January 2016

Happy New Year to all our students and their families. We are looking forward to another successful year at Forest Gate Community School.

Key Dates

Wednesday 27th January — Year 11 Parents' Evening

Monday 8th February — Creative Writing completion week

Tuesday 9th February — Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 10th February — Year 10 Parents' Evening

Cashless Catering

Please remember all school dinner credit should be added online. The canteen no longer accepts cash. Please see the copy of the letter that was sent home, now available on our website for more details.

Staff Changes

Please note that year 10 and year 7 have a new Head of Learning. Mr Ahmed and Mr Batty will be with year 10. Year 7 is currently being managed by Mr Leather. Please note their email addresses:

Year 7 Thomas.leather@forestgate.newham.sch.uk

Year 10 Nazim.ahmed@forestgate.newham.sch.uk

Email Addresses

All of our communication with parents is by email.

Please email info@forestgate.newham.sch.uk with your up to date email address if you haven't already done so.

If you don't have an email address and would like help setting one up, please come along to one of our coffee mornings and Cynthia our Family Support Worker will be happy to assist you.

Punctuality

Attending school on time is imperative to get good results.

Please note all children should be in school by 8:40am. Any child attending after this time will receive 1 hour detention on that day.

Why not suggest your child attends our delicious and free breakfast club every day from 7:45am?

British Heart Foundation 14th—18th December

A variety of events for BHF took place at the end of term which meant that **£745.37** was raised by our students. This takes the total donated so far by the school to this worthwhile charity to **£1, 528.66.** For more information about the work of the BHF please look at their website www.bhf.org.uk. Thanks to everyone for their generosity.

Would you like to become more involved in our school community?

If the answer is 'Yes' then please come along to the next meeting of the 'Friends of Forest Gate' on Thursday 4th February between 6pm and 7pm in the school library. If you have any questions please contact Zoe (parent of Henry Houghton in year 8) zoe@salmagundi.co.uk

Year 11 News

Reminder of exam skills:

Monday- English 3.30pm-4.30pm

Tuesday- Science 3pm-4pm

Wednesday- Humanities 3.30pm-4.30pm

Thursday- Maths 3.30pm-4.30pm

Maths peer mentoring and English small group mentoring are also on after these sessions for individual students.

Saturday School All year 11 students are encouraged to come and complete private study from 9am until 12pm every Saturday .

After school private study arrangements: There is a dedicated classroom availably Monday to Friday for private study from 4pm-6pm. Please encourage your child to attend T3 everyday.

College applications: Students should be invited to interviews at colleges. They should come to school before and after the interview. Students should bring in a permission letter from their parent or carer and the invitation letter from the college in order to be signed out of school.

Preliminary exams: Exam results will be given out on parents' evening on 27th January 2016. We look forward to seeing you there.

Lapel pins

Your child will receive a lapel pin for obtaining a certain number of merits, for star of the week and for belonging to certain school clubs. All students received a 50th anniversary school pin. We are so proud to see so many students achieving these awards. Please make sure your child is wearing their pins at all times on their blazer.

Do you qualify for free school meals? It is not automatic in secondary school.

Even if you don't think you do, you should complete the form in case your circumstances change. Please go to the school website—Parents– School Meals.

School Production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 2016

Auditions for the forthcoming school production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, which will be performed in July 2016, will be starting at the end of January. There will be a club running on Mondays after school in preparation for the auditions. Rehearsals will start at the end of February. Students should see Mr Victory, Head of Drama for more details.

Appointments

All appointments should be made after school or in the school holidays . If an appointment has to take place in the school day, parents should bring in proof of the appointment and arrange to collect their child and bring them back to school after the appointment.

Absence from school

Please call the school absence line on each and every day of your child's absence. You should call before 9am on 020 8534 8666 and select 'option 1'.

Lost Property

Please remind your child to check with the office for lost property. All uncollected items will be donated to charity at the end of each term.

Parent Coffee Mornings

These are a popular addition to our calendar. They take place on a Friday morning from 8:30am – 9:30am and will have a variety of themes and opportunities to speak to key staff or to network with other parents. They are also a chance to enjoy some refreshments. Please see the programme for the summer term.

Coffee Mornings Programme Summer Term

Date	Theme	Notes
29/1/16	Year 9	Meet the Year 9 team and other year 9 parents.
5/2/16	Academic Progress	How to help your child do their homework, revise, work independently
4/3/16	Year 8 Options	How to help your child choose their options
11/3/16	Keeping your child safe – online radicalisation	Safeguarding advice for parents
18/3/16	Open forum- Meet the Leadership team of the school and Governors	Please come and discuss any issues or topics you have.

Have you looked at 'Reading Matters' on the school website yet?

If you look on the literacy section of the school website, you will find lots of activities to support your child with their literacy development at home. This is regularly updated and we hope you find it a useful resource.

Banned Items

Please remember the following items are not permitted in school:

Mobile phones

Chewing gum

Fizzy drinks

Please note shisha pens and e-cigarettes are banned in the same way as other tobacco items.

Please see student handbook for a full list