



## Black History Month @ Gladesmore

### BHM 2023 Shines a light on Black Women



The theme chosen for Black History Month this year is **‘Saluting our Sisters’** highlighting the crucial role that black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities. This year’s celebration aims to showcase pioneering black women who have made remarkable contributions to literature, music, fashion, sport, business, politics, academia, social and health care, and more.

At Gladesmore we are very fortunate that black excellence is discussed and studied across the whole academic year, not just the month of October. In this way students are able to appreciate the value and role that black people have made to shape communities in the UK and across the globe.

In our Black History Month assemblies storytelling was used to showcase how differing cultures use stories as a way of getting a message across. Storytelling

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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  
EduLink One App

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is a way of passing on traditions, norms, and values of acceptable conduct and maintaining good social order. Africans have used storytelling to preserve their history, traditional culture, and ritual ceremonies since ancient times.

Often funny, always very engaging and exciting to listen to, these stories always had a serious message about life and how to live respectfully and with consideration for others around you.

## Black History Month Poetry Competition

All students are invited to enter a national poetry competition about a pioneering black woman who has made an impact in their chosen professions.

The competition will be judged by a panel of experts in literature and poetry, with winners announced on 'World Poetry Day', which will be celebrated on 21st March 2024.

To enter: <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/poetry-competition-entry/>

Deadline for entries: **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023**



**Happy Black History Month!**



## NATIONAL MANUFACTURING DAY- YEAR 10 GCSE DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY TRIP BLOQS FACTORY/MAKERS SPACE

BLOQS, situated in Edmonton is a 'not for private profit' social enterprise which provides 32,000 square feet of open-access workshops with industry standard machinery and relevant training.

On the 28th September, a group of fourteen GCSE Design and Technology students were privileged to visit BLOQS to celebrate National Manufacturing Day.

On arrival, students were greeted by the founder of BLOQS who gave them a health and safety talk. Students were then taken on a tour of the facility, where they were shown the work spaces that professional makers and growing businesses could rent. This space included all the tools, equipment and machinery necessary to manufacture their products.

Students were also given the opportunity to work alongside professions and technicians to make two beautiful chairs which were brought back to school.

Students learnt how surplus material is used as fuel to power BLOQS, making the company environmentally friendly and also allowing the money saved on bills to be invested in machinery and improving services.

Our students thoroughly enjoyed their day which provided a valuable insight into the industry of design and manufacture! Students left excited, inspired and enriched with knowledge on how designs were turned into real life products.



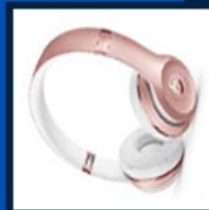
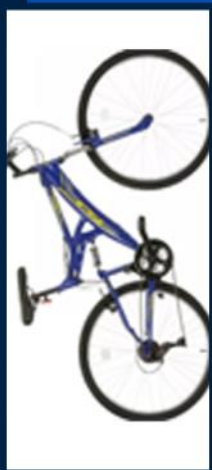


# **A I** GLADESMORE'S **ACHIEVEMENT INDEX**

Gladesmore operates a rewards system that recognises students for their effort, behaviour, home learning and positive engagement and achievement across the school.

**ATTENDANCE** **PUNCTUALITY** **COMMITMENT** **Score** **ACHIEVEMENT** **Points**  
**REACH** **Points** **OWN YOUR LEARNING** **Completion** **MAXIMISE YOUR LEARNING** **Points**

These factors all feed into one calculation which produces their **gcsAI** (Gladesmore's Achievement Index).  
The higher the **gcsAI** the more likely it is that students will win big prizes!



## **Gladesmore App**

Students and Parents can keep track of their progress using the Gladesmore App. This is called EduLink One and can be accessed online via [edulinkone.com](http://edulinkone.com) or via the EduLink One app.

