

# COLASP



## WEEKLY BULLETIN



### KEY DATES



**18<sup>TH</sup> JULY - LAST DAY OF TERM!**

**2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER - INSET DAYS**

**5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER - INSET DAY/YEAR 7 DRESS REHEARSAL**

**8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER - ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL**

**11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER - Y11 PARENTS EVENING**

**20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - TRUST INSET DAY/ SCHOOL CLOSED**

**21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER - PASTORAL DAY/ SCHOOL CLOSED**

# TERM DATES

## TERM DATES 2025/2026

### Autumn Term

2nd, 3rd, 4th September - INSET Days/ School closed  
5th September - Y7 ONLY Dress Rehearsal Day/ INSET DAY for Y8  
- 11 & HCS  
8th September - All students return  
11th September - Y11 Parents evening  
20th October - Trust INSET Day/ School closed  
21st October - Pastoral day/ School closed

#### **Half term 27th - 31st October**

10th November - Y11 & 13 Parent day/ School closed  
28th November - School Closed  
15th December - Y11 Mock Parents evening  
18th December - Last day of term

### Spring Term

*13th January - Y10, 7 & 12 Parent day/ School closed*

#### **Half Term 16th - 20th February**

*6th March - INSET day/ School closed  
17th March - Y8 & 9 Parent Day/ School closed  
27th March - Last day of term*

### Summer Term

#### **Half term 25th - 29th May**

8th June - Pastoral Day & Year 6 Admission Interviews/ School closed  
26th June - Trust INSET Day/ School closed  
2nd & 3rd July - INSET Days/ School closed  
18th July - Last day of term



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## TOP MERIT WINNERS



A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STUDENTS LISTED BELOW:

1ST	2ND	3RD
ANENE, Somto	Khor, Esmond	Kaur, Sukhmani
Giraldo, Gian	Griffin, Rosa	Richards, Akira
Ngolo, Rosie	Cortesi, Sam	Akinyemi, Isabella
Colomo, Giorgia	Needham, Corey	Tilki, Beyza



## TOP ATTENDANCE WINNERS



W/C 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025



**GOLD**

%



**SILVER**

%



**BRONZE**

%

## GEORGRAPHY H/W KS4

Year 10 and Year 11 will have compulsory homework to complete over the summer break. This will be posted on their Google Classrooms which will remain active until 1/9. Please ensure the complete their work before deactivation. Detentions will be given to students if they do not complete and bring in their homework upon return.

Thank you and have a wonderful summer!

**Helen Stefanopoulou**  
Subject Leader of Geography

## Y13 MODEL UN TRIP

In July, COLASP Year 12 students had the opportunity to participate in a 3-day conference known as Model United Nations (MUN). This is a simulation of the United Nations conferences, where students are allowed to take on the role of delegates from UN member states, engaging in Geopolitical matters.

The event was hosted by Year 13 students/volunteers in Empington Village College in Cambridge, UK.

During the 3 days, our students engaged in debating contemporary issues, preparing and making public speeches, writing resolutions, and contributing to political stalemates to reach solutions to major global problems. They had the opportunity to work hand in hand with teams from across 20 other schools (more than 100 participants).

This year, COLASP took the role of the People's Republic of China. As such, our team had to prepare the delivery of speeches and position papers on a variety of topics, including UN system reform; climate change, disarmament, and much more.

Overall, this was a fantastic opportunity for our students to widen their understanding of current global affairs while further developing public speaking, debating, and teamwork skills. Most importantly, they worked hand-in-hand with students from very different backgrounds, learning from each other and starting new friendships!

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH 2025

The students dug deep in 30-degree heat to tackle a mammoth 4-day paddle down the River Wye. The students demonstrated excellent teamwork and positivity throughout!

