



## GCS Easter Holiday Programmes

At Gladesmore we believe that you never stop learning. To this end, we have introduced a wonderful 'Holiday Learning Programme'. During the recent Easter holiday students from across the school were able to benefit from this initiative.

Year 7 and 8 students took part in many fun packed activities including PE, Literacy and Food Education. Students had the opportunity to look at what makes a healthy meal and why our diet needs to be balanced across all food groups. At the end of each day, they were given the ingredients to make a healthy snack at home with their families.

In preparation for their GCSE exams our Year 11 students came in to refine their understanding and hone their revision skills across all subjects. It was wonderful to see such a high turnout of students so focused on their learning.

Sandwiched between our youngest and oldest students were a group of eager Year 9 future food stars! They attended holiday master classes where they created the most delicious tasting food, including chicken wings and rice, prawns, mac 'n cheese and festivals.

The holiday programme was a great success and proved to be a brilliant learning experience for all at Gladesmore!



For up to the minute information, logon to the GCS website where you can find out about:

- Dates for Parents/Carers Events
- School trips
- The curriculum
- Emergency Closures (snow, power cuts etc).

[www.gladesmore.com](http://www.gladesmore.com)  
or go to the  
**Gladesmore SIMS App**

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# Advice on using e-scooters



E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the [Road Traffic Act 1988](#). This means the rules that apply to motor vehicles, also apply to e-scooters including the need to have a valid driving licence, vehicle insurance and road tax.

It's not currently possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces. If you're using a private e-scooter you risk the vehicle being seized under S.165 Road Traffic Act 1988 for no insurance.

## Legal use of an e-scooter

Some local councils are running trial e-scooter rental schemes. Provided you are over 18, have a driving licence and follow road traffic regulations it is legal to use a rental e-scooter in participating boroughs. Please note Haringey Council is not part of any trial e-scooter scheme, it is therefore illegal to ride an e-scooter on any public roads, pavements or cycle paths in Haringey.

It is legal to use an e-scooter on private land only with the permission of the land owner.

## Are e-scooters permitted on school premises?

No, students are not legally permitted to ride an e-scooter therefore e-scooters must not be brought to or stored at school at anytime. GCS takes no responsibility for the loss, damage or theft of these devices if stored on school grounds.

## Advice on using LimeBikes

LimeBike provide electric scooters and bicycles for short term rental for local journeys. Users must first set up an account via the LimeBike app. As stated in the 'Terms and Conditions' of LimeBike:



**LimeBike**

- Account holders must be over 18.
- To ride an electric scooter or electric bicycle you must hold a valid provisional or full drivers licence.
- A user's account is connected to the user's debit card and each time a LimeBike is used the cost of rental and mileage is charged to the users debit card.
- An account is personal to each user and is not transferable.
- *Minors over the age of 16 may only use a non-electric bike that has been rented by an account holder. These users must wear a helmet.*

If you are an account holder and you rent a non electric LimeBike on behalf of your child who is over 16 please make sure they meet and are following the legal requirements.

GCS students do not meet the age criteria to either open a LimeBike account or ride an electric LimeBike.

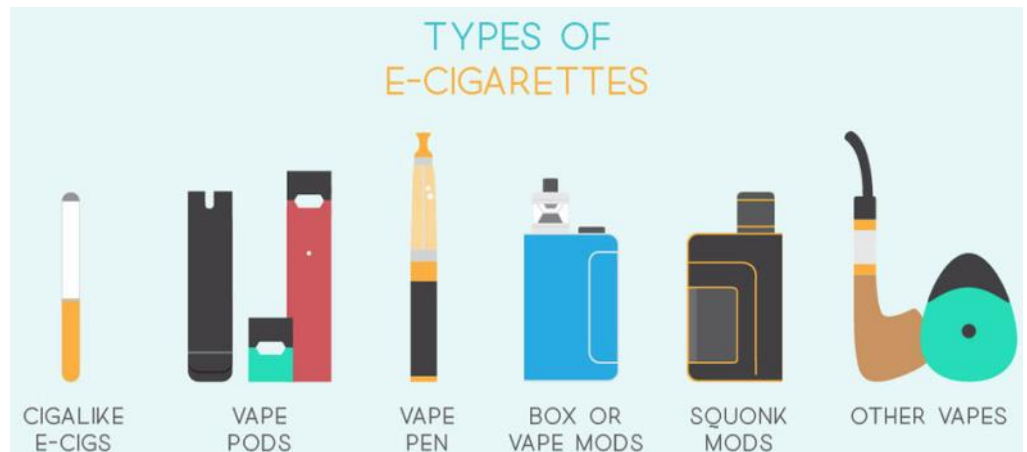
At GCS, any student seen riding a LimeBike who does not meet the legal requirements will be referred to the Behaviour Team and their parents/cares will be informed.



