



HAYES SCHOOL

Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The half-term break now seems a distant memory as both staff and students pack so much into the final seven weeks of the summer term and this academic year. The days may also be getting longer but the prospect of colder than normal temperatures until the end of the month is less than welcome news.

During the last two days of the break, Y11 and Y13 students came into school to make use of our study hub for revision and attended in-school revision sessions in preparation for the final furlong of public examinations, with the end now near in sight. We look forward to seeing our Year 13 students returning to school after exams for their celebration assembly in less than two weeks and we have also marked the end (or near-end) of exams with Year 11 students this afternoon. I commend all on the resilience they have shown and continue to show, seemingly taking exams in their stride. I know and appreciate their hard work behind the scenes and the inevitable additional stress they will be experiencing. It is clear that they are benefiting from extraordinary support at home from families and I want to express my thanks and that of the staff for the encouragement, care and support you have been providing, sometimes to more than one child in the household sitting exams at the same time – a stress I can only imagine!

The school was well represented in the local community last weekend at the Hayes Fair, with students and staff running a games stall and our musicians performing. I also had the brief pleasure of joining a focus group meeting this week, at which our Year 12 students have been providing feedback to Bromley Y on their provision and ways to engage with schools and children and young people across Bromley. We are the only school, at present, to be engaging in this work as the organisation explores ways to work with young people to design and improve services. It was a real pleasure to see and

hear our students engaging with such passion and eloquence on the subject of adolescent mental health and wellbeing with representatives from Bromley Y and the Director of Education in Bromley.

Also this week, Year 12 students and families attended our Destinations Evening where, with the support of parents, alumni and other organisations, they could hear more and ask questions about university, student finance, apprenticeships and careers in a range of areas. Our History students have also recently returned from a trip to Berlin, a city rich in history and culture around every corner. I have heard nothing but positive feedback from staff about the students' interest and curiosity, excellent conduct and the respect they showed during a moving visit to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp.

Finally, this has been an extremely emotional week for me as I have communicated changes to the leadership of the school from September to students, colleagues and families. I keep emphasising that I am 'not leaving,' whilst in reality I am of course stepping away from my day-to-day involvement leading and working in a school I love. Working with the Senior Leadership Team in recent weeks to complete our self-evaluation of the school and to identify our school improvement priorities, I am no less committed to supporting Miss Thompson and the brilliant team of staff at Hayes in moving the school forward for the benefit of our students, staff and school community.

With best wishes
Mr Whittle

REMINDER

Friday 28th June

The School will be closed to students due to our Professional Development Day



ASSEMBLY THEMES:

w/c 17th June (Week A): **Windrush Day** | w/c 24th June (Week B): **Music**



SVP Highlights

With Senior Vice Principal
Miss Thompson

LIFE AS A YEAR 7...

With the formal exam season nearly finished, the Year 13 prom on the horizon, end of year exams completed or underway in other year groups and Sports Day and House Drama approaching; in this instalment I take a look at what the year has meant to our Year 7's.

With lots of new experiences and opportunities I caught up with a group of students earlier this week to ask them to reflect on their first year at Hayes and to share a favourite highlight. As you can imagine these were many and varied and give a real insight into what it is like to be a Year 7 student at Hayes both inside and outside of the classroom.



School Show... I took part in the school production of Oliver. It was the best thing I have done in Year 7 so far. I played the part of the Artful Dodger. The amazing Drama and Music teachers directing the performance were great at bringing the show to life. I made many new friends which ranged from Year 7 all the way to Year 13 and my confidence and drama skills improved dramatically over the 6 months. **Sam 7SZA**

A most enjoyable activity for me in Year 7 has been Oliver. It was a real 'blast' to rehearse and to meet and work with new people every Wednesday and Friday. The final feeling of performing in front of a full house was amazing. **Tobie 7LAT**



