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Dear Parents/Carers

GLEBE NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN TERM 2018

I wish to update you at the end of the Autumn Term before we break for Christmas.

Term Dates:

Autumn Term ends at 1:00pm on Friday 21st December. You should expect your child home early on this day. Transport has been informed.

Spring Term begins for students on Tuesday 8th January at 9:00am. Additional, significant dates are included at the end of this newsletter.

Staffing:

This is my final newsletter to parents/carers and from January Mr Ian Travis will take over as Head Teacher of Glebe. Ian is currently working at a school in Essex. Mrs Marianne Rodger-Weetman has been appointed as Deputy Head with responsibility for student welfare. Marianne is currently working in a school in Tunbridge Wells. I wish both of them every success and happiness in their new posts.

Humza Vohra has left his post as music technician this month to take up a position with a design company in Croydon. Mr Vohra has worked here for six years and contributed to the life of the school in many, many ways. We wish him every success and thank him for his support.

Academy Status:

The school completed its first year as an academy at the end of August. I feel that the impact on the school has been felt by the admin staff and not by the students, teachers or support staff. The demands are on the school's financial organisation and procedures not on teaching and learning. The first year has been very successfully completed and the school received a clean bill of health from our external auditors. The academy has the legal status of both a company and a charitable trust and as such has a duty annually to produce a Trustees' Report and Financial Statement that must be made available to all stakeholders. These documents will be lodged at Companies House in the next couple of weeks and are available now to view on the school website.



The Lion King:

Apologies for the postponement of the production this term. Staff and students were under a lot of pressure to be ready before the hall was going to be taken out of action next term. This was a step too far in the end and I made a decision to put the scheduled performances back to the end of June when examinations are over so Y11 would not be distracted and there will be less demand on the hall. More details to follow after Easter.

Students:

This has been another very busy term with a wide range of curriculum activities taking place both in and outside the classroom.

The overwhelming majority of students have settled very well and are making very encouraging progress. I hope that we will have the opportunity to share this with you on Action Planning Day on 15th February.

Thirty-eight Y7 students began their secondary school career at Glebe in September. I have been very pleased with how well they have adapted to the demands made of them in a secondary school.

Last year's leavers did themselves proud in terms of their examination results and they are on their pathways in college or waiting placements. A couple of students gained over ten GCSE passes (or equivalent). A fantastic achievement!

To date there have been trips to Snowdon, Downe, the cinema, Kidspace, football, swimming, cross-country, tennis, panathlon and Woodlodge.

Y11 have completed a very successful two-week work experience just before half-term and they are nearly one term into their college placements on Friday mornings. All preparation for their transition.

Thanks to all who supported our Harvest collection which was donated to the local Food Bank. We raised £162 for Jeans for Genes, £157 for Children in Need and just over £100 for the Poppy Appeal. Part of the 6th Form fundraiser will support Latch, a Bromley-based charity for the homeless.

School Council continues from strength to strength and Y7 representatives joined the December meeting for the first time. The main focus of the coming year will be regaining the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award.

Uniform:

Can I please remind parents/carers of the need for school uniform. It is a requirement for all students up to and including Y11 and our simple requirements are set out below. We can avoid a negative start to the day for students if parents/carers ensure that students leave for school appropriately dressed. Your co-operation with this is appreciated.



- Plain navy blue cardigan, jumper or sweatshirt (without logs)
- Grey/black trousers or skirt
- Plain white or pale blue shirt/blouse (without logos)
- Black shoes – only plain black trainers are acceptable.

Can I urge that all items of clothing and kit are clearly labelled with your child's name. We amass a huge amount of items by the end of term that we are unable to return to their rightful owner. After two terms, unclaimed items are given to charity.

Experience has taught us that the period just after Christmas is one in which students bring in new games, phones, items etc. from home. Please do not let this happen. Lost, damaged or items that are brought in cannot be claimed against the school.

We are always grateful to receive uniform that your child may have outgrown to pass on to other families. At the moment we are short of girls' uniform. If you have anything that is no longer of use to your child then we would be happy to receive it.

