



Central Foundation Boys' School

Headteacher's Newsletter

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Central Foundation Boys' School students are celebrating an outstanding set of GCSE results. 82% of students achieved 5 A* to Cs including English and Maths. This is the first time that an Islington school has achieved over 80% for this key figure. Last year the school's GCSE results placed them in the top 100 schools in the country on the added value measure. This year's results are significantly stronger than the previous year's.

The achievement of the students was exceptional in many subjects. In Biology, Chemistry and Physics 65 % of all grades were at A* or A. In Maths 90% of students achieved a grade C or better with 30% of all grades at A or A*. In English 85% of all students achieved a grade C or better.

The school's Head Boy Nat Erickson, Abhishek Deb, Tsz Hey Lam and Yaqub Ma-moon all achieved 9A/A*s.

Following close behind Mateen Abbas, Rajeeth Alagendran, Pablo Anto Ojeda, Umyar Chowdhury, Chinmoy Deb, Govinda Deb,

Khalid Muruz, Zabirul Hassan and Freddy Quevedo all achieved 6 or more A*/As.

This is an amazing set of results for the students. They are the consequence of their hard work and dedication, matched by the huge input they are given by their teachers. Central Foundation believes that every young person can be successful –these results demonstrate that we have turned this belief into a reality. Most of our students will be joining our sixth form consortium, iC6, and we expect to see them knocking on the doors of the country's top universities and employers in the next few years.

Tutoring at Central Foundation

This academic year sees the launch of a new approach to tutoring at Central Foundation.

We see the relationship between the tutor and the student as being an essential and central part of ensuring that students have a successful and happy time at Central Foundation. Our aim is for tutoring to provide a number of key contributions to the students' life at Central Foundation:-

- An essential supportive relationship.
- Providing a place to hear the student.
- Provision of support for students in all aspects of school life.
- An opportunity for providing advice and guidance throughout the students'

time at school.

- An essential point of contact for the parents.
- Tutor time offering the opportunity for the development of skills, knowledge and attributes not catered for elsewhere in the curriculum.

To facilitate the development of the tutor relationship we have brought in some significant developments to our approach to tutoring for all students:-

- Reducing the size of all tutor groups within the school from 30 to 21. There will now be 7 form groups in each year rather than 5. The tutor groups will be known by the initials of the tutor. This smaller group size will allow for a more personalised approach to tutoring.
- All tutors will have a period during the week when they will meet in one-to-one sessions with their tutees. This will provide the opportunity for the development of the tutor/ tutee relationship.
- The extension of tutor time each morning to 20 minutes from 15 minutes which will allow time for more developed tutor based learning activities to take place.
- The development of a tutor learning programme for tutor time which focuses on development of skills, knowledge and attributes not catered for elsewhere in the curriculum. I will provide more details on these programmes in a subsequent newsletter.

We are launching our new tutoring model with one-to-one meetings with tutors and tutees next Wednesday for Years 8 to 11. If any parent/ carer wishes to attend this meeting they are more than welcome. We have sent the times of these meetings out to all parents by letter. Through these meetings and parents' evenings this term, all parents will have had the opportunity to meet their sons' tutor. Over the next couple of weeks we will be providing direct contact details for each tutor to allow you to contact them at any point when you need or wish to do so.

Autumn Key Dates

2nd Sept	INSET Day (STAFF ONLY)
3rd Sept	Year 7 & 12 Induction
4th Sept	Year 7 & 13 Induction
5th Sept	Year 8-11 normal lessons
9th Sept	Sixth Form normal lessons
19th Sept	Open Evening (6pm - 8pm)
24th Sept	Year 11 Success Evening
1st Oct	Year 10 Success Evening
3rd/4th Oct	Open Day (9:30am - 10:30am)
8th Oct	UCAS Evening
14th Oct	iC6 Open Evening (Emirates Stadium)
28th Oct - 1st Nov	Half Term
12th Nov	Sixth Form Parents' Evening
29th Nov	Founder's Day (School ends 12:15pm)
5th Dec	Year 7 Parents' Evening
12th Dec	Year 10 Parents' Evening
20th Dec	Term ends