage in trying to find and fix his mistakes and contributing to our classroom culture of error. Impressive integrity and respect, which is the COLAI way.
Dillon J	Year 11	Well done for your hard work and effort in your science cover lesson.
Elora N	Year 10	Excellent effort in Religious Studies - Asking for additional questions and resources.
Mahdi M	Year 10	Great focus and effort in religious studies intervention.
Lee -Paris W	Year 10	Excellent focus in lessons and great effort in revision sessions.



Important Update: Free School Meals from September 2026

From September 2026, changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility linked to Universal Credit (UC) will come into effect.

If your household receives Universal Credit, your child may be eligible for Free School Meals under the new arrangements. We strongly encourage families to check their eligibility and apply if appropriate, as FSM registration can provide important support for your child and additional funding for the school. Applications are made directly through Islington Council and are confidential.

Apply or check eligibility here:

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/help-with-childcare-and-family-costs/free-school-meals-and-uniform-grant>

If you need any help with the application process or would like to discuss your circumstances, please contact the school admin office and ask to speak to Mr Ranger, who will be happy to support you.

ParentPay – Gentle Reminder

Just a quick heads-up to please check your ParentPay balance and top up your child's account if they're not currently receiving Free School Meals (FSM) and are buying snacks at break or hot lunches at lunchtime. If you think your child might be eligible for FSM, you can apply online through Islington Council. It's straightforward and confidential and doing so could also bring in extra funding for the school.

Apply here:

[Islington Council – Free school meals & uniform grant application \[islington.gov.uk\]](#)

To apply, you'll need to register and log in to the Citizens Portal - you can do that at the bottom of the page.

[\[islington.gov.uk\]](#), [\[ems.isling...chools.net\]](#)

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