New lessons... In Science we do lots of experiments like when we burnt magnesium and then it shined so brightly we had to look at it through a filter. We also got to hold chicks and learn how they grow in their eggs and how they needed to be looked after when they are very small. **Oona 7LAT**



House points... Something that I noticed when I entered secondary school was the amount of commitment people give to earning and giving the House Points. I am really happy to see that my hard work is being noticed which motivated me to do more; looking at my school work in more depth and trying to do my best in class is extremely worth it. Being invited to an awards assembly to be recognised for this was such an amazing experience. **Helena 7MSK**



House Competitions... Year 7 has been very exciting with new lessons such as Active, Spanish and German. I have taken part in a few house competitions like the MFL bake-off where you had to bake a country themed cake. It was really fun and the Sixth Form Centre where we had the judging was packed. I made a cake with a French theme and it won the prize for best texture. **Jasper 7SZA**

Music at Hayes... There are lots of clubs you can go to in Year 7 and I have chosen to go to Musical Theatre and Ukulele club. I have learnt how to play a new instrument and I have performed in front of lot of people as well as making new friends. It has been really fun to do something new. **Bethany 7SMK**



Helping with Year 6 transition... When I first saw the message asking for volunteers to go back and talk at my primary school I knew I had to sign up as it really helped me a lot. When I got to my primary school it really made me think about everything that has happened this year and how I felt this time last year. I wanted to make sure that the Year 6 pupils did not feel nervous and that they knew Hayes was a great school and that they should feel comfortable when they come here. I hoped they felt less nervous after I spoke to them. **Sienna 7LAT**

Sport at Hayes... it has been a very successful year in sport for Year 7s. We managed to win the Bromley Cup in football, making us the best school in Bromley. We also had a very successful year in Rugby, Cricket and Basketball. The PE teachers are super nice and helped me find my love for Rugby and Cricket; they are extremely encouraging and kind. In PE lessons we do all kinds of sports, some of which I had never done before like, Volleyball and Dance, which was surprisingly fun. **Anthony 7SMK**



It has clearly been a very busy, productive and in their own words 'fun' and 'exciting' year for our year 7's as they have embarked on their new adventure at secondary school. Now, as they start to turn their attention to becoming Year 8's and giving up the mantle of being the youngest students in the school it will be interesting to see what other experiences they add to their portfolios.



Hayes Foodbank welcomes donations!

Hayes Community Foodbank continues to support local families, including many Hayes students in our local area. The success of our previous collections was fantastic and brought considerable relief to homes in need. Once again, the Foodbank team of volunteers are arranging for a collection of items on Thursday, **27th June from 8.15am** until 9am at the West Common road entrance to Hayes School.

If you are in a position to support and would like to bring some requested items into school, then please issue directly to the Foodbank Team at West Common Road on Thursday 27th June.

Mr Hazlehurst



Summer Holiday Donations List

- Squash/Long life fruit juice
- Long life milk
- Tea/coffee
- Breakfast cereal
- Tinned beans/lentils/chickpeas
- Baked beans/spaghetti
- Tinned tomatoes/vegetables
- Tuna/mackerel/sardines
- Tinned Hot dogs
- Tinned meat
- Cooking sauces – Italian/Indian/Chinese
- Rice/pasta/noodles
- Biscuits/cereal bars
- Savoury snacks/crackers/ Crisps
- Male and female toiletries –
- Deodorant/soap/toothpaste/shampoo/conditioner
- Toilet roll
- Laundry pods/liquid/powder



Music



In the Spotlight

We are a small department that punches well above its weight in terms of its impact on the school community. Within the curriculum, we focus on a practical programme at KS3 that gives students practical musical skills that will stay with them for life, together with weekly 'wider listening' that aims to broaden students' cultural horizons.

In recent weeks, students in Years 7-9 have listened to and discussed music as diverse as a sitar concerto, a Mozart aria and a piece of flamenco.