School Meals:

Can I please remind parents/carers that payment for school meals at £2.20 per day should be made at the beginning of each week, in an envelope with the child's name and tutor group. If you would like to pay for the next half-term the cost will be £63.80.

Medical:

Medication that requires dispensing in school should be sent into school in its original packaging, clearly labelled and with a medication form which can be found on the school website.

Winter is the time we see the most significant outbreaks of sickness/diarrhoea bugs such as Norovirus. **Advice states that students should not return to school for 48 hours after their last bout of illness to prevent the spread of the virus.**

Sport:

GB Taekwondo

On Saturday 15th December, Bradley B competed in the British National Taekwondo Poomsae Championships at the University of East London SportsDock. This competition was also a selection competition for Bradley. We are pleased to say he successfully beat the other athletes in his category winning Gold and therefore securing his place to represent Great Britain at the Para-Taekwondo World Championships in Turkey in February 2019. This will give Bradley the chance to defend the World Champion title that he secured last year. Bradley also took part in a grading on 29th September where he successfully tested in front of three 7th Dan Masters to achieve his 2nd Dan. Huge congratulations to Bradley!



Year 7 Girls' - Bromley Schools' District Cross Country 2018

The following students were selected to represent the school in the BSCC 2018

Team: Assia, Aysha, Sarah, Emmanuella, Lucy, Anjum Sports Leader – Chance

They all did incredibly well in tough, muddy conditions and did themselves and the school proud. A special mention to Assia who was absolutely incredible and ran the race of her life to win the whole event. She qualifies to represent Bromley in the Kent Cross Country Finals to be held in Dover on Saturday 19th January. This is the first time we have ever had a student reach such a high standard, a very impressive performance and good luck in the finals!

Panathlon

In October, 14 boys took part in the Panathlon at Eltham Goals. On this cold, wet day with a long journey ahead for the boys they arrived motivated and ready to play. The boys did a fantastic job with excellent sporting behaviour between themselves and all the other schools involved. At the end of the tournament we were all on edge, sitting and waiting to hear the results. Finally, we heard that Glebe came 3rd and are on their way to the final at Wembley. Well done to all the boys who took part.

Team: Haydn, Matthew, Amari, Kyle, Steven, Michael, Ewan, Arkin, Alan, Harry, Matas, Cameron, Hamza, Bobby and Ethan.

Rowing

Congratulations to the following students who have been working exceptionally hard in developing their rowing skills: Brandon (Yr8) who has rowed the furthest distance in school of 17,943m. Daniel (Yr11) has achieved a New School Record of rowing 590m in 2 mins.

Football

Year 7

The first team had a tough competition but managed to pull through with determination and team spirit. They won their first few games and then were up against their main competitors. The score was level for the majority of the game and the other team got a break and won, with Glebe finishing an impressive 2nd overall. The second team were entered into a higher league than anticipated, however they never lost their determination and fought until the bitter end. This was noticed by the officials and they were awarded the fair play award for their hard work and resilience.

Team: Tyler, Jayden, Ellis, Liam, Joe, Calum, Leyland, Matheus, Steven, Mark and Bilal

Year 8/9

Glebe school dominated the tournament with the first team winning every match and crowned champions of the tournament. They played and worked as a team, supporting each other throughout. The second team finished second after a nerve-racking penalty shootout which was won by our amazing goalkeeper Harry.

Team: Alfie, Tim, Tre, Ryan, Reece, Jamie, Jack, Harry, Jonathan, Nate, Damon, Lewis and Gareth



Year 10

Another tough competition for Glebe, with the first team up against a strong team in their first match. We were leading for most of the game and it just slipped away at the end. Learning from their mistakes and pushing forward they dominated for the rest of the day, finishing second overall. The second team were resilient against tough opposition with great team spirit, helping and supporting each other throughout the day. They scored some fantastic goals and defended well to finish fourth.

