

CFBS Newsletter

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Central Foundation's 2011 GCSE are in the top 10 of all schools in London

The *Evening Standard* published an article at the end of December that listed the top 10 schools for GCSE outcomes for students on Free School Meals which included Central Foundation.

This is quite an achievement given that London contains 800 secondary schools. The article was based on a research project carried out by the Social Reform Group which reviewed the outcomes of all schools in the country for children on Free School Meals.

We had realised that our results were good but not that they were so impressive in compari-

son with all other London schools. This is a great achievement for the school and is a consequence of the dedicated work of the staff and students.



Student in class

The article can be found at the following link:

<http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/standard/article-24022173-state-pupils-from-poorer-homes-do-best-in-capital.do>

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The Key Project

January sees the launch of an exciting new project to ensure that as many as possible of Central Foundation students go to the country's top universities.

The project is a collaboration between the school, the leading city law firm, Slaughter & May and the charity, Access.

Students who join the programme will receive mentoring and tutoring to support them in achieving the top grades that are required to go to the top universities. In addition, they will have the opportunity to visit universities, access internships with businesses and attend a series of



Slaughter and May giving advice on UCAS personal statements.

workshops on the university application process.

This is a very ambitious programme which supports our mission to ensure that Central Foundation students, whatever their background, will fulfill their full potential.

Central Foundation students appear in documentary on the British economy

Students from Central Foundation made an appearance in a BBC documentary talking about their future plans.

The documentary [The Party's Over: How the West Went Bust](#) was presented by Robert Peston, who visited the school in October and spoke to a large group of students about the challenges faced by Britain in the current economic environment.

The documentary is on very much the same theme, highlighting the rise of China and the work ethos and level of education of students in China.



Robert Peston with Mr Brownhill and Central Foundation Boys' School students

Founder's Day

Founder's Day took place on the 25th November. This is the day on which the school celebrates the life and work of William Rogers, the school's founder. The day is marked with an event where prizes are presented to students for outstanding achievements, speeches and musical performances.

Ex-student Reggie Yates, the TV and radio presenter, presented the prizes and made an inspirational speech.

The prize winners – congratulations to them all.



Reggie Yates delivering an inspirational speech

Choirs at Central Foundation



The Year 7 choir

The choirs at Central Foundation were busy in the run up to the end of last term. The full school choir practiced hard to prepare Vivaldi's Gloria. Their hard work resulted in a couple of wonderful performances of this piece that is sung in Latin.

The 80 strong choir gave a particularly moving performance at the School's Founder's Day event. The newly formed Year 7 choir gave their first 'public' performance at the winter concert with a programme that included carols and traditional folk songs.

All students wishing to join a choir should see Mr Wells to arrange for an audition.

Feedback from Parents' Evening

Many thanks to all those Year 7, 8, 10 and 11 parents who completed the questionnaire on their and their son's experience of the school.

Our aim is to provide excellent education for all of our students and the input from parents is essential to our achieving this. Over 360 parents completed the questionnaires. Although the questionnaires demonstrate positive satisfaction levels obviously we will be working hard to improve on areas where the survey indicates work is needed.



Mr Brownhill with Year 7 students

The results to the questions are:

	Strongly Agree or Agree	
My child is happy at Central Foundation.	97%	
My child feels safe at the school.	96%	
My child makes good progress at the school.	90%	
My child is well looked after at the school.	97%	
My child is taught well at the school.	94%	
My child receives appropriate homework for his age.	78%	
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	87%	
This school deals effectively with bullying.	78%	
This school is well led and managed.	93%	
This school responds well to any concerns I raise.	82%	
The school celebrates successes and showcases achievements.	83%	
The school is welcoming and accessible to all parents.	95%	
I have easy access to all staff and I can meet them formally and informally.	77%	
The new progress sheet that I have been given at this Parents' Evening provides valuable information on my child's progress.	96%	
I found the parental consultations at this Parents' Evening useful in letting me know about my child's progress.	97%	
I know what my child needs to do to improve.	97%	
<i>The school supports parents and students in the process of transition from primary to secondary school. (Yr 7 only)</i>	87%	
Would you recommend Central Foundation Boys' School to another parent?	YES 94%	NO 6%

Great Success for Debating Teams



Two members of The Central Foundation Boys' School debating team at this year's DebateMate Launch

It does not surprise all of the teachers that our students are very good at arguing their position. This ability has been put to good

use by our debating teams that have had many successes in local and national competitions.