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# GCS students visit Cambridge University

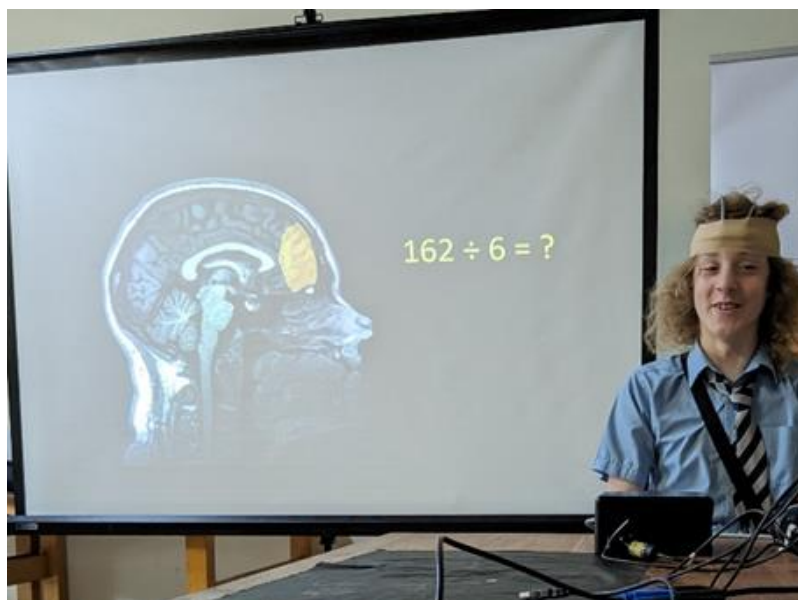
In September twenty Year 11 students visited Cambridge University to explore the opportunities available to them to study physics beyond school and find out what life is like as a student at Fitzwilliam College.

Students spent the morning at the Cavendish Laboratory where they applied their recent learning about waves and energy to a variety of sessions with a physics focus. The students particularly enjoyed the session on medicine where they had an opportunity to watch how brain activity could be read and imaged. They were also able to use an ultrasound machine to explore the bone structure of their hand. A fantastic talk about Antarctic exploration had students hooked and full of questions for the researchers. Students also spoke to researchers at The Atomic Weapons Establishment, a United Kingdom Ministry of Defence research facility responsible for the UK's nuclear weapons. They particularly enjoyed learning about how testing of nuclear weapons could be detected.

In the afternoon students headed to Fitzwilliam College for lunch and then enjoyed insightful talks about applying for university and what life is like at Cambridge University. Students also had an opportunity to see the college library and accommodation available for first year students.

The students were a true credit to Gladesmore. Staff and students from the University were impressed and full of praise for our students. WELL DONE!

The trip was organised in conjunction with London Academy of Excellence Tottenham (LAET). LAET will be working with Gladesmore throughout the year to deliver a range of exciting extracurricular activities in a variety of subjects to students in Years 7-11.





# My Learning Journey

Gladesmore Community School has a centralised information portal called, 'My Learning Journey' (MLJ). Developed in-house, the portal's aim is to keep students and parents/carers updated on all curriculum based issues. By using 'My Learning Journey' you can access: exam related information; gain insights into curriculum content; view revision timetables; check your child's 'Own Your Learning' (home learning) schedule; and much more.

The portal's motto, 'Own your learning, own your future', encourages students to take active charge of their educational journey.

Here's how to access the MLJ :

1. Go to <https://student.gladesmore.com/>



2. Click on MYL



## USE

### MY LEARNING JOURNEY:

1.

If you are absent from school.

2.

To catch up on missed class work.

3.

To pre-learn to be ahead.

4.

To go over what you learn in class.

