



CENTRAL FOUNDATION BOYS' SCHOOL

October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Half-term 1 Achievements – A strong academic start to Key Stage 4

As we approach the end of a successful first half-term, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the many achievements of our Year 10 students. Over the past few weeks, they have shown growth not only in their academic pursuits but also as leaders and role models within our school community.

We are particularly proud of the high levels of attendance and the commitment students have shown to their studies. Their dedication to completing homework and engaging fully in lessons reflects the scholarly attitude that we value at CFBS. Year 10 students are demonstrating a focused and motivated approach as they head towards Assessment Point 1 (AP1) and are clearly striving to achieve their best. One of the most rewarding aspects of this half-term has been witnessing the supportive culture within Year 10. Students have consistently encouraged one another, showing a genuine desire to succeed individually and as a cohort.

Student Leadership and Co-curricular Achievements

I would like to extend special recognition to our Prefects and Student Ambassadors, who have been exceptional role models during key events. They led with confidence and professionalism at our Open Mornings and Evening, showcasing the very best of CFBS. The Student Council who participated in a special Question Time Q&A at Islington Town Hall for local democracy week, the recipients of full scholarships to attend the Pro Corda chamber music courses at Blundell's School, and the students involved in the BBC Young Reporters Podcasts have been a source of pride for both staff and students. Our Year 10 students have represented the school with distinction in sports, music, and the arts. Their involvement in these activities not only enriches their school experience but also helps them develop skills that will serve them well in the future. We encourage all students to sign up to at least one co-curricular activity. Please see enclosed the 2024-25 CFBS co-curricular timetable.

Assessment Point 1 (AP1)

AP1 is scheduled to begin the week commencing 25th November 2024. This will mark the first set of assessments at GCSE and will provide an important indicator for what support your son requires to meet and surpass his target grade.

There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and attainment at the Year 10 Parents' Evening on Tuesday, 14th January. Further details about the event will follow shortly.

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Homework Support

Your son has been set homework tasks on SatchelOne to be completed over the half-term to support preparation for AP1. The homework set is the revision for the exams. Students are required to complete at least two hours per day, 14 hours a week of homework.

Homework Support Sessions

Most students have completed 100% of their homework. For students who miss homework deadlines, the school provides compulsory after-school sessions. These are designed not only to help students catch up but also to improve their organisational skills in managing their academic studies.

These sessions run Tuesday and Thursday from 3:20 to 4:20 pm

How Parents and Carers Can Support

- Ensure your son completes at least two hours of homework each evening.
- Provide a quiet, conducive environment for study.
- Ensure your son attends catch-up sessions if they have been identified as needing additional support.

Attendance and Punctuality

Regular and punctual attendance at school is both a legal requirement and essential for students to maximise their educational opportunities. Students with attendance above 97% consistently perform well in their exams, which equates to missing no more than five days across the school year. Low attendance has a significant impact on outcomes, and we ask for your continued partnership in establishing consistent routines that support success.

Please remember **we do not authorise holidays during term time** and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued. In the event where there are extenuating circumstances a request in advance should be made in writing to the Headteacher.

Upcoming events

25/11/24 - Assessment Point 1 Week

19/12/24- End of the Autumn Term

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Best wishes,
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