

# Glebe School NEWSLETTER

Spring Term #6 - 19/7/24



## Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July - End of Term

School will finish at the usual time of 3.15pm

## SUMMER HOLIDAYS



Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept

**School will start for students on  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Families eligible to receive support under the **Government's Household Support Grant** will receive supermarket vouchers for the holidays in the next few days (on or around the 19<sup>th</sup>). The amount is set by the Local Authority. **These will be emailed to the primary email address held on record by the school.**

Next September (starting 13<sup>th</sup>), year 11 will be starting their Friday Link courses at Bromley College. A letter with more information has been sent out separately.

## Keep Your Child Reading Through the Summer!



**Join your Local Library** - this will provide your child with access to a range of reading material, which should spark their curiosity and interest in books. Best of all, it's completely free!

**Dive into Summer Themed Books & Reading Material** - whether it's tales of beachside adventures, camping escapades or magical summer holidays, these books can evoke the spirit of summer and spark your child's imagination.

**Organise Outdoor Reading Adventures** - make the most of the (hopefully!) sunny weather. Pack a picnic, take a book and head to a local park. On clear nights, you could also transform this activity into a 'storytelling under the stars' session!

**Incorporate Reading into Holiday Travel** - if you're lucky enough to be heading off on holiday, make reading part of your plans. Bring a selection of books, audiobooks or e-readers with you

**Don't Panic!** - if your child isn't showing much interest in reading during the summer break, there's no need to worry. If you can, try leaving a range of reading materials scattered around your home. By creating a reading-friendly environment and ensuring books are easily accessible, you might ignite your child's interest in reading when they least expect it.

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the disappointing summer weather, it has still been a customary Glebe term, with a vast array of school events to showcase the talents of our amazing pupils. Residential visits to Frylands, Snowdonia and Blacklands Farm have been and gone, as well as the Sixth Form prom where dancing moves were showcased in abundance (inhibited our pupils are not). We have had incredible success at the London Youth Games Para-swimming competition, where our female pupils took gold and the boys finished with silver. There was also last week's sports day, which symbolises the inclusivity of our school community. Back in school, the Provision also received a letter from the King (read more in the newsletter)!

Of course, these are just a handful of events that have happened across the school year, for which I am grateful to staff for leading and to you as parents for supporting. These wider curricular activities are so important for our pupils, as it is equipping them with the skills to become more resilient, independent and be better prepared for the challenges of life and adulthood. Looking ahead, I am pleased to tell you that we will continue with the suspension of voluntary contributions for educational visits for the next academic year, and we continue this for as long as we are able to afford it. So please, keep encouraging participation in these trips in the next academic year.

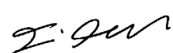
The summer term also sees a changing of the guard as we said goodbye to many of our Sixth Form and year 11 pupils, whilst welcoming in the new cohort of year 7s who joined us for a successful spate of transition days. We are so proud of all our leavers for their accomplishments at Glebe and we wish them all the best of luck for their course results later this summer. They have worked incredibly hard and we hope that their positive attitude to learning continues at college and beyond. Good luck!

As we finish another school year, I must say a special thank you to all of the Glebe staff for working so incredibly hard once again this academic year. Without your commitment and desire to improve we would not be the outstanding school that we are today. I hope you all make the most of the summer break.

This gratitude is extended to colleagues that are leaving us this summer and especially to the Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Rodger-Weetman, who is leaving us after over 5 years' extraordinary service to the school. Mrs Rodger-Weetman is an outstanding professional and a role-model that all pupils, parents and staff look up to and greatly admire. She will be dearly missed by all of us and we cannot thank her enough for contribution to Glebe's success during her time here. She leaves a legacy of fond memories for all of us and we wish her the very best of luck as she embarks on her first Headship role. We know you will be fantastic!

Finally, please note that the school term finishes on Friday 19th July at 3:15pm and will reopen to all pupils on Tuesday 3rd September. Until then, I wish you all a very relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Best wishes



Mr Travis

**CLICK TO READ**



➤ Daniel S, Finn C and Max B, who had been nominated for awards at the Change Foundation (see Summer newsletter #3), attended the event ceremony in London recently.

## NEWS HEADLINES



We are delighted to let you know that Daniel won Sports Personality of the Year (and took to the microphone to give the most wonderful speech to a large audience!). Both Finn and Max came runner up in their categories!



We are really proud of their achievements, well done. We would also like to thank their fencing instructors Daniel and James.

➤ The Jack Petchey Award is given in recognition of hard work, motivation and going above and beyond. Each student receives £300 from the Jack Petchey foundation, to be spent in any area of the curriculum that they want to support. Congratulations!

MAY



Charley, y9

An impressive and mature role model to her peers

JUNE



Darren, y10

For displaying real maturity in all aspects of his life

JULY



Ranveer, y8

For always being incredibly polite, hardworking and having a positive attitude



➤ To all students who have participated in the London Youth Games (Boccia, Swimming, Athletics and Football) this year - CONGRATULATIONS! Your efforts have contributed to Bromley winning the overall London Youth Games 2024, and earning the Jubilee Trophy!