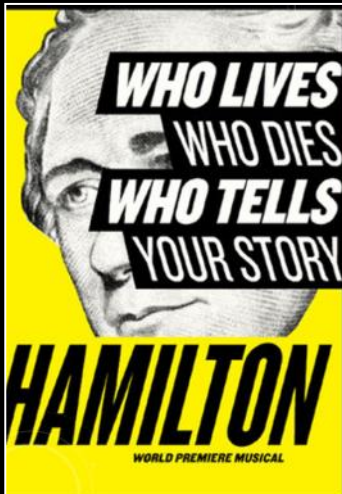
31. Flamenco Fuego - traditional Andalusian



HARMONY

Major or minor?
Consonant or dissonant?
Key change?
Harmonic rhythm: how often chords change
Drone/pedal note

- Is this piece in a major or minor key?
- What unusual guitar techniques do you see?
- Focus on the clapping. How are the *palmistas* (clappers) interacting with each other?



WHAT IS THE SHOW ALL ABOUT?

- Alexander Hamilton was one of America's **Founding Fathers**
- **American Revolution**: the **Thirteen Colonies** fought for **independence** from Great Britain
- **Declaration of Independence 4th July 1776**
- **George Washington**: first President of the United States
- Hamilton was Washington's **treasury secretary**
- He was killed in a **duel** by his rival **Aaron Burr**

Currently, Year 7 are working on melody and melodic notation, Year 8 are doing a project on Hamilton, and Year 9 are working out songs by ear.

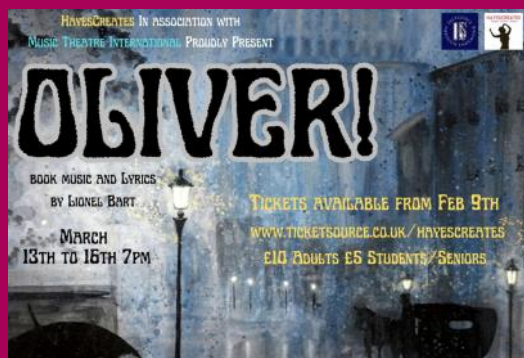
We have strong uptake at GCSE and A level, where we offer both Music and Music Technology.

Our extra-curricular programme is as full as we can possibly make it, with four teachers and a finite number of hours in the week!

This is our pattern of weekly clubs—in September it may look slightly different, but this gives you an idea of the range of our activities:

		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Lunch please arrive ASAP	CGF		BoyVox Singing group, no auditions. All boys welcome!	Concert Band Woodwind, brass & percussion players grade 4+	Junior Jazzers Woodwind, brass, drums, keys, bass, grades 1-4	
	G1B					TechSesh Anyone who wants to make music using computers
	CGD	Choir ALL singers years 7-13. No auditions!	Wind Band Woodwind, brass & percussion, grades 1-3		Musical theatre Singing - and staging - songs from shows. ALL welcome!	The Stringcredibles All violinists, cellists, and viola players
	CGG		Hayes Harmonies Rock and pop choir, all welcome		Brass Quintet By invitation	HUB Hayes Ukulele Band All welcome!
3pm	CGF	Jazz Band Experienced jazz players by invitation only				JamSesh Guitar/drums/bass/keys/uke/vox - band skills workshops

The other thing that we love to do is collaborate with our friends in the Drama department on our fabulous school shows. This year we had our sellout performance of 'Oliver!' in March. There will be an announcement in September of our plans for next year's show!



