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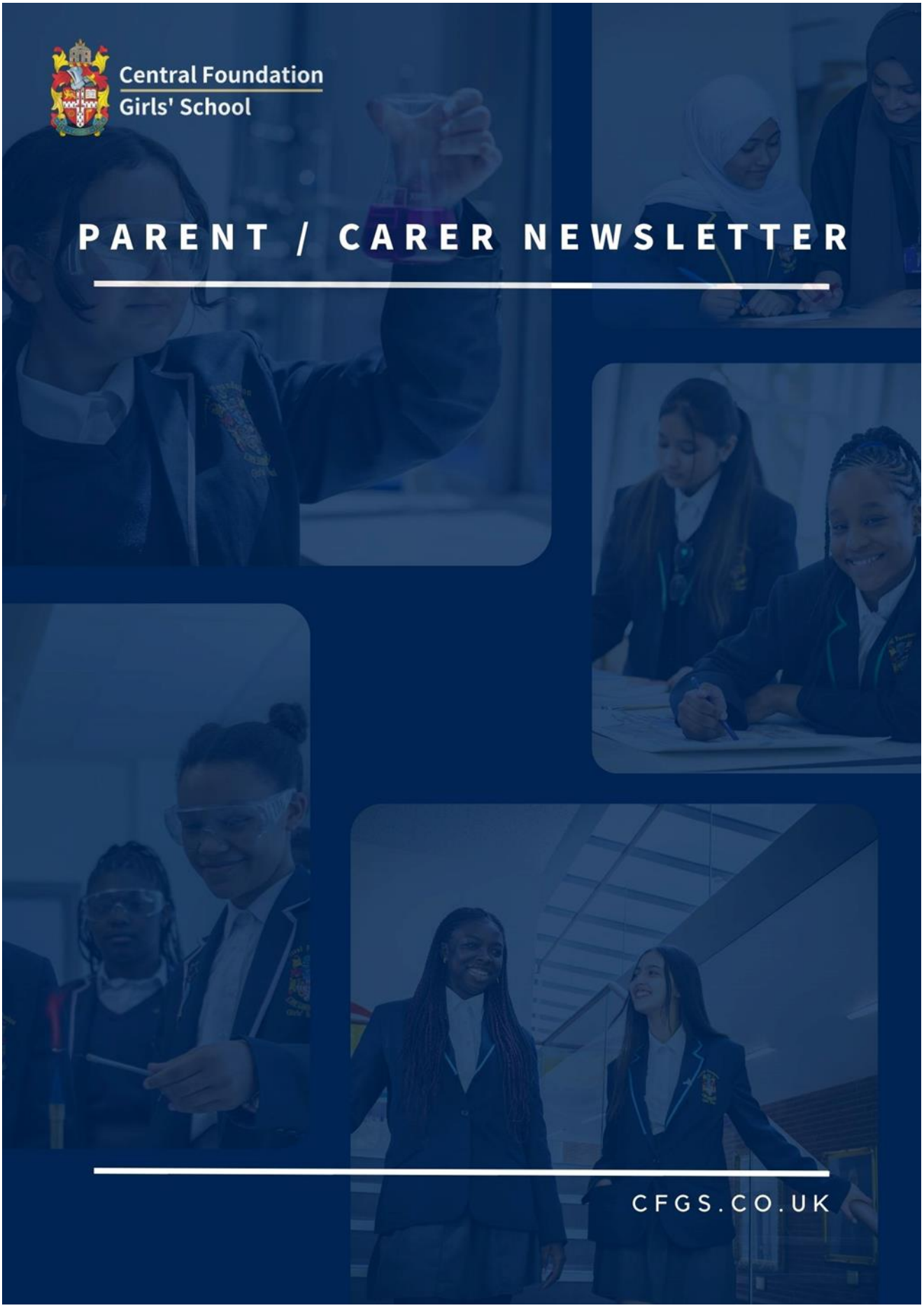

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another wonderful academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the achievement, milestones and spirit that define our wonderful school community.

