

Glebe School NEWSLETTER

Summer Term #4 - 18/7/25



Fri 18th July - End of Term

School will finish at the usual time of 3.15pm

SUMMER HOLIDAYS



Mon 21st July - Tues 2nd Sept

School will start again for students on WEDNESDAY 3rd September

Dates for the academic year 2025-26 can be found on our website - [CLICK HERE](#)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Families eligible to receive support under the **Government's Household Support Grant** will receive supermarket vouchers in the next few days (on or around the 18th) for the summer holidays. The amount is set by the Local Authority. **These will be emailed to the primary email address held on record by the school.**

Don't forget about our **Holiday Writing Activities & Practical Maths Activities** to keep you entertained during the holidays! The information has been sent separately.



HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITIES

[CLICK HERE](#) to see a number of free and low cost activities available throughout the summer. This information has also been sent to you separately.

NEW CHOICES EVENING

A date for your September diaries - Tuesday 16th September, 5.30pm - 7pm.

This event is for years 9-14 and is a chance for you and your young person to speak to multiple providers about colleges, career choices and the transitional routes available once they leave school. There will also be support agencies that can offer advice and guidance.

**MESSAGE FROM
THE HEADTEACHER**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been an incredibly successful and rewarding time for our school community.

This year, we were proud to receive a very positive Ofsted outcome, which recognised the strength of our school and the hard work of both our staff and pupils. It was a testament to the consistent dedication, passion, and teamwork that define our school.

As always, we say farewell to our leavers with mixed emotions - pride in how far they've come and excitement for what lies ahead. We wish them the very best of luck for their futures and look forward to celebrating their achievements when results come through in the summer.

Beyond academic progress, the holistic development of our pupils remains at the heart of everything we do. This term in particular has shown this in action; from the successful Duke of Edinburgh residential trip to Snowdon, the fantastic Provision visit to Frylands Wood and last week's amazing Summer Numeracy Fete. These experiences offered valuable opportunities for personal growth, resilience, and independence.

This week also saw our incredible Sports Day at Norman Park Athletics Track. It was a truly inspiring event where records were broken - particularly in the relays - and where all pupils, regardless of their individual needs, demonstrated remarkable courage, effort, and enjoyment in every event they took part in. It was a powerful reminder of what can be achieved through inclusion and determination.

None of this would be possible without the tireless commitment and passion of our staff. I am deeply grateful for everything they do to support our pupils each day. I would also like to extend heartfelt thanks to you, our parents and carers, for your ongoing support and partnership throughout the year.

I wish you all a restful, safe, and happy summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new academic year.

Warmest regards



Mr Travis

Staff Farewells

As we approach the end of the academic year, we say goodbye to several valued colleagues who are either relocating or retiring. While we are sad to see them go, we are also excited for the new opportunities that lie ahead for each of them. We thank them all for their dedication and service to Glebe School.

- Mr. McKillop is leaving us to relocate to the Bahamas. A long-serving and much-loved member of staff, his enthusiasm, professionalism, and commitment to our students have been outstanding. He will be greatly missed, and we wish him the very best in this exciting new chapter.
- Mrs Theurer is moving to Eastbourne. Her warmth and dedication have made a lasting impact, and we thank her for her valuable contributions to school life.
- Mr Duncan is retiring after a number of years of supporting students to achieve success in maths. We are deeply grateful for his efforts and wish him a long and happy retirement.

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- Mr McDowall is relocating to the South West with his family to take up a new role as a PE teacher in a mainstream secondary school. We thank him for his commitment and wish him every success in his new role.
- Mrs Kerlo, our Exams Officer, is retiring after an incredible 23 years of service. She has played a vital role in maintaining high standards and compliance, and her work has been consistently praised during inspections. We extend our heartfelt thanks and wish her a joyful and well-earned retirement.
- Mrs Exford, our Chief Financial Officer, is also retiring after 9 years of outstanding service. Lisa has overseen the school's transition to academy status, ensured strong financial governance, and supported the leadership team in countless ways. Her behind-the-scenes work has been instrumental in shaping the school's success. She leaves the school in an excellent position, and we wish her the very best in retirement.

To each of our departing colleagues - thank you for everything. You will always be part of the Glebe community.



We are proud to share that Glebe will be working towards the Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA) next term, a nationally recognised accreditation that celebrates schools with strong, effective partnerships with parents and carers.

This award reflects the commitment and hard work we have already put into building a welcoming, inclusive school community where parents and carers are truly valued. We know that working together leads to the best outcomes for our children, and we're proud of the strong relationships we've built so far.

The LPPA will help us formally recognise this work and celebrate what we do well, while also giving us a chance to reflect and strengthen our partnership even further.

We will keep you updated throughout the process and look forward to continuing this journey together. On this note, we are delighted to share the results of this year's parent survey with you.

NEWS HEADLINES

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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!