# Advice on vaping (e-cigarettes or e-liquids), traditional cigarettes & tobacco

In the UK it is illegal to use or purchase e-cigarettes or e-liquids if you are under the age of 18. The UK government updated the laws on the sale of tobacco and vaping products on, October 1st 2015. This made it illegal for e-cigarette retailers to sell vaping products to

anyone under the age of 18. It also made it illegal for someone aged 18 or over to purchase vaping products on the behalf of anyone underage. The same rules apply for traditional cigarettes and tobacco.



It is illegal for our students to buy, be in possession of or use vaping products, cigarettes or tobacco. We ask that parents and carers be vigilant to ensure that their child is not using these products. The above diagram may assist you in identifying these products.

At GCS we take the illegal use of vaping products, cigarettes or tobacco very seriously. Any student found in possession of vaping products, cigarettes or tobacco will be referred to the Behaviour Team and their parents/carers will be contacted.

## ATTENDANCE, UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES & SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

There is a very clear link between good attendance at school and good educational outcomes. Every day in school counts towards your child's future, so excellent school attendance is very important.

Haringey Council issue penalty fines to parents/carers whose children have unauthorised absences from school. An example of an unauthorised absence may be going on holiday during term time. For more information please go to:

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/information-parents/supporting-education/education-welfare-service/non-school-attendance-fixed-penalty-notice#8. payment of penalty notice>

Dates for the coming terms are shown on the back page of this edition of the Gladesmore Post. When planning any travel please make sure that your trip begins during the school holiday and that your family returns to the UK in time for your child to attend school at the beginning of term.



We hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe break. We always look forward to seeing all our seeing our students refreshed and ready to learn at the beginning of the new term.

To help you with your summer travel plans,  
the first day of the summer holiday is ...  
**Friday 21st July**

First day of school for...  
**Years 7 & 11 is Tuesday 5th September**  
and for...

**Year's 8, 9 & 10 it is**  
**Wednesday 6th September**

# 'Outstanding Achievement Awards Ceremony'

On Thursday 27th April 2023, we hosted our first 'Outstanding Achievement Awards Ceremony', an event which celebrated the many achievements of our amazing students across Years 7, 8 9 and 10. Over 250 students attended with their guests and over 300 awards were presented!

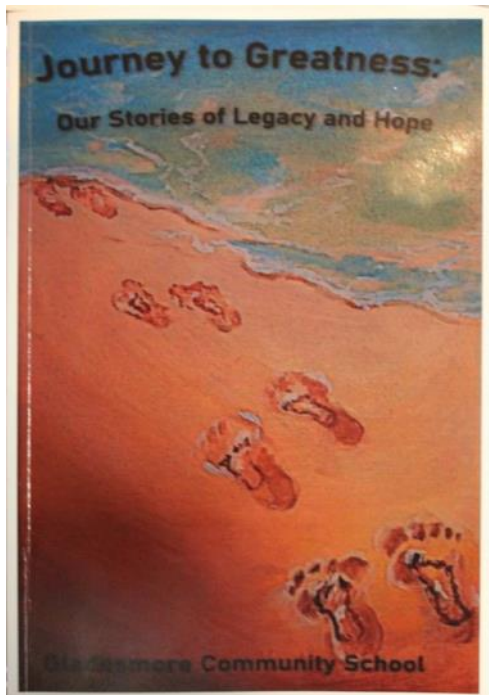


The evening began in the Success Lounge, with students and their guests tucking in to a delicious buffet. They were then directed to the GladeDiner where they viewed a fabulous display of student art work, before being seated in a packed G2 Arena for the lavish award ceremony. The Steel Pan group were set up on the side stage and played throughout the evening. Just when we thought the evening couldn't get any better, guests were further entertained during two musical performances by our talented students.



Dr Mezue, one of the event organisers commented, *"the pride in the room was palpable and the evening was a great success. I'm already looking forward to next year's event!"*

# Book launch ~ 'A JOURNEY TO GREATNESS: Our stories of legacy and hope'



As part of the 'Shine in Year 9' programme, students have been looking at their culture and exploring what inspires them and how that inspiration might affect their future. As a result, they produced a selection of thought provoking autobiographical essays, which have been compiled to form a book entitled, **'A JOURNEY TO GREATNESS: Our stories of legacy and hope'**. The cover was designed by Angel Azubuike in Year 10

On Thursday 27th April, as part of the 'Outstanding Achievement Awards Ceremony', we proudly launched this book.

Copies of the book are now available for students to borrow from our school library.

During our regular 'non-fiction Friday' reading sessions Key Stage 3 students are enjoying learning about the lives and cultures of the authors ~ their fellow students.

A special congratulations and thanks goes to all the Year 9 student authors who contributed to this insightful collection of essays.