This term, we've enjoyed a host of memorable events that showcased the remarkable talents of our students. Our annual music concert was a joyful celebration of musical achievement, while the drama showcase brought student curated creativity and teamwork to the stage. The GCSE and A Level Art and Design private views were a testament to our students' artistic vision. Sports Day was another highlight, with students displaying not only athletic prowess but also fantastic team spirit and encouragement for one another. Our annual awards ceremony offered the perfect opportunity to recognise and celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of students across all year groups, and I was delighted to see so many families joining us at these celebrations. A special mention must go to our exam year groups, whose determination, resilience, and focus have been exemplary. We are incredibly proud of the way our Year 11 and Sixth Form students have approached their studies and examinations. We look forward to celebrating their results in the summer.

The summer holidays can be a great time for rest and relaxation but also provide a challenge in how to keep everyone happy and healthy! That's why we have shared some news of events in the local area and support from national government to help families have fun over the summer. I also thought it would be useful for you to have key information for the next academic year. Please do look at this important information so that our students have a strong start to the new school year.

We are always excited to welcome your daughters back to school in September but are really looking forward to it this year because 2026-2027 marks a real milestone for our school – Central Foundation Girls' School's 300th anniversary year! This is a momentous occasion in our school's history, and we are planning some fun and memorable activities for our students and the whole CFGS community to celebrate this special achievement.

Please look out for further details about how you can be involved in this significant anniversary. We want this to be a year of celebration that brings our entire community together.

With very best wishes,

Carlon Prince

Ms C. Prince
Headteacher

Starting School – The Central Way

We're looking forward to welcoming students back to school on:

Wednesday 2nd September: Year 7 and Year 12

Thursday 3rd September: All Year Groups

All students should be on site by 8.35am. Registration begins promptly at 8.40am. Remember that breakfast club and the school library are available from 8am to help students get ready for learning!

If your daughter is in Years 7, 8 and 9, they will enter and exit the school by the Coborn Street gate. This gate opens at 8.15am.

If your daughter is in Year 10 and 11, they will now enter and exit the school by the Harley Grove gate.

The Bow Road entrance / exit to the school is for families and visitors only.

For any student who is late to school, they should enter the school via the Harley Grove gate, no matter which year group they are in. This is so there is a consistency in how lates are recorded, monitored and students in need of any support can be identified more quickly.

Central Essential and Central Skills Autumn Term 1 focus

At CFGS, we transform lives through a Central education. This education ensures your daughter is equipped with the knowledge, skills and personal qualities needed to live a successful life beyond her school years.

Our Central Essentials nurture the personal qualities of our students. At CFGS, we are INDEPENDENT AMBITIOUS and RESILIENT.

We also have INTEGRITY and are RESPECTFUL to each other. That is who we are.

Our Central Skills develop the tools needed for learning and progressing in the world of work. We upskill our students to **adapt** to new environments, **communicate** effectively, have **analytical thinking** skills, be **problem solvers** and be **curious and creative**.

Every lesson we aim to reward students that have demonstrated Central Essentials or Central Skills.

To start the year, we will be rewarding students for having **integrity** and demonstrating their **adaptability** skills.

What is my daughter learning in Autumn Term 1?

To support your daughters with what they are learning this half term, please look at the topics being taught this half term. To support them, please look at what they will be learning below.

AUT 1 Y7 Curriculum Content Map Y7 Autumn HT 1

AUT 1 Y8 Curriculum Content Map Y8 Autumn HT 1

AUT 1 Y9 Curriculum Content Map Y9 Autumn HT 1

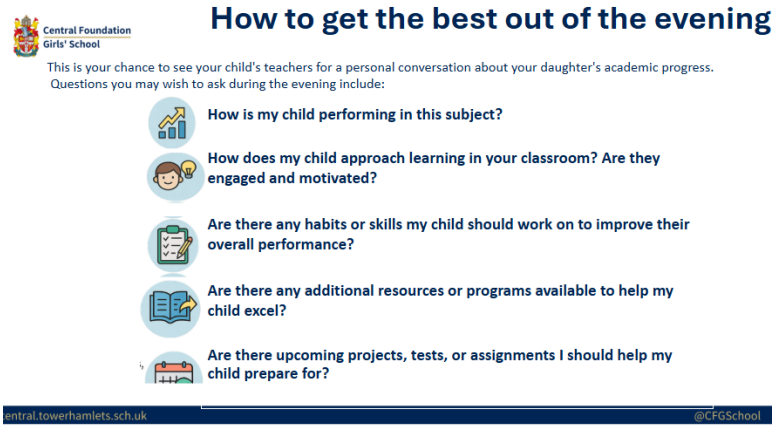
You will notice the 'Central Canon' texts for many subjects. This is an opportunity for you to extend your child's learning through reading texts related to their learning this half term. Why not take the opportunity to ask for one of these books in your library or read one of the online texts with your child?