### Quotes from two students:

**“It was the first time I’ve ever been camping so it was a new experience. It was fun. I got to spend time with my friends whilst completing a good challenge. I would definitely do canoeing again!”**

**Louis - Y12**

**“It taught me a lot - it taught me how to step outside my comfort zone. It was the hardest thing I’ve ever done but the reward was worth it.”**

**Haniya - Y12**



## GHANA 2025

### Ghana Expedition 2025 - In One Word: Adventurous

Our expedition to Ghana was nothing short of extraordinary. Over eight days, 10 students travelled the length of the country by bus, taking in Ghana's rich diversity - from the bustling capital of Accra to remote rainforests, historic towns, and coastal communities. The experience offered the perfect blend of nature, economy, and culture, leaving a lasting impression on all involved. Students took part in a wide variety of hands-on workshops, learning to craft beads from recycled glass, print traditional batik fabrics, and cook authentic Ghanaian dishes. They explored the cocoa trade at a fair-trade cooperative, hiked up Ghana's highest peak, and observed wildlife in natural reserves - including a memorable encounter with the sacred monkeys of Tafi Atome.

### Highlights included:

- Climbing Mount Afadjato and visiting Wli Waterfalls
- Engaging with local artisans and community projects
- Exploring Elmina Castle and reflecting on its historical significance
  - Visiting the Manhyia Palace and Kumasi Market
- Evening drumming, dancing, and a celebratory beach bonfire

Throughout the trip, students showed curiosity, resilience, and excellent behaviour. Our guide's deep knowledge and our driver's impressive skills contributed hugely to the smooth running of the journey.

Thank you to the families for their support and trust. This was a truly adventurous, educational, and life-enriching experience that we hope will stay with our students for years to come.



## ABSENCES

Parents/Carers must inform us before **8:40am** every day their child is absent: please include full name, tutor group and details of the reason for absence. The child cannot call to report themselves absent.

**Please email [ATTENDANCE@SHOREDITCH.COLA.ORG.UK](mailto:ATTENDANCE@SHOREDITCH.COLA.ORG.UK) for all student absences.**

If the student will be absent for an extended period of time; e.g. due to illness or surgery recovery; parents/carers must provide evidence of advice from the doctor that states the amount of time the student will be off school.

## PUNCTUALITY

- Students are expected to be in school before **8:37am**, at which time they should be lining up for Period 1.
- If a student arrives when the gate has closed, they are late for school and will receive a punctuality detention.
- Registers close at **9:15am** - if a student arrives late, after **9:15am**, they will be marked with an unauthorised absence mark. This will affect the child's attendance.

Detentions will be set for the following day after the student is late If they are Late for...

...the 1st time that term : **Yellow (20 minutes)** detention the next day

...the 2nd time that term : **Amber (40 minutes)** the next day

...the 3rd time that term : **Red (80 minutes)** the next day

...more than 3 times that term: Every time the student is late after the 3rd time they will receive a Red detention the next day.

## BEHAVIOUR

The Behaviour Team provides daily support with parental enquiries about behaviour & detentions. To discuss your queries, please call the Academy on 020 3011 2162 and select **Option 3**; alternatively, you can email the behaviour team to support at:  
**[behaviour@shoreditch.colaspa.org.uk](mailto:behaviour@shoreditch.colaspa.org.uk)**

## SENDCO

If you think your child might have SEND, you should first contact their teachers to find out more about your child's attainment and progress. If your child's teacher has further concerns, they will make a referral to the Special educational needs and disabilities coordinator.

Support your child can receive:

Your child may be eligible for the following:

### **SEN support - support given in school, like speech therapy**

Parents can send any documents/referrals directly to the SEN department.

**[SEND@SHOREDITCH.COLA.ORG.UK](mailto:SEND@SHOREDITCH.COLA.ORG.UK)**

**An education, health and care (EHC) plan - a plan of care for children and young people aged up to 25 who have more complex needs**

## SAFEGUARDING

The City of London Academy Shoreditch Park Safeguarding Team  
If you have any concerns about a child's welfare or safety, please speak to a member of the school's safeguarding team.

**MR IAN WRIGHT— DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD (DSL)**

**MS HARRIET DUTHIE / MS TAMSIN ADDY - DEPUTY DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD (DDSL)**

**[SAFEGUARDING@SHOREDITCH.COLA.ORG.UK](mailto:SAFEGUARDING@SHOREDITCH.COLA.ORG.UK)**



If you need more urgent support, you can telephone  
ChildLine (number: 0800 1111) or  
text Shout (number: 85258)