

# CFBS Newsletter

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## Reporting On Students' Progress



All year groups have now had Parents' Evenings this year. With our new system of reporting to parents all parents will have another opportunity to meet with subject teachers to discuss the progress that their sons are making in this academic year.

The dates of the next Parents' Evenings are set out at the bottom of this section. We made two changes this year in how we report the progress of the students to parents. The first was to provide two opportunities for parents to meet with subject teachers. The second change was to simplify the reports. These new reports provide targets for all subjects and then record the current level or GCSE grade of the students. Finally, the grade is 'traffic lighted'. Green indicates that in the teacher's opinion the student will meet or surpass his target grade by the end of the year. Amber indicates that he is in danger of missing his target grade and red indicates that without radical changes the student will miss his target grade.

Target grades are initially set in Year 7 based upon how the students performed in their Key Stage 2 SATS but these targets are then changed to reflect how the student is achieving in his subjects now.

Over 450 parents completed the surveys at Parents' Evenings. Parents seemed satisfied with the new system. 96% stated they found the reports to be very clear and 97% said they found the parental consultations at Parents' Evening useful in letting them know about their child's progress.

The next chance to discuss progress at Parents' Evening is on the following dates:

Year 11: 29th of March.

Year 7 & 9: 5th of July.

Year 8 & 10: 12th of July.

Of course parents and carers can arrange a meeting at any time if they have concerns over progress.

## Attendance



It will not surprise anyone that a very direct link exists between attendance and success at school.

At Central Foundation for those students who had over 96% attendance the percentage achieving 5 good GCSEs was 85%. Of those students with below 90% attendance only 35% achieved 5 good GCSEs.

Students should be at school other than when they really are too unwell to attend. It is very important that parents avoid taking students out of school for holidays. If anyone feels that they need support they should contact their son's Head of Year.

This year we have seen a dramatic increase in the attendance of the students. Last year 92.7% of all days were attended by students. So far this year 95.3% of all days have been attended.

A big thank you for all parents in supporting the school's pastoral team to bring about this significant improvement.

## CFBS Clubs and Activities Update



It is our aim at CFBS that every pupil attends at least one regular extra-curricular club or activity to enrich their school life. Four new clubs have been added to the after-school programme

**Central Foundation's new School Newspaper:** this is an exciting project for all budding journalists and writers, run in association with the BBC. Students find and report news that matters to them, and develop their writing skills. The newspaper will be online as part of the school website and will be launched in conjunction with BBC Schools Report on March 15th. The club meets every Tuesday 3.15-4.30 with Ms Harvey in Room 12. All welcome: just come along!

**Dance Club:** Open to all years - learn hip hop and break dance. This new club is run with professional dancers from Sadler's Wells and leads to a performance at the theatre. Thursdays 3.15-4.30pm in the Gym. Pupils must sign up - see Mr Tong for a letter.

**Cooking Club:** Our very popular cooking club is back. Learn how to cook snacks and meals, every Wednesday in CB12. Open to Year 7, 8 and 9. Cost of £1.50 per session to pay for ingredients. Pupils must sign up - see Ms Thain for a letter.

**Drama Club:** Another of our popular clubs, open to all years, is back on Mondays 3.15-4.30pm, from 27 Feb with Ms Tully in Drama Room 1. Come along and have fun, grow in confidence and develop your Drama skills!

Please see the school's website, and click on School Life / Extra-curricular for a full programme of clubs and activities.

For further information, please contact Ms Southerden the Extended Schools Coordinator, at (southerdeng@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)

## School Council Election Results



We have a tradition of a very active student council. The council aims to improve the experience of students both inside and outside of school.

The School council is supported by members of the Sixth Form. We held the elections for the school council two weeks ago.

Our new school council members are;

### Year 7

Azeez Amode  
Samuel Adesanya  
Samuel Alferink  
Gideon Ankrah  
Patavee Thamvimutti

### Year 8

Joshua Garrett  
Asif Ahmed  
Mayuresh Mita

### Year 9

Derek Nightingale  
Joshua Shanny-Wynter  
George Benson

### Year 10

Elliot Colley  
Nahid Uddin  
Mansor Mohammed

The coordinating team of Sixth Form students are Tahmid Chowdhury (Council Coordinator) Adrian Hracki (Deputy Council Coordinator) and Wasim Iqbal (Deputy Council Coordinator).

## **Islington Youth Council**

### **Results**



Central Foundation students joined more than 3,200 of their fellow 11-17 year-olds across the borough to help elect Islington's first youth council last week. Official polling stations were set up in the school, giving the students their first real experience of voting.

A Year 10 Central Foundation student Elliot Colley has been selected as one of the 8 councilors for the borough. Elliot will join the others in representing the views and aspirations of the borough's young people on Islington Council.

## **News in Brief**

### **CFBS Wins Young Consumer of the Year Challenge**



On the 9<sup>th</sup> of February Central Foundation won the Islington Young Consumer of the Year competition at the Emirates Stadium, beating teams from other Islington schools. In the final Ilias Belhaddad, Khalid Muruz, Malik Yansaneh, Govinda Deb and Mert Topuz, romped to victory by answering questions on law, current affairs and business.

## **Congratulations from our Local MP**

We received a letter of congratulations from Ms Thornberry for our academic results this year. She stated that she found it "really encouraging to see that an inner-city boys' school can continue to deliver such an effective education."

## **More Success in Debating**



Our students achieved more success in debating last month in the first round of the Urban Debate League at Bridge Academy in Hackney.

The team competed against 5 other schools and won 3 out of the 4 debates they took part in. The team will now be able to progress to the next round in March.

## **Who to Contact**

If you wish to discuss any issues concerning your son you can contact his Head of Year.

### **YEAR 7 – Ms Gladstone**

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### **YEAR 8 – Mr Robinson**

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### **YEAR 9 – Mr Thomas**

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### **YEAR 10 – Ms Arpino**

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### **YEAR 11 – Mr Couch**

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### **YEAR 12/13 – Mr Meadows**

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