



# CENTRAL FOUNDATION BOYS' SCHOOL

December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Term 1 Achievements – A strong academic start**

As we approach the end of a successful term, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks and gratitude to all our families. There has been so much to be proud of and celebrate; Year 11 continue to thrive in their academic pursuits, in leadership and character development. This would not be possible without the hard work and commitment of our wonderful teachers and dedicated parents. Year 11 Parents' Evening exemplified this partnership with 95% of families in attendance. I hope you found the evening productive and are clear on the support needed in preparation of Assessment Point 2 (AP2).

## **Student Achievement and Co-Curricular Programme**

I would like to extend special recognition to our Prefects and Student Ambassadors, who have been exemplary role models during key events, showcasing the very best of CFBS. The 157<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day was a joyful occasion, filled with celebration and prize-giving. Students were particularly inspired by our guest speaker, Abubakar Finiin, a CFBS alumnus, who delivered a captivating speech about his journey from CFBS to Oxford University. This inspiring moment was complemented by beautiful musical performances from students in Years 10 to 13.

We were also delighted to host the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge Islington Regional Finals. Congratulations to all our students who delivered exceptional speeches, and a special mention to Mazen in Year 11, our regional champion from last year, who acted as the compère for the evening. Mazen skillfully introduced the speakers and entertained our guests, including the Islington Deputy Mayor, Councillor Jason Jackson.

Our students have also shone in the arts this term, with outstanding performances in the Drama Showcase, the Winter Showcase, and musical recitals at prestigious venues, including the Slaughter and May law firm and the Wesley Chapel. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all students, staff, and families for their participation and support in making these events so special.

At CFBS, we offer over 70 co-curricular activities to enable our students to develop their talents, skills, and interests. We encourage every student to sign up for at least two activities to fully benefit from the diverse opportunities available. Please see enclosed the 2024-25 CFBS co-curricular timetable.

## **Assessment Point 2**

AP2 exams are scheduled to begin the week commencing **27th January 2024**.

In preparation for these exams, every lesson and homework task has been carefully designed to address gaps identified in AP1 and to ensure your son acquires the essential knowledge and skills needed for AP2 and their upcoming GCSE examinations.

There will be an opportunity to discuss your son's progress and attainment at the final Year 11 Parents' Evening on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

## **Homework Support**

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Your son has been set homework tasks on SatchelOne to be completed over the Winter break to support preparation for AP2. 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.

The students have all been provided with a physical booklet containing details of the work to be completed over the winter break. This booklet is also available on the school website.

## Homework Support Sessions

For students who miss homework deadlines, the school provides compulsory after-school and Saturday 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 Monday to Friday from 3:20 to 5:00 pm, Saturday 9.15am -12.30pm

## 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 of £160 being issued. In the event where there are extenuating circumstances a request must be made in advance in writing to the Headteacher.

## Upcoming events

06/01/25 - All students return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

27/01/25- AP2 Assessment Week

25/02/25 - Y11 Parents' Evening 4-6pm

04/04/25 - End of the Spring Term 1

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

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Wishing you all a joyful and prosperous Christmas.

Best wishes,  
Ms Oladimeji  
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