Last year a group of students from Central Foundation Boys' School won the London heat of the regional DebateMate competition and took part in the national finals.

They have subsequently been in great demand showcasing their excellent skills to Deutsche Bank in the City and two of our students, Elliot Colley and George Benson (pictured), were also asked to take part in a 'Show Debate' at the 2011 DebateMate Launch, working with leading debaters and speaking in front of schools from all over the capital.

If any students wish to take part in debating they should contact Ms Lamont.

Key dates for Spring term

9th February Yr 9 Parents' Evening

13th – 17th February – Half Term

29th March – Yr 11 Parents' Evening

30th March – last day of term (half day)

2nd – 13th April – Easter break



Year 8 students in class

Attendance—Good News

We are pleased to announce our excellent attendance records for all year groups are in the top percentages range. The lowest percentage was only 93.9% for Year 9 and Year 7 achieved a remarkable 96.96%. We are proud of the hard work of our pastoral team and thankful for all parents who have helped achieve this.

Group	Attendance
Year 7	96.96%
Year 8	96.0%
Year 9	93.9%
Year 10	94.5%
Year 11	95.4%
Overall Totals	95.3%

Cross Country Results

CFBS students recently took part in a district cross country race. They all did exceptionally well as the school came second overall in both the Year 7 boys race and the Year 8 & 9 boys race.

Special mention must go to Year 8 student Elliot Mcfarlane who ran second in the Year 8 & 9 race. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Extra-Curricular Activities

At CFBS we offer every pupil an expansive range of extended schools activities. Whatever a pupil's interests, there is something to inspire and engage them in activities outside of curriculum time.

Enrichment activities offered at CFBS include a wide range of sporting activities (cricket, football, basketball, table tennis, fencing and new gym facilities); language clubs such as French and Bengali, taught by native speakers; creative activities which include Drama, Art and Music lessons; clubs which inspire students, such as an Amnesty International group and Debating Club, and clubs which provide a nurturing and entertaining atmosphere and promote socialising, such as lunchtime and after school drop-in Games clubs and FilmClub.



Students taking part in martial arts club

A range of supportive clubs are also available for pupils needing help with homework and coursework.

A variety of other activities are also available to CFBS pupils during half term.

Please contact the Extended Schools Coordinator, Ms Southerden, by emailing southerdeng@cfbs.islington.sch.uk if you require further information.

For this term's programme please look at the KS3 or KS4 timetables below (continuing onto the following pages).

KS3 Extended Schools Timetable

Day	Time	Activity	Venue
MONDAY			
	8.15–8.55am	Breakfast Club	Canteen
	3.15–4.30pm	Cricket (all years – <i>starts in Feb</i>)	Astro Turf
	3.30–4.30pm	Table Tennis (all years)	Gym
	3.30–4.30pm	Y7 & Y8 Basketball	Games Hall
	3.15–4.00pm	VoxWrx Y7 & 8 Choir	Music dept.
	3.15–4.30pm	Y7 & 8 Homework Club	LRC
	3.15–4.30pm	Maths Homework Club	Rm 26
	3.15–4.30pm	English and Science Homework Club	Rm 22

KS3 Extended Schools Timetable (Continued)