This is a huge achievement and is down to your hard work and commitment to your team. There will be a celebration event in September with the mayor (more info to follow). Well done!

➤ Our annual Summer Fete was the final event of term, happening just yesterday! Once again, a major success. Not just a learning opportunity (organisation, collaboration, maths skills, interpersonal confidence, the list goes on!), but also a chance for our community to come together. Parental support was again wonderful, and our students stepped up to the plate with aplomb!

More photos will be available on the website soon.



Curiosity

Compassion

Collaboration

Celebration

Courage



▶ Sports Day this year was a sight to behold - we always have the highest expectations of our students, but they surpassed themselves in all aspects this year. Whether it be in their own events, filling in for any absentees or cheering on their classmates, the effort and enthusiasm was unwaivering! It was a close fought contest, where one missed race could make the difference in points, but ultimately the winners of 2024 were **GREEN!** Well done!

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## YEAR 7

Year 7 have been preparing non-stop for their first Summer Fete, and have show excellent collaboration skills.

They are also looking forward to a very well deserved holiday, ready to come back in September as seasoned members of the community where they will be role models to the new year 7 starters!



## YEAR 10

Year 10 recently went on their end of year reward trip to GoApe, a high wire adventure course where they had the opportunity to climb through the trees and take on tree-to-tree crossings. The day was incredible and all the students showed great courage.

Many students overcame their fear of heights and showed great tenacity to complete the course. The weather was fantastic and all of these factors made the trip a great success.

A message from Head of Year: "I would like to take this opportunity to say how impressed I am at the way the year 10 have tackled this year. The development that the students have made, both academically and holistically, is truly remarkable. I hope you all have a restful summer to prepare for what will be a busy year next year."



## YEAR 8

Year 8 went on a water sports trip to Dansom Park, participating in kayaking and bell boating. This was part of a merit trip whilst also covering part of the PE curriculum. It was a great day with enjoyable experiences for the students.

Year 8 have also been working extremely hard in preparing their stalls for the summer fete.

It draws to an end a successful academic year for year 8, with good progress being made not only across subjects but with students participating in school trips and sports competitions too. We look forward to their continued progress in year 9.



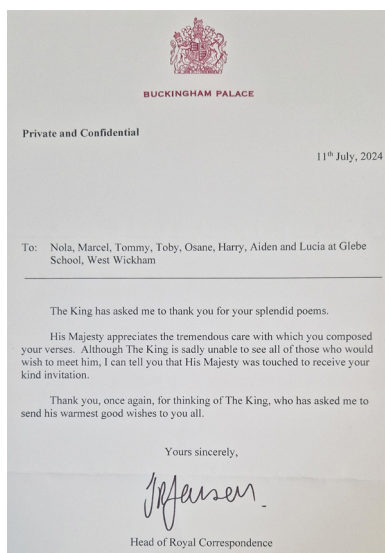
## YEAR 9

Year 9 participated in the Frylands Campsite trip and had a fantastic time taking part in exciting outdoors activities; a night walk, a barbecue and a sustainable fashion show! A shoutout to Evie for helping to set the tents up, Tolu for showing off his sustainable fashion catwalk skills and Freya for enjoying a dancing session with her classmates!

This week we had also had the opportunity to continue the outdoors theme in our school's Wild Area by having a campfire during tutor time and enjoying reading out in nature.

Students have also been busy completing their KS4 transition booklets, an exercise of reflection on this academic year and looking ahead to success in Year 10. Well done Year 9!

## PROVISION



Mrs Simpson's English class received a very special letter this week. They wrote poems (based on A.A.Milne's Changing Guard) and sent them to Buckingham Palace. They recently received a reply from the Head of Royal Correspondence!

KS3/4 visited Kent County Cricket ground where they watched some cricket, had a picnic lunch and had a cricket session with some beautiful weather.

KS5's 3 day residential trip to Blackland Farm was this half term. Students were incredible, facing their fears and pushing themselves to participate to the best of their ability. Zipwire, kayaking, tunneling, paddleboarding, campfires and of course marshmallow smores were all highlights of a fantastic trip away.



As part of transition fortnight, all Provision students were able to join in a fantastic dance workshop run by 'Step into Dance' from the Royal Academy of Dance. All students enjoyed these sessions, especially using the scarves to find rhythm and space. Great musical fun was had by all.



Sixth Form students also participated in a song writing workshop with ArtsTrain, working to create two tracks where they created the beat, vocals, backing and lyrics. Hopefully we can share these with you in the new term.

➤ Finally, a summer treat for you to indulge in!

**CLICK HERE** for our BTEC Home Cooking Skills **CHOCOLATE BROWNIE** recipe! An wiget accessible version is available **HERE**. Trust us, they're delicious...



# Have a restful & relaxing summer holiday!



## We will see you again at 9am on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September