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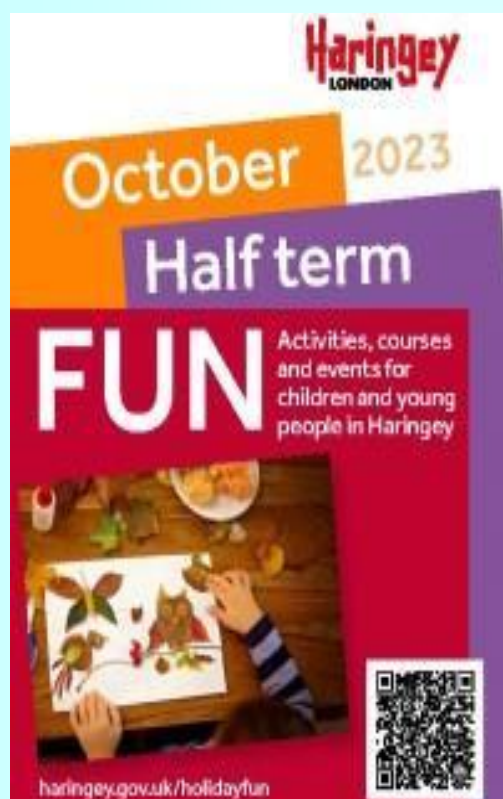
To discover useful learning sites.

6.

To Improve on your previous best!



# October Half Term Fun



Haringey has lots of free and low cost activities for children and young people during the holidays.

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

[https://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/october\\_half\\_term\\_holiday\\_fun\\_2023.pdf](https://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/october_half_term_holiday_fun_2023.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.



## Parental Advice...

- Please ensure all your child's clothing is clearly labelled so that if it gets misplaced, it can be returned to its owner.
- Please ensure you regularly check the Edulink app so you are kept up to date with all school matters.
- With the weather now getting colder students must be dressed in **full Gladesmore uniform** to keep themselves warm. No hooded tops will be allowed.
- If your child is unwell or will not be in school, do not forget to contact the school on the morning of their first day of absence to explain why they are not in.
- Please continue to notify us of any concerns you or your child may have on [admin@gladesmore.com](mailto:admin@gladesmore.com).
- If you are interested in joining the PTA (Parent Teacher Association), please contact [aae@gladesmore.com](mailto:aae@gladesmore.com) for more information.



## Keeping Safe on The Streets



### Does Your Child Know How to Be 'Street Smart'?

Being street smart means knowing how to keep yourself safe from strangers when alone or with other children. Whether your child is walking to school or to the bus stop, hanging out in the park or playground, or riding their bike in your neighborhood, being street smart helps them stay **safe**. When your child is street smart, they know how to handle themselves in tough situations, and they are able to 'read' people.

### Who Are Strangers?

When walking home from school, a person in a car pulls up and asks your child for directions. At the park, someone says he needs your child to help look for a lost puppy. These people may seem friendly, but no matter what they say to your child, they have one thing in common: **they are strangers**.

Most strangers aren't dangerous and wouldn't do anything to hurt children. Unfortunately some strangers can be dangerous, and it's impossible to tell who is OK and who is not. A dangerous person doesn't necessarily look scary or mean — the person might look nice. That's why it is important to follow these safety rules all the time.

- Always ask your child where they are going
- Get your child to send you a text to let you know that they have arrived at their destination
- Where possible make sure that your child does not go out unaccompanied
- Pick out safe spots that your child can go to unaccompanied
- Know which areas have a reputation of being unsafe and make sure your child avoids them
- Try to make sure your child is not walking alone after dark

### More useful tips!

- Your child should be seen – tell them that they should avoid unlit streets or pathways and isolated bus stops. Tell them to keep to areas where other people are around as this can prevent your child from appearing to be alone and they will be less likely to be seen as a target for theft or harassment.