APRIL



John, y11

For always showing compassion and showing real initiative towards his revision and exams

MAY



Sam, KS3

For being a positive influence and always seeing the best in people

JUNE



Keithen, y8

For leading by example, and is always thoughtful, supportive, and respectful of everyone

➤ A number of intrepid year 10 explorers successfully hiked up Mount Snowdon recently. The group showed great enthusiasm and resilience as they prepared for the challenge ahead, with some fantastic teamwork on show as they tackled the climb itself. Camping in the foothills of Ogwen Valley, they were lucky with the weather and enjoyed some breathtaking views on their way to the top. An experience we hope they will remember for a lifetime, well done everyone!



➤ Our annual Summer Fete is getting bigger and better every year. The stalls were overflowing with enticing trinkets, treats and treasures (in 7L's case, quite literally!), all handmade by students and too tempting to ignore! Behind the scenes you would not have seen the Dragon's Den style pitches and effort that went into each stall, but the end products spoke for themselves. From an ice cream stall and cocktail juice bar (very popular in the heat), to incredible handmade bracelets and calendars (which in fact were so popular, we are considering offering them again - watch this space), to activities like racing scaletric cars and a tin-can alley, so much thought, time and effort went into creating the day. It was amazing to see so many parents and carers attend, it shows just how great our school community spirit is!



➤ A fantastic way to round off the year, Sports Day went with a bang (well, the whistle) as it was ready, set, go from the second we arrived. The usual thrills (and a few spills!) saw a thrilling cat and mouse game between the four houses for points throughout the day. There was some amazing sportsmanship on display, cheering on their peers, encouraging those who needed it and shouting support for all. A number of records were broken across all events, resulting in bragging rights and bonus House points. In the end, first and second place were separated by only two points! A huge congratulations to **Wiltshire House**, who pipped Watson to the post! Photos will be available on the website next term.



YEAR 7



Year 7 enjoyed their well-deserved trip to Hobbledown Farm, where they showed their true commitment to Glebe School values. All students were impeccably behaved, looked out for and respected each other and the environment they were in. They had a fantastic time and are looking forward to next year's trip day already!

They also took part in their first Summer Fete and Sports Day - from toy rabbit races and refreshment stands to hurtling down the finishing straight in the relay, they have had an exciting end to the term!

We would like to congratulate all of them for a very successful first year at Glebe School and wish them all every success in their upcoming years here. Well done Year 7!

YEAR 8

We have reached the end of the academic year and want to say a huge well done to all our Year 8 students - you made it! The students have soldiered on, especially with the heat, and their determination and resilience has been fantastic.

One of the real highlights of the term was the school fete. Year 8 truly shone, showing off brilliant social skills and excellent customer service. A big shout-out to; 8L for their beautiful handmade bracelets and fun mini golf stall, 8C for their stunning hand-drawn and designed endangered species calendars, and 8W for their lovely collection of preloved clothes - a great way to support our Eco Schools mission!

We'd also like to celebrate some of our fantastic students who received Student of the Week this term: Isaac, Audrey, Remzi, Amira, and Riley, Well done to all of you! A special congratulations goes to Olivia, who received the Head of Year Award, a well-deserved recognition of her effort and attitude throughout the year.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you refreshed and ready for Year 9.



YEAR 9

It has been a busy end to the academic year for year 9. The entire year group completed a walk from Glebe to Frylands Scout campsite. After successfully completing the walk and setting up camp, many of the students stayed overnight. This was a great experience for them and opens them up for consideration the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. For those who have



chosen Geography or Land based studies, the stay further prepares them for the trip to Snowdonia in Year 10.

Each form successfully ran a stall at the recent Summer Fete. 9B ran a Mocktail stall which provided welcome refreshments on such a hot day, 9J ran a Guess the Staff Baby Picture stall, with hilarious guesses made, 9L a Hook the Duck and Teddy Tombola stall, and 9M a Tea and Cake stall.

9L and 9J have now also completed the Palace for Life Foundations course, which looked at and worked on Mental Health, confidence and leadership skills. The course ended with the students attending a Club Day Workshop at Selhurst Park including a tour of the stadium and changing rooms.

I would like to congratulate students for what has been a very enjoyable and successful year, and thank the parents and carers for all their support. I hope the pupils are looking forward to the transition to KS4 and undertaking their chosen options.

I am sad to say that I am leaving Glebe at the end of this academic year and will not be able to see them continue their achievements but I would like to wish them all the very best and success in the coming years. They have been a fantastic year group and I am certain they will continue to thrive and achieve.

Mr McKillop
Head of Year 9

YEAR 10

Our recent trip to GoApe was a memorable experience! Students showed fantastic bravery and teamwork during the treetop challenges. Special recognition goes to Aarav N, Max L, and Lukas L for their outstanding resilience and confidence.

See page 4 for a full account of Year 10's trip to Mount Snowdon. A huge congratulations to everyone who went, this is an incredible accomplishment!