# PSHE News Round~up

PSHE is an integral part of our curriculum offering at Gladesmore Community School. This half-term, students have been exploring a range of different topics including healthy relationships, the world of work and first aid. We aim to give our students the knowledge and skills that they need to be happy and active citizens, now and in the future.

As well as specialised weekly lessons, students have the opportunity to hear from a wide range of different speakers who are experts in their field. Below are some of the events that we have organised this term. Thank you to all of the students who attended these talks for their intelligent questions and for representing the school so well.

## Year 7: Riot Act

At the beginning of term, Year 7 watched a thought-provoking drama production on road safety by the charity, 'Riot Act'. The group aims to educate pupils on the importance of being safe around busy roads and how to deal with peer pressure. Our students said that they found the talk very informative and engaging.



## Year 8: Royal Holloway, University of London

We were delighted to welcome students back from Royal Holloway, University of London. This term, they presented to our Year 8s on 'the University Experience'. As well as informing them about all the different subjects that they can study at degree level, they spoke about their own experiences as undergraduates and the exciting societies and sports groups that students have available to them. Lots of Year 8s said that it has really peaked their interest in going to university and exploring their options further.



## Year 10: Diversity Role Models

Diversity Role Models is a London based charity who send volunteers in to school to share about their experiences as allies or members of the LGBTQ+ community. We were fortunate enough to welcome three excellent ambassadors with a wide range of different stories to share. At Gladesmore, we are proud to embrace and celebrate our diversity. Our students found the speakers incredibly inspiring and we can't wait to welcome them back in the future.



## Year 11: Red Card Gambling

With support from Haringey Public Health, we were delighted to hear from the charity 'Red Card Gambling' who spoke to our Year 11 cohort about the risks of gambling. Pupils have said that hearing first-hand about the dangers of gambling addiction was particularly powerful. We look forward to welcoming them back next term to speak to our Year 10s.





## NSPCC Mental Health Awareness Week Monday 15th – Sunday 21st May



At Gladesmore we take mental health very seriously, and have counsellors onsite to advise when students need emotional support. We also have direct links with CAMHS and other health services.

### What does mental health mean?

Mental health is an individual's cognitive, behavioural and emotional wellbeing (Mind, 2020). It's something we all have - including every child and young person.

We use the term "mental health issues" to refer to mental health problems, conditions and mental illnesses. These issues may or may not be medically diagnosed.

Negative experiences such as abuse and neglect can adversely impact a child's mental health. Mental health issues can also sometimes lead to safeguarding and child protection issues, for example if a child's mental health begins to put them or other people at risk of harm.

Risk factors may include, but are not limited to:

- Long term abuse and neglect
- Having additional needs and disabilities
- Belonging to a minority ethnic community
- Adverse life experiences
- LGBTQ+ children & young people

If you have any concerns about mental health, contact your general practitioner.

**Source:** <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-health-development/child-mental-health>

## THE GCS SAFEGUARDING TEAM

All students and parent/carers are urged to make contact with the Safeguarding Team if they have a concern about the safety of any child.

Simply email or telephone the school, leaving your name and contact details and a member of the team will get in touch with you as soon as possible.



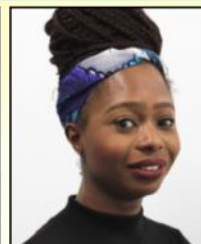
**Mrs Jones**  
*Designated  
Safeguarding  
Lead*



**Ms T. Marshall**  
*Deputy  
Designated  
Safeguarding  
Lead*



**Ms Cope**  
*Safeguarding  
Officer*



**Ms Moaka**  
*Safeguarding  
Officer*



**Mr Djemali**  
*Safeguarding  
Officer*

✉: [safeguarding@gladesmore.com](mailto:safeguarding@gladesmore.com)

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# May Half Term Fun



Haringey has lots of free and low cost activities for a variety of children and young people.

To download a pdf of the 'May Half Term Fun' brochure go to:

[https://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/1492.3\\_may\\_half\\_term\\_activities\\_2023\\_v7.pdf](https://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/1492.3_may_half_term_activities_2023_v7.pdf)

For most of the activities children and young people can just turn up on the day, but for some they will need to register in advance. Contact details and information about booking are shown in the pdf.

**Year 6**  
going into Year 7



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**Monday 24th July ~ Wednesday 9th August**  
**8:45 am ~ 3:00 pm**

**Come and spend two and a half fun packed weeks with the fantastic staff at Gladesmore Community School**

**It's a great opportunity for children to make friends with the other Year 6 students who will be joining Gladesmore's Year 7 in September**

**We are looking forward to seeing you there!**

Gladesmore Community School, Crowland Road, London N15 6EB.  
Contact: Mrs Bardouille ~ gcstransfer@gladesmore.com

## Year 9 Students at University College London

As part of our ongoing collaboration with University College London's Biochemical Faculty, which is led by Professor Ramos, a group of enthusiastic Year 9 students took part in an exciting visit to the university. The aim of this collaboration is to inspire girls to pursue study and careers in STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields.