Musical Stars

Congratulations to the following students, who have all recently passed graded music exams:



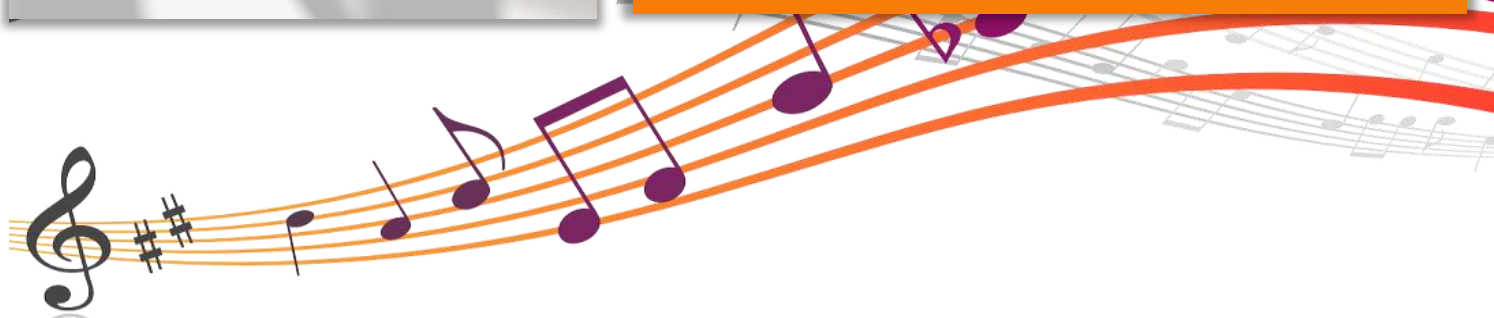
SUMMER CONCERT

Summer Concert

Our Summer Concert is coming up on Wednesday 3rd July. This is a brilliant opportunity to approach the end of the academic year in style and see our fabulous musicians doing a great job in all our ensembles.

There will be performances from Choir, Concert Band, Musical Theatre Group, H.U.B. (Hayes Ukulele Band), Boyvox, Hayes Harmonies, Stringcredibles, Jazz Band, Junior Jazzers, Jamsesh, and Brass Quintet. There will be a farewell to our wonderful leavers, and an appearance from our alumni (you don't ever really get to leave once you're one of our musicians!).

The concert is at 6.30pm in the school hall. Tickets are £5 for adults and FREE for under 18s and senior citizens, available online <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hayes-school-music>





HAYES SCHOOL PRESENTS

Chance 2 Dance

Choreography Competition and Performance

Wednesday 19th June 6pm

In the Main Hall

All Welcome
Free Entry



HAYESSCHOOL SUMMER TERM EVENT SCHEDULE



19 JUNE CHANCE TO DANCE EVENT

24 JUNE SPORTS DAY

27 JUNE ART AND DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY SHOW

27 JUNE ACADEMIC TUTORING AFTERNOON

28 JUNE PD DAY

03 JULY SUMMER CONCERT

08 JULY NEW YEAR 7 INDUCTION EVENING

09 JULY NEW YEAR 7 INDUCTION DAY

16 JULY HOUSE DRAMA

17 JULY CULTURE DAY

19 JULY LAST DAY OF TERM



SEND Matters Live for Young People



Are you aged 11-25? Do you have special educational needs and/or a disability?



Scan the QR code or email sendmatters@bromley.gov.uk to book your place by Friday 14th June

Come along

Date: Monday, 1st July
Time: 1pm - 3pm
Venue: Community House, South Street, Bromley, BR1 1RH



Have your say! Help us be better!

Visit the new young people's SEND Local Offer website at: young-sendmatters.co.uk

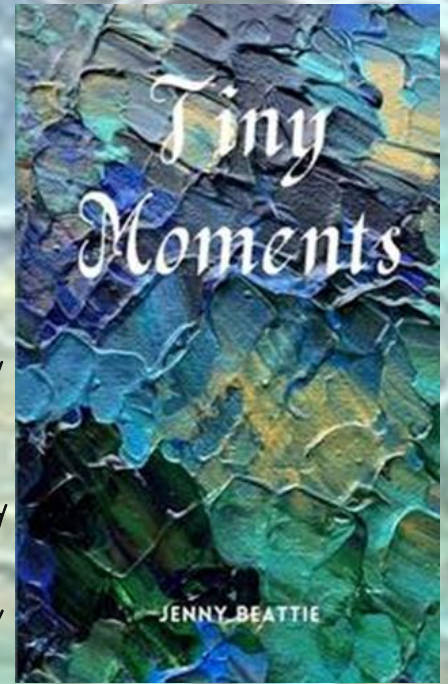


Tiny Moments by Jennie Beattie

Our very own Mrs Beattie has had a poetry book published!