- Tell your child to be aware of people and their surroundings – they should look and listen for any risks before they get too close to them – this counts for cars as well as people. Also, your child should not use MP3 players or phones unnecessarily as they could distract them from what's going on around them.
- Communication is key – when your child goes out, make sure their mobile phone is charged, and that they have enough credit to text or call someone in an emergency.
- Encourage your child to trust their instincts – if they think a place feels or looks unsafe, they should back away and go to somewhere they feel safe and then call someone to meet them.
- If your child wears jewellery, they should cover it up with clothes.
- If your child is mugged they should scream and shout but hand over whatever you are asked for. It's better to run off and be safe than fight and get hurt. Tell the police.

**VICTIM  
SUPPORT**

08 08 16 89 111

<https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/>

A National charity giving free and confidential help to victims of crime.

**References:**<https://kidshealth.org/en/kids/street-smart.html><https://www.youngcaring.co.uk/keeping-safe/>

## 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.



**Mrs Jones**  
*Designated  
Safeguarding  
Lead &  
Assistant Head*



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



**Ms Cope**  
*Safeguarding  
Officer*



**Ms Moaka**  
*Safeguarding  
Officer*



**Mr Regisford**  
*Safeguarding  
Officer &  
Assistant Head*

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.

: [safeguarding@gladesmore.com](mailto:safeguarding@gladesmore.com) or, : 0208 800 0884

# Gladesmore: A Renewed REACH Revolution!

At Gladesmore, our school culture and core ethos thrives on a foundation built upon our REACH values. These values are the lifeblood of our institution, shaping everything that makes Gladesmore truly exceptional. Now, we are thrilled to announce the exciting reinvention of REACH!



Our journey to relaunch REACH started with a spectacular assembly in September, where we celebrated the remarkable accomplishments that have flourished under the REACH banner. It was rousing, as we looked back on the legacy we've built, inspired by the unforgettable 'Value Life' campaign.

'Value Life' sparked a movement that united our students in campaigning for social change on causes they believed in. It led to a series of high-profile events, from the creation of an impactful DVD addressing knife crime to the chart-topping single and video, 'Everybody Dreams.' Our local community, including esteemed figures like David Lammy MP, rallied behind us, culminating in the unveiling of a 'Value Life' plaque on Tottenham High Road.

Our REACH values guide us throughout our curriculum. Our Year 9 students displayed their poetic prowess during the 'Poetry Slam' sessions in English and with the invaluable guidance of Jay Cage, celebrity judges included Big Scoop and Salient Voice. In Mathematics, our students showcased their collaborative excellence by securing a spot in the top 10 at the World Maths Day competition. Last summer, the Music department orchestrated a spellbinding concert, spotlighting the incredible talents of our Gladesmore students. Not forgetting the huge success of our 'International Culture and Diversity Day' where we raised £1000 for refugees.

But we're not stopping here! We're ready to take REACH to even greater heights. We're thrilled to introduce our new REACH Ambassadors, a team of dedicated staff members who will lead activities and presentations centered around each of the values throughout the school year. Stay tuned, as next term, we will introduce student REACH Ambassadors who will carry this torch forward.

To wrap up our assembly, we unveiled the brand-new REACH logo, which was a collective choice made by our incredible staff and students. This emblem is our launchpad, propelling us into a future brimming with renewed energy and unwavering enthusiasm. With this exciting transformation, Gladesmore remains a unique and exceptional place to learn and work. Get ready to be a part of this incredible journey!





# THE GLADESMORE FAMILY



For the last few years the Gladesmore Family has worked with local groups which run Foodbanks to help families in the community.

This winter we will again be collecting non perishable and long life items for donation to both the Tottenham and the Haringey Food Banks.

To donate, buy one or two items from the list opposite and donate them to Mr Aibangbee in B7 between now and Friday 15th December.