Day	Time	Activity	Venue
TUESDAY			
	8.15-8.55am	Breakfast Club	Canteen
	12.50-1.30pm	ABM Lunchtime Club	Rm 43
	12.50-1.30pm	Lunchtime Drop In Club	Rm 58
	12.50-1.30pm	French Lunchtime Club	Rm 16
	3.15-4.15pm	KS3 Art Club	Rm 60
	3.15-4.30pm	Y7 & 8 Homework Club	LRC
	3.30-4.30pm	Y8 Basketball	Games Hall
	3.30-4.30pm	Y7 Football	Astro Turf
	3.30-4.30pm	Debate It Club	LRC
	3.30-4.30pm	Photoshop Club	CB8
	3.30-4.30	String Ensemble	Music Room
	3.15-4.30pm	Maths Homework Club	Rm 26
	3.15-4.30	English and Science Homework Club	Rm 22
	3.30-5pm	Y9 Football (every other week)	Astroturf
	3.30-4.30pm	*NEW* School Newspaper (starts 24 Jan)	Rm 12
WEDNESDAY			
	8.15-8.55am	Breakfast Club	Canteen
	12.50-1.30pm	Lunchtime Drop In Club	Rm 58
	3.15-4.45pm	Debatemate: Debating Club	Rm 25
	3.15-4.30pm	Y7 & 8 Homework Club	LRC
	3.30-5pm	Y7 & 8 Fencing Club	Gym
	3.30-4.30pm	Year 7 Basketball Training	Games Hall
	3.15-4.15pm	Science Club	Rm 51
	3.15-4.30pm	Maths Homework Club	Rm 26
	3.15-4.30pm	English and Science Homework Club	Rm 22
	3.15-4.30pm	Amnesty International	Rm 13
THURSDAY			
	8.15-8.55am	Breakfast Club	Canteen
	8.15-8.55am	French Breakfast Club for G&T	Rm 16
	3.15-4.30pm	*NEW* - Hip Hop Dance / Break Dance	Gym
	3.15-4.30pm	Y7 & 8 Homework Club	LRC
	3.15-4.30pm	Maths Homework Club	Rm 26
	3.15-4.30	English and Science Homework Club	Rm 22

KS3 Extended Schools Timetable (Continued)

FRIDAY			
	8.15–8.55am	Breakfast Club	Canteen
	3.30–5pm	FILMCLUB	Lect Theatre
	3.15–4.00pm	Y7 & 8 Homework Club	LRC
	3.15–4.30pm	Maths Homework Club	Rm 26
	3.15–4.30pm	English and Science Homework Club	Rm 22
SATURDAY			
	8.30am–12pm	Y7 8 & 9 Inter School Football	Off site

KS4 & 5 Extended Schools Timetable

Day	Time	Activity	Venue
MONDAY			
	8.15-8.55am	Breakfast club	Canteen
	12.50-1.30pm	Leadership Academy (week 2 only)	
	3.15-4.30pm	Cricket (all years - starts in Feb)	Astro
	3.30-4.30pm	KS3&4 Table Tennis	Gym
	3.30-4.30pm	Y11 Fitness	Fitness Rm
	3.15-4.30	Y10 D&T coursework support	CB13 CB14
TUESDAY			
	8.15-8.55am	Breakfast club	Canteen
	3.30-4.30pm	Y10 Fitness	Fitness Rm
	3.15-4.15pm	KS4 Geography GCSE support	Rm CB11
	3.30–4.30pm	Photoshop Club	CB8
	3.30-4.30pm	French Club	Rm 16
	3.30-4.30pm	String Ensemble	Music Room
	3.30-5pm	Y10 Football (every other week- check with Mr Muscat)	Astroturf
	3.30-4.30pm	*NEW* 6 th Form Drama Club (starts 31 Jan)	Drama Studio (Old LRC)
	3.30-4.30pm	*NEW* School Newspaper (starts 24 Jan)	Rm 12

KS4 & 5 Extended Schools Timetable (Continued)

WEDNESDAY		
8.15-8.55am	Breakfast club	Canteen
3.15-4.45pm	Debatemate: Debating Club	Rm 25
3.30-4.30pm	Y11 Fitness	Fitness Rm
3.30-4.30pm	Y12 & 13 Football	Astro Turf
3.30-4.30pm	Games Club	Rm 48
3.15-4.15pm	Science Club	Rm 51
3.15-4.30pm	Y10, 11, 12 & 13 Art Club	Rm 60
THURSDAY		
8.15-8.55am	Breakfast club	Canteen
8.15-8.55am	French Breakfast Club for G&T	Rm 16
3.15-4.30pm	*NEW* - Hip hop Dance / Break Dance with Sadlers Wells (starts Feb)	Gym
3.15-4.30pm	KS4&5 Art Club	Rm 61
3.30-4.30pm	Y10 Fitness	Fitness Rm
3.15-4.30	Y11 D&T coursework support	CB14
3.30-4.30pm	Y11 and 6 th Form Basketball	Games Hall
3.15-4.30pm	Amnesty International	Rm 13
FRIDAY		
8.15-8.55am	Breakfast club	Canteen
3.30 – 5pm	FILMCLUB	Lecture theatre
3.15-4.30pm	KS4 French Club	Rm 16



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