It's a delightful read comprising a variety of touching, funny, and reflective verse which would resonate with many people's day to day experience of life during Lockdown.

"Lockdown forced me to look inwards at a time when no-one could get out. It was a time full of snacks and home-learning and masks and sporadic shopping trips and careful shopping lists. It was a time of the unknown and shouting and tears and hugs and fears. It was also a time of lego bricks and pyjama days and PE with Joe and rainy walks and hot chocolate. Here are some of my tiny moments."



Memories of the Hajj (1985, 1992)

The Islamic month of Dhul Hijjah has started and Muslims all over the world will be celebrating the festival of Eid ul Adha during the 10th, 11th and 12th of the month (16th, 17th, 18th June).

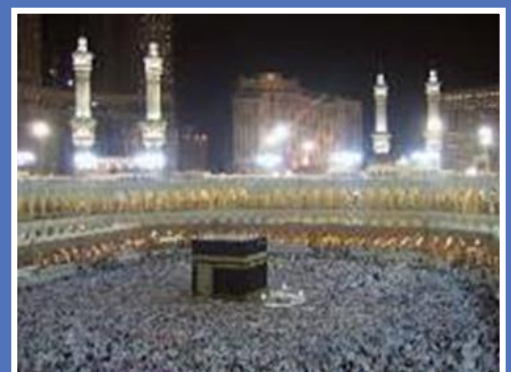
The festival marks the end of the Hajj - pilgrimage to Makkah - which all Muslims are expected to undertake at least once in their lifetime provided they are physically, mentally and financially able to. Through various rituals, the pilgrimage commemorates the trials of the prophet Abraham, his son the prophet Ishamel and Ishmael's mother Hajar. Pilgrims circumambulate the Kaaba which was built by Abraham and his son Ishmael and re-enact the running of Hajar between two hills while she was searching for water for the baby Ishmael.

I have been blessed to experience the Hajj twice – the first time with my parents and grandmother and the second time with my husband. Both occasions were deeply spiritual with unforgettable moments such as:-

- ◆ the scene at the special Hajj airport terminal in Jeddah at the start where everyone looks similarly dressed, the socio-economic backgrounds being indistinguishable; contrasting with the end when people are dressed in their different cultural attires;
- ◆ the first sight of the Kaaba – a black cubed building, simple and yet majestic due to the throng of pilgrims circulating it all in the same anti-clockwise direction.
- ◆ the luxurious warmth of the bare ground when sleeping under the starry night sky in a place called Muzdalifah
- ◆ the joy of seeing an available taxi or a drinks kiosk when most needed
- ◆ feeling as if I am ready to drop and then being inspired by the sight of an elderly gentleman struggling with the circumambulation of the Kaaba who was persevering nonetheless.
- ◆ the wonderful taste of the Zamzam spring water
- ◆ watching my father lead prayers in the desert during a sandstorm - his eyes closed to keep out the flying sand but his lips moving as he recites the Quranic verses
- ◆ the intense humidity in the tent in the valley of Arafat where the fans would just blow hot air, contrasting with the cool air-conditioned mosque in Mina

Transport links, accommodation, facilities have no doubt vastly improved since the 1990s but the crowds have increased and so the Hajj is still a test of stamina, patience and perseverance, whilst remaining a rich and rewarding experience with unique memories.