## HELPING LOCAL FAMILIES IN CRISIS

### SHOPPING LIST

- TINNED MEAT SOUP
- TINNED VEGGIE OR VEGAN FOOD
- TINNED HALAL MEAT
- UHT MILK ~ 1 LITRE
- ALTERNATIVE NON DAIRY MILK (E.G. OAT, ALMOND ETC) 1 LITRE
- INSTANT MASH POTATO
- INSTANT COFFEE ~ SMALL
- 1 LITRE LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE ~ (NO MINI PACKS PLEASE)
- TINNED RICE PUDDING OR TINNED CUSTARD
- SHAVING FOAM
- TOOTHPASTE
- SHOWER GEL
- DEODORANT ~ FEMALE & MALE
- SHAMPOO
- BABY WIPES
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT ~ SMALL PACKETS
- WASHING UP LIQUID

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

<b>Monday 23rd ~ Monday 30th October</b>	Half Term Holiday
<b>Tuesday 31st October</b>	8:35am ~ All year groups return to school
<b>Saturday 4th November</b>	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 6
<b>Thursday 9th November</b>	Year 11 Pathways Day Activities Day Timetable suspended for Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 not involved in the above events
<b>Saturday 11th November</b>	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 7
<b>Monday 13th ~ Friday 17th November</b>	Anti Bullying Week
<b>Friday 17th November</b>	Blue Day & Odd Socks Day Year 7 Horror Night
<b>Saturday 18th November</b>	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 8
<b>Saturday 25th November</b>	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 9
<b>Monday 27th November ~ Friday 1st December</b>	Enthusiasm Week
<b>Saturday 2nd December</b>	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 10
<b>Tuesday 5th December</b>	Year 7 and 8 Review Day Year 10 & 11 Exams 5:00pm Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting 2 Year 7 & 8 attendance by appointment. Timetable suspended for Year 9
<b>Saturday 9th December</b>	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 11
<b>Wednesday 20th December</b>	Panto (non uniform day & last day of term) Day ends at midday, lunch is available in the Glade Diner
<b>Thursday 21st December ~ Friday 5th January 2024</b>	Christmas Holiday
<b>Monday 8th January 2024</b>	8:35am ~ All year groups return to school
<b>Saturday 13th January</b>	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 12
<b>Thursday 18th January</b>	Year 10 Parents'/Carers' Evening
<b>Friday 19th January</b>	9:30am start for students
<b>Saturday 20th January</b>	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 13
<b>Monday 22nd ~ Friday 26th January</b>	Attitude Week
<b>Saturday 27th January</b>	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 14 Year 9 Preferences Morning
<b>Monday 30th ~ Friday 3rd February</b>	School Exams Week 3
<b>Saturday 4th February</b>	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 15
<b>Monday 6th February ~ Friday 10th February</b>	Year 11 Trial Exams Week 1
<b>Tuesday 7th February</b>	Teacher Training Day 3
<b>Monday 13th ~ Friday 17th February</b>	Half Term Holiday
<b>Monday 14th ~ Wednesday 16th February</b>	Revision Classes (to be confirmed)
<b>Monday 20th ~ Friday 24th February</b>	Year 11 Trial Exams Week 2
<b>Monday 20th February</b>	Staff PPM Day Year 11 Trial Exams Timetable suspended for all Years 7, 8, 9 & 10
<b>Tuesday 21st February</b>	8:35am ~ All Year Groups return to school
<b>Thursday 23rd February</b>	Year 10 Parent/Carers' Evening

**'REACH' HALL OF FAME  
Student of the Week  
2023 ~ 2024****Congratulations:****07/09/2023**Alice Sechelariu,  
9PDY**08/09/2023**

Adem Budak, 10MLT

**14/9/23**

Reuben Alexis, 7SGN

**15/9/23**Diyar Akarcoten,  
11EBE**21/09/2023**Tommy Ogunyoooye,  
8AHI**28/9/2023**

Xin Huang, 9DDL

**29/9/23**

Zara Azubuike, 10BSK

**06/10/2023**Raina Somasundram,  
10CMIAbdulmuizz Ahmad,  
11ELN**12/10/2023**

Enjai Cato, 7BKY

**13/10/2023**Phelan Agyeman,  
10CMI

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