

May 2023 - Term 5

Dodgeball Lessons

A group Yr8-10 sports leaders delivered two dodgeball lessons to year 7, all students involved had a great time. The leaders planned and delivered the whole event as a team. Well done to our CAB sports leaders Nyah, Fatou, Amina, Charlotte, Aliyaht, Aurelia, Amara, Lola, Sifa, Shahad, Kacie Mo, Tia and Dennisha.



Important Dates

Term 5

Monday 17th April to Friday 26th May

Term 6

Monday 5th June to Friday 21st July **Finish at 11.45am**

INSET DAYS

Friday 7th July

Update from Liz Tinknell, Head of Governance

Having previously held the post of Senior Operations Manager at Hans Price Academy, I was delighted to be successful at interview for the position of Head of Governance for the CLF. This is a new role for the Federation which has allowed me to take the opportunity of really digging into all things Governance and work with the team to move this area forward, streamline processes and review the current structures in place.

Working with the Governance Team has really opened my eyes to the dedication of our **200+ governance volunteers** and the impact they can have on our children's educational journey.

What does it mean to be an Academy Councillor at the CLF?

- It is a **rewarding role** working towards a shared goal of providing a high-quality education for the children and young people in our communities
- There are **6 Academy Council Meetings a year**, one each term. Meetings are usually around 2hrs and are typically held between 3pm and 7pm. You will be provided with an information pack to read ahead of the meeting.
- Meetings are chaired by the **Chair of the Academy Council** following an agenda with all councillors given the opportunity to ask challenging questions about the running of the school. The clerk to governors will take minutes at the meeting recording key decisions.
- Being a councillor provides **an opportunity for personal development**, building your skills and experience working as part of a leadership team
- The Academy Council meet once a term, but **also visit our schools** to see them in action and meet with school leaders

Outstanding local Governance is vital to the success of our Academies and we are looking for volunteers like **YOU** to join our teams.

Over the coming weeks and months, we will be including articles from some of our Academy Councillors as they talk about their experience being a Governance Volunteer.

We would be delighted to hear from you if you are interested in joining our team. Please contact Charlotte, our Governance Coordinator to discuss further.
Email Governance@clf.uk

As a member of our Governance Team, you will

- Get a chance to use skills you have developed during your working life
- Be involved in the strategic decisions and future direction of the school
- Increase your skills and knowledge in teamwork, negotiation and problem-solving
- Increase networking opportunities by being part of the wider community

We will provide members of our Governance Team with

- Comprehensive induction
- Leadership opportunities
- Dedicated training and development opportunities
- A place at our Annual CLF conferences



Equity Through Education

UK Junior Maths Challenge

A selection of mathematicians from Year 7 and 8 took part in the Junior Maths Challenge, and produced the school's best ever results: A total of 39 certificates (6 Golds, 13 Silvers and 20 Bronzes). Only the top 8% of participants receive a Gold and so this is a competition that is done nationwide. Massive congratulations to our year 7 who got a Gold who is Abdullah, and Bethan Sastry was best in the school with a score that sends them to the next round of competition!

ParentPay

Please ensure you have set up a ParentPay account and that the account is topped up. We can support parents/carers with applications if you think you are eligible.

IT Support Drop-In

**Fridays, 12.30 to 2pm
Easton Community Centre**

Join us at Easton Community Centre for free Digital Skills advice.

- Learn how to use your computer, tablet or phone to email, video-call and navigate online services.
- 1:1 support from a volunteer
- Answers to your tech questions



Kerry McCarthy Visit

Kerry McCarthy came to City Academy to discuss mental health support with the Mental Health Support Team and how the government funding has gone to good use with City Academy. Kerry even featured us on her facebook page.



Bristol Old Vic Workshop

20 year 9 students participated in a inspirational Drama workshop with a Bristol Old Vic directors and facilitators including Xaahnaa Adlam, it was an excellent experience for all of them and several have expressed an interest in joining the group based at Bristol Old Vic .



CLF teams raise thousands at Big Walk and Big Run

More than 60 team members put months of preparation and training to good use by tackling running events, with groups competing in the 10k and half marathon at the Great Bristol Run, and others completing the scenic 13 miles of the Weston Super Half. Meanwhile, some 140 walkers took a trip to Wales to climb Pen y Fan in the Brecon Beacons, a four-mile walk and 2,906ft ascent amid stunning scenery.

Behind each of these challenges was an important cause, as the runners and walkers combined to raise money for a trust initiative to support disadvantaged students. The CLF Big Trip is an action-packed summer adventure in Abergavenny for 72 of the trust's most vulnerable pupils. It's an opportunity for pupils to enjoy a range of outdoor activities they have not previously experienced – all paid for by the efforts of the CLF team.

CLF Executive Principal Kate Richardson, who leads the trust's Big Events, said: "We were thrilled to see a record number of people taking part in the CLF's Big Walk and Big Run this year, which is testament to the wonderful spirit and camaraderie within The City Academy and across our trust.

"The efforts of our runners and walkers will help to provide a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience for dozens of our most vulnerable students this summer. "So huge congratulations to all those who made it to the finish line in Bristol or Weston, or to the top of Pen y Fan. It was a terrific achievement, and we are immensely proud of every one of them."



East Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood

Find out more

As part of the East Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood pilot project, we will be trialling a series of measures on local roads this autumn.



Find out more about the trial at one of our info sessions or walkabouts of the pilot area:

Drop-in info sessions

- **St George Community Centre**
Tuesday 9 May, 1 to 4pm
- **Bethesda Methodist Church**
Sunday 14 May, 11am to 3pm
- **St Annes Boardmill Social Club**
Tuesday 23 May, 3 to 7pm
- **Barton Hill Settlement**
Tuesday 6 June, 10am to 2pm

Walkabouts

- **St George**
Thursday 11 May, 6 to 7pm
- **Redfield**
Thursday 25 May, 6 to 7pm
- **Barton Hill**
Thursday 8 June, 10 to 11am

Please book your place on the walkabouts online.

You can also see plans of the trial and before and after images online at:
www.bristol.gov.uk/eastbristolliveableneighbourhood

