



CENTRAL FOUNDATION BOYS' SCHOOL

December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 1 Achievements – A strong academic start to KS4

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 10 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 10 Parents' Evening is an opportunity to strengthen this partnership, I look forward to meeting you on the 14th of January to discuss your son's progress and achievements.

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 157th 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 help our students 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.

Year 10 Parents' Evening and Assessment Point 2 (AP2)

There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and attainment from AP1 at the **Year 10 Parents' Evening on Tuesday, 14th January 4-6pm**. Further details about the event will follow shortly. Please note AP2 exams are scheduled to begin the week commencing 10th March 2025.

Homework Support

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.

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

Upcoming events

06/01/25 - All students return on Monday 6th January.

14/01/25 - Parents' Evening

10/03/25 - Assessment Point 2 Week

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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