For Years 10-13, please see individual subject pages for an overview of the topics that are covered:
CFGS Subject pages

Parent consultation evenings

Our parent consultations remain face to face for this year. We really look forward to these evenings as it is a great way to speak to your daughters' subject teachers and gain understanding on how best to support your daughter academically. Below are the dates for the parent evenings for this academic year.

Year 7	Thursday 17th June 2027	4:00pm to 6:15pm
Year 8	Thursday 6th May 2027	4:00pm to 6:15pm
Year 9	Thursday 3rd December 2026	4:00pm to 6:15pm
Year 10	Thursday 4th February 2027	4:00pm to 6:15pm
Year 11	Thursday 8th October 2026	4:00pm to 6:15pm
Year 12	Thursday 18th March 2027	4:00pm to 6:15pm
Year 13	Thursday 10th December 2026	4:00pm to 6:15pm



Summer Savings

The Great British Summer Savings scheme is running from **25 June to 1 September 2026**, helping families feel a bit less squeezed this summer.

The new scheme includes reduced VAT on days out, including tickets at attractions like soft play, adventure centres and theme parks, children's tickets for theatres and cinemas, and children's meals in restaurants. Children aged 5 to 15 in England will also be able to travel free on local bus services throughout August.

For further information about the scheme visit Summer Savings.

This is in addition to further support available to families, with more information available at Cost of Living Help.

Tower Hamlets Summer of Fun

There are hundreds of FREE activities to keep kids and teens busy throughout the school holidays.

Head over to the Tower Hamlets Council website or view the complete schedule of activities. Whether it's a photography workshop or music production lessons, swimming, canoeing, theatre or arts and crafts, there's something for everyone.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Thousands of children who are eligible for and claiming **benefits-related free school meals** are able to access a free place at a holiday activity club over the school summer holiday.

Open to eligible children and young people aged 4 to 16 years, all HAF programmes include a tasty and nutritious meal, fun and engaging activities and opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and their families.
Please visit the HAF page to see the full Holiday Activities and Food club listings, including booking information.

Important Year group dates: more to follow in the new school year

Year group	Event	Date and time
Year 7	Y7 Progress Meeting	Tuesday 10th November
Year 8		
Year 9		
Year 10		
Year 11		
Year 12		
Year 13	Student academic conference	Wednesday 30th September
All year groups	School photo day	Friday 18th September

Upcoming student events: more to follow in the new school year

Year group	Events	Date and time
Year 7	Bertha Earth and CFGS launch day	Wednesday 16th September
Year 8		
Year 9		
Year 10		
Mixed year groups	Future Leaders programme	Monday 5th and Friday 9th October

Term Dates 2026-27

Please note the dates below for your information. As is customary at CFGS, we have a two-week autumn half term break.

Autumn Term 2026	Spring Term 2027	Summer Term 2027
From: Tuesday 1st September To: Friday 18th December **2 Week Half Term Holiday: Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October** **Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January**	From: Monday 4th January To: Thursday 25th March **Half Term Holiday: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February** **Easter Holiday: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April**	From: Monday 12th April To: Friday 23rd July **Half Term Holiday: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June** **Summer Holiday begins Monday 26th July**

School Closure Days 2026-27
INSET Day (school closed to students) • Tuesday 1st September **Bank Holidays** • Friday 26th March – Good Friday • Monday 29th March – Easter Monday • Monday 3rd May • Monday 31st May **Eid Al-Fitr** 8th March/ 9th March 2027 TBC **Eid Al-Adha** 16th/ 17th May 2027 TBC

Useful contacts

We value our partnership with parents and as such we have made it easy for you to communicate with heads of departments and year groups.

To access their contact details, please visit our website. Scroll down to the bottom and expand the category you require. Link to contacting us: https://www.cfgs.co.uk/Contact/Contact-Us/

Social media

Stay connected with what's happening at CFGS!

We regularly share live updates on the activities of our students, staff, and wider school community. To keep up with your daughter's learning and how you can get involved.

Click below to follow us on social media.
https://linktr.ee/centralfoundationgirlsschool