Mrs Hussain





Sixth Form Design and Technology

Foster + Partners

Over the half term, I arranged for some of our Sixth Form students to have a tour around the main headquarters of Foster and Partners (Architects) on the Thames with aspiring Architects Will Reeves (Y13) and Isabelle Ichide (Y12). Here we were given an all access tour of their studios to see some of the key processes for how they design buildings. We learnt that they design accessories, furniture and even luxury yachts as well as buildings, for which they are most recognised. Foster

employ over 1500 people from around the world with a diverse range of talent from different backgrounds. They employ two drone pilots, motion graphic designers, games designers, virtual reality specialists, Astro physicists, furniture designers, model makers, 3D printing experts, lawyers as well as architects and people in planning. We were given the tour by Head of Learning and Development, Laggi Diamondi as well as Foster's Architect, Nadia Saki, both of whom were extremely passionate and proud of the work they do. Our students were given a chance to explore their vast material library and saw a sample of the 'Vantablack' coating which is the blackest material ever created with 99.965% absorption of visible light. So black you cannot make out any faces on a 3D form as all the features merge into one black shade. Will and Isabelle were given the chance to ask about routes into Fosters and which universities they recommend for studying architecture. A great opportunity to see one of the most innovative companies in the world and a great future link for our design students at Hayes.



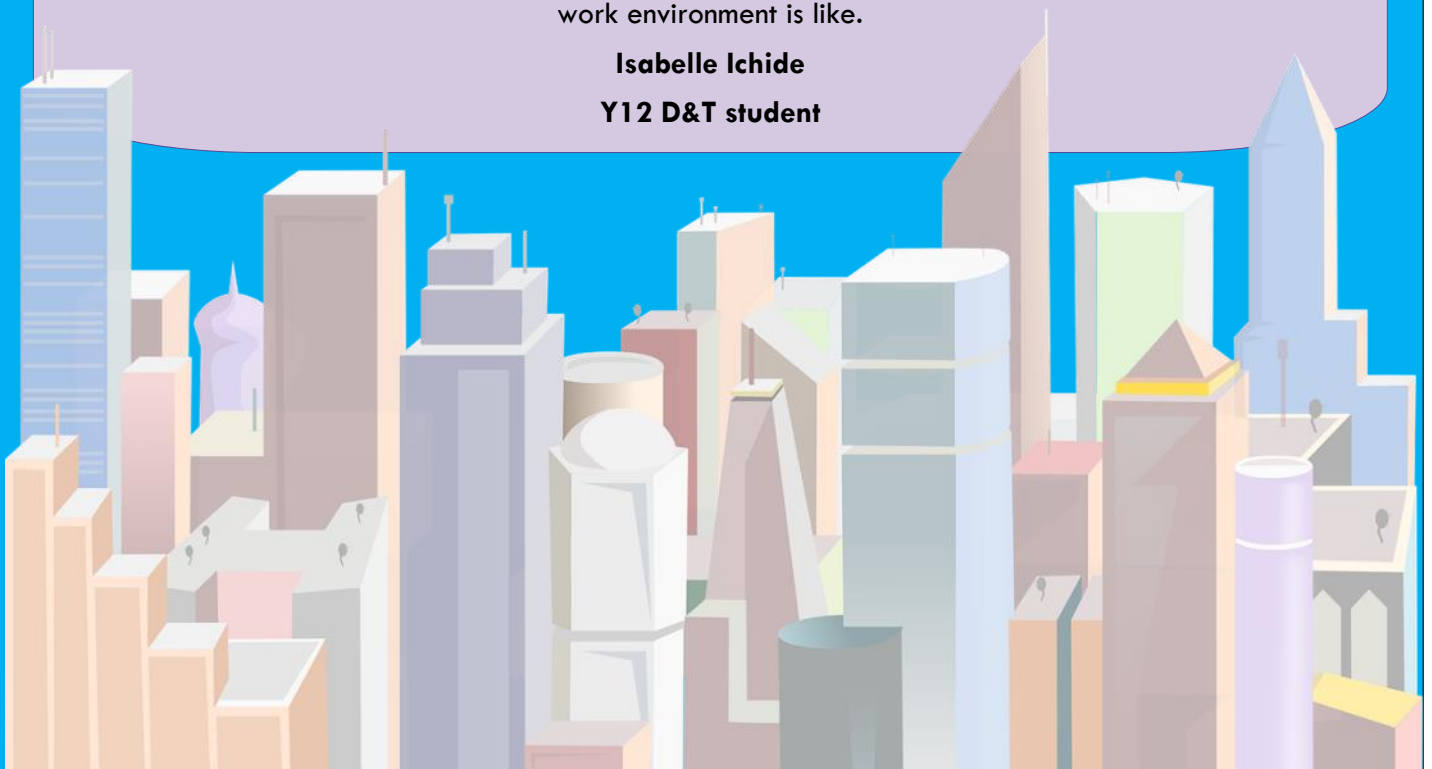
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Head of Design and Technology