Team: Younes, Josh, Samuel, Bobby, James, Ashley, Sami, Josh, Rueben and David

Girls' Football

Our students have regularly played at Long Lane and always represent Glebe amazingly well. The results of these games have meant that Glebe have won medals each time. The progress, attitude and fair play demonstrated by the team is excellent and they should all be very proud of their achievements.

Team: Cheyanne, Naz, Scarlett, Aysha, Amelie, Haddy, Chance, Beth, Sophia, Becky, Sian, Leah, Assia, Skye, Lucy and Natese.

Up and coming...

Esports British Championships 2019 – this is a very exciting venture and Glebe School will be entering a team to compete for the first ever time. The game will be Rocket League; any gamers who wish to be considered will be given the opportunity in the Spring Term!

Tennis Championships – in conjunction with Bromley Tennis Centre, Glebe will be participating in the Bromley SEN Schools' Championships.

London Youth Games – Glebe students will have the opportunity to represent Bromley at Europe's biggest youth sporting festival in Football, Swimming, Tennis, Athletics and Indoor Rowing.

Bromley FC – in collaboration with Crystal Palace FC and the Kent FA, Bromley FC will be starting to gather players to run brand new teams. Training will be on Tuesday evenings between 6-7pm in January. Further details will follow in the Spring Term.

If you require any information about any of our projects or links to any sports please speak to a member of the PE Department.

Post 16 News:

This has been an exciting term in 6th Form with this second half term finding all students engaged in our Enterprise project which will culminate in our Christmas Fayre. Students have chosen different projects all of which involve making things to sell. Items have included Photo T-shirts and tote bags, Tie Dye T-shirts, pompom key rings, bath bombs, glittery Tea light holders, picture frames and Christmas decorations. All the students have worked really hard to get things finished for the end of term and there has been some excellent team work. We have received lots of orders from students and staff and the rest we will sell at the Christmas Fayre.



We held a Christmas buffet for all past and present Post 16 students, parents and grandparents and greeted around 70 guests! After a great deal of preparation and excitement, all had a fantastic afternoon.

Our football team is going from strength to strength and on Thursday 13th December they played brilliantly at a tournament at Long Lane and came second! Well done guys!

Many of our students have continued their volunteering placements in charity shops and we currently have students in Sense, Salvation Army, St Christophers, Oxfam and Red Cross. These are in West Wickham, Hayes and Orpington. We are always looking for new opportunities for our young people so if anyone is involved in a company that could offer a volunteering placement or work experience we would love to hear from you.

NCS Challenge:

Our young people from years 11 and 12 have the opportunity to sign up to National Citizen Service (NCS), a government-funded programme for 15-17 year olds. Working through physical, personal and creative challenges, this once-in-a-lifetime experience empowers young people to build skills and confidence to get ahead in work and life, whilst engaging with their local area. Further information has been sent via SchoolPing.

Your Choice Youth Conference:

Students from Y10 participated in their first Your Choice Youth Conference on Tuesday 4th December 2018. They listened to key note speakers from the Jimmy Mizen foundation. They participated in workshops facilitated by Jermain Lawler, Street Doctors and Barnardo's. The aim of the workshop was to teach young people about staying safe, the dangers of social media and developing healthy relationships.

Important Dates:

Monday 7th January
 Tuesday 8th January
 14th – 17th January
 Friday 15th February
 18th – 22nd February
 Monday 25th February
 Friday 5th April

Staff Training Day
 Start of Spring Term for students
 Y11 Mock Exam week
 Individual Action Planning Day
 Half Term Break
 Return to school
 End of Spring Term
 School finishes at 1:00pm



And Finally:

It has been a great pleasure to have worked at Glebe for the past 19 years! I have been grateful for the support of parents/carers as we have sought to support the needs and develop the potential of the young people entrusted to our care. I have been touched and appreciative of the good wishes I have received since announcing my retirement. The school will continue to thrive, I have no doubt, given the enthusiastic way our students engage with their learning and their desire to do well combined with the committed team of staff that work to nurture and develop them in many ways and on a daily basis.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy and restful Christmas and a healthy, peaceful 2019.

All good wishes



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Head Teacher