Professor Ramos, presented to our students an insightful journey through the university's rich heritage and the core values it upholds. The day was filled with engaging and exciting experiences as the students delved into the world of science.

They had the unique opportunity to observe and interact with female scientists, witnessing their ground-breaking work first-hand in the lab through demonstrations and projects that showcased the diverse roles that women play in scientific research.

Professor Ramos was joined by two current Bio Chemistry degree students who generously shared their wisdom on university applications, exam preparation, and the transformative journey of university life. This invaluable exchange provided our aspiring students with insights and guidance as they looked into their own futures.

The highlight of the day for our students was the hands-on participation in experiments which allowed them to immerse themselves in the scientific process and uncover new perspectives. To wrap up the day, the group were treated to a tour of the university's prestigious library where they were able to witness the dedication and academic rigor of students preparing for their upcoming end-of-year exams first hand.

The visit to UCL proved to be an inspirational experience for our Year 9 students, sparking their curiosity for STEM in the future.



**Please note all dates and events are subject to change**

<b>Saturday 27th May</b>	Year 7 Saturday Transition School	25
<b>Monday 29th May ~ Friday 2nd June</b>	Half Term Holiday	
<b>Monday 5th June</b>	8:40am: All year groups return to school	
<b>Tuesday 30th May ~ Friday 2nd June</b>	Year 11 Revision Classes	
<b>Monday 5th June</b>	8:40am ~ All Year Groups return to school	
<b>Friday 9th June</b>	International Culture and Diversity Day	
<b>Monday 12th ~ Friday 16 June</b>	Hardwork Week	
<b>Wednesday 14th June</b>	4.30 pm ~ Year 7 Parent/Carers Evening	
<b>Thursday 15th June</b>	9.30 am ~ Start for all year groups	
<b>Friday 16th June</b>	Governor's Day	
<b>Monday 19th ~ Friday 23rd June</b>	Year 10 Trial Exams Week 1	
<b>Monday 26th June ~ Friday 30th June</b>	Year 10 Trial Exams Week 2	
<b>Wednesday 28th June</b>	Year 9 Transition Day Year 10 Trial Exams Teacher Training Day 4	
	Year 9 attendance by appointment. Timetable suspended for Years 7 and 8	
<b>Thursday 29th June</b>	Eid al Adha Timetable suspended for all year groups	
<b>Friday 30th June</b>	Year 11 Graduation Year 10 Exams Activities Day	
	Timetable suspended for students in years 7, 8 & 9 who are not involved in activities	
<b>Monday 3rd ~ Friday 7th July</b>	Year 10 Trial Exams Week 3	
<b>Thursday 6th July</b>	Year 10 Geography Field Trip 1	
<b>Friday 7th July</b>	Year 10 Geography Field Trip 2 Year 7 Disco	
<b>Friday 14th July</b>	Year 8 Disco	
<b>Wednesday 19th July</b>	GladeStar Assembly Day ends at midday, lunch is available in the Glade Diner	
<b>Thursday 20th July</b>	Year 9 Graduation & Disco Year 10 Experience of Work Day Activities Day ~ end of year trips	
	Timetable suspended for Years 7, 8 & 10 students not involved in the above events	
<b>Friday 21st July</b>	Teacher Training Day 5 Timetable suspended for all year groups	
<b>Monday 24th July ~ Friday 1st September</b>	Summer Holiday	
<b>Thursday 24th August</b>	GCSE Exam Results Day	

**The New Academic Year 2023 ~ 2024**

<b>Monday 4th September</b>	Teacher Training Day 1
<b>Tuesday 5th September</b>	8:35am: Year 7 Begin at Gladesmore 9:30am: Year 11 return
<b>Wednesday 6th September</b>	8:40am: Years 8, 9 & 10 return (all year groups now in school)

**'REACH' HALL OF FAME  
Student of the Week  
2022 ~ 2023****Congratulations  
to the following  
students:****30/3/2023**Chao Huang, 9CMI  
Meleya Strachan, 10EBE**31/3/2023**Skye Laurell Scott, 7VMY  
Timila Rajbhandari, 8PDY**20/4/2023**

Zerihun Desta, 9EHO

**21/4/2023**

Tision Dawit Kebede, 7LFN

**28/4/2023**

Abdoulie Marong, 7AHI

**4/5/2023**

Kayleisha Whitter, 8TLE

**11/5/2023**

Mihaela Balaj, 10GGL

**12/5/2023**

Berken Ortun, 8PME

**18/5/2023**

Neveah Byfield, 9ODN

**19/5/2023**

Natalia Cozan, 7LFN



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