It was interesting getting to see the inside of successful architecture firm, Foster and Partners. We got to see where all the architects work, some of the projects that they've been working on in model form, the huge library of architectural books (one of the biggest of its kind including some exclusive ones that would only otherwise be found in the archives) and their innovative printing and rendering technology that they use for model making and making realistic presentations of future projects. As someone that wants to study architecture, it was good getting to see what this work environment is like.

Isabelle Ichide

Y12 D&T student





Hayes School
Art Show
Thursday 27 June 2024
16.00 to 19.00pm

You are warmly invited to join us in celebrating the creative achievements of our 'A Level and GCSE Art, Textiles and Photography Students on Thursday 27th June 2024 from 16.00 to 19.00pm in the Art Department B Block. Refreshments will be available. We look forward to seeing you there.

Hayes School, West Common Road, Hayes, Bromley, Kent, BR27DB
Tel 020 84 622767 - email: Postmaster@hayes.bromley.sch.uk

Year 13 Exam piece
'Kings and Queens'
Charlotte Watmough 13JLS

Design and Technology Exhibition 27th June, 4-7pm in BGE

Please join us for a drink and to celebrate the GCSE and A-level work from the last two years. We look forward to seeing you for this event.



2024

Parent Session

County Lines in London

- Sutton/Croydon/Bromley
- Southwark/Lambeth
- Greenwich/Bexley

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The MET Police Central Youth Team, are currently running a project, offering **FREE and online, parent/ carer engagement webinars** in partnership with IVISON Trust. The sessions will give advice to parents/ carers, on how to spot signs of **County Lines, gang affiliation, grooming and exploitation**. The input will include a lived experience speaker who will explain how they themselves or their children, became involved with gangs and exploitation. The charity will also offer free long term support, to anyone who needs it or believes their young people have been or are being exploited.

The session for the **South London boroughs** (Bromley, Croydon, Sutton, Southwark, Lambeth, Greenwich and Bexley) will take place on **Tuesday 9th July, 6.30pm – 7.30pm.**

ATTENDANCE

Top Attendance W/C 20th May 2024		
Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7CFM	96.67%
8	8SMC	95.15%
9	9JMS	91.94%
10	10GMJ	94.84%

Top Attendance W/C 3rd June 2024		
Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7LAT	99.68%
8	8CAT	96.25%
9	9JMS	97.74%
10	10GMJ	95.16%

*Year 11 and Sixth Form attendance not included due to examinations

BARRACUDAS

ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

OCEAN ANAGRAMS!

EXAMPLE: STERLOB = LOBSTER

- AHLEW
- POTCSU
- OSHERAES
- SHLELFILY
- DUCARARABA

FUN FACT
The ocean covers 71% of the Earth's surface

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Arctic Pacific Southern Atlantic Indian

DO YOU KNOW YOUR OCEAN ANIMALS???

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ANSWERS

1. AHLEW 2. POTCSU 3. SHLELFILY 4. DUCARARABA

1. ORCA 2. MANTA RAY 3. SQUID 4. DOLPHIN

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