We are also very proud of year 10's enthusiastic participation in the annual Summer Fete. Every class worked collaboratively to plan and run creative and engaging stalls. A few special mentions:

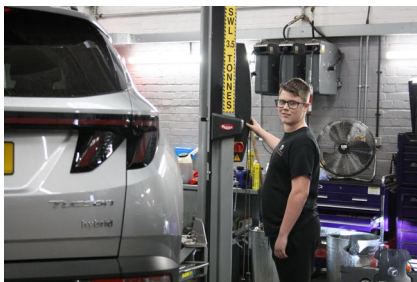
Arron B – demonstrated strong leadership running the 10B stall
Cienna C – impressed with her persuasive sales pitch at the 10M stall
Tolu A – a standout salesman at 10G's sweet shop
Theo S – showed excellent teamwork helping 10K's stall run smoothly

A reminder that in September, as year 11, students will start attending LSEC Bromley Link course every Friday morning (starting 12th Sept). Students will have an opportunity to gain experience in one of four industry sectors; Horticulture, Mechanics, Media or Photography.

A huge well done to all Year 10 students for their hard work, achievements, and positive contributions this year. We would like to wish you all restful and enjoyable summer break. We hope you take this time to recharge and return refreshed, ready to begin Year 11 with positivity and focus.



YEAR 11



Year 11 Work Experience was a great success, with numerous employers saying how brilliant our students were during their time with them. Congratulations to Claire, who was offered a part-time Saturday job with her company!



It was wonderful to see so many of our Year 11s at Record of Achievement Evening recently. It was a chance for everyone to say goodbye, reflect on their educational journeys, and celebrate all they have accomplished during their time at Glebe. The evening was filled with proud moments, warm memories, and well-deserved recognition. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and growth over the years, and we wish them every success as they move on to exciting new chapters in their lives.

PROVISION

KS3/4

We were delighted to see parents and carers join our recent Teams meeting about the Evidence for Learning (EfL) app. Thank you to everyone who attended and shared their feedback. Lower Provision families can now find a link to a handy video guide to login to EfL on our school website - [CLICK HERE](#) - making it easier than ever to stay connected to your child's learning.

In Science, Miss Kembey's class have been working to observe changes over time. We have watched how our ducklings have changed and grown, getting new feathers and learning to swim. Students have been learning about the features of different animal groups.

In DT this term, KS3 have been designing and making birdhouses. We have explored what different houses look like around the world and have used our fine motor skills to assemble the pieces. Now they are decorated any bird would be lucky to come and stay in our beautiful abodes!



To keep cool in the heat, KS4 students have been making healthy fruit smoothies. We have been developing our chopping and blending skills as well as discussing meals we can eat to keep us cool in the heat.

Students also took part in a Drama workshop with Quest Soul Theatre. They began with some introductory exercises, then took part in various fun activities to develop their confidence, from acting out various scenarios to singing songs and looking at pictures to identify things they could see and how people may be feeling.



At the Summer Fete, Lower Provision operated their annual plant stall with accompanying plant buddies and tote bags, which proved to be a massive hit!



KS3/4 Maths Sorting and Classifying objects.
-Pupils have been busy working together to sort objects into groups.
-Great communication and participation from all pupils in their team.
-Fantastic development of skills in our functional ELL Maths group.



KS5

In ICT, our Sixth Form students took the lead in welcoming next year's cohort by designing professional-style brochures for new students. Using computer skills they created eye-catching documents full of useful information about the curriculum, key staff, residential trips, and top survival tips. This activity helped students build their digital literacy skills while reflecting on their own journey and offering support to others. The finished guides will be shared with new students in September – a brilliant example of peer support and leadership in action!



As part of their Life Skills learning, 6B organised and ran a car wash to raise money for their Sixth Form Prom. They worked brilliantly as a team, managing equipment and communicating clearly with staff. Their hard work paid off, raising an impressive £68! A great example of practical learning with a real purpose.


Tilly on YouTube! Tilly is a student ambassador at Magpie Dance and was recently interviewed about her role and what Magpie Dance means to her. [Watch it HERE!](#)



At the Summer Fete, 6M ran an icecream stall, a fantastic option in the hot weather, whilst 6B sold handmade bracelets and 6S got attendees guess how many sweets were in their jar!

Our KS5 prom was a gorgeous celebration of our students' journeys, and it was wonderful to see not only break-dancing and 'rap battles' but also the confident, kind, and inspiring young people they have become during their time at Glebe.



KEEP READING REGULARLY!

 The summer holidays are a great opportunity for students to rest and reset, after all the hard work they have done this year. However, it is crucial that regular reading still happens, to support your young people to retain their reading skills over the extended break.

-  You could visit the newly refurbished West Wickham Library (around the corner from school) and get some books out for free, or you could visit a library that is closer to you.
-  Follow your young person's interests and encourage them to read (or listen) to genres or topics that they enjoy most.



Have a wonderful summer!

We will see you again at 9am on Wednesday 3rd September