



GCS Celebrates Anti-bullying Week

Monday 13th ~ Friday 17th November was Anti-bullying week. This is a national event to raise awareness of bullying to ensure support and guidance is always provided for everyone involved.

We celebrated this campaign on Friday 17th November with our annual '**BLUE** Day' event. The '**BLUE**' in Blue Day stands for Be Loving and Understanding to Everyone.

Students and staff were encouraged to wear blue accessories on top of their uniform and clothing and also to wear odd socks to highlight the differences between us.

What a great way to end a fantastic and fun week!



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

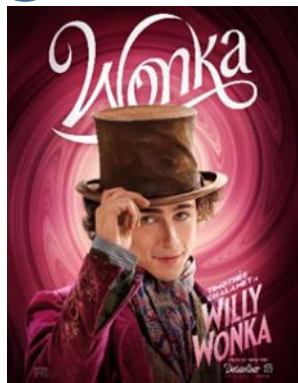
- Dates for Parents/Carers Events
- School trips
- The curriculum
- Emergency Closures (snow, power cuts etc).

www.gladesmore.com

or go to the

EduLink One App

Year 7 Saturday Transition School goes to the movies!



On Saturday 9th December, Year 7 students navigated

their way through the crowds of Christmas shoppers in the Wood Green Mall to get to Cineworld for their end of term enrichment trip to a movie screening of the hit film 'Wonka'!



The Saturday Transition School programme runs for 27 Saturdays across the academic year and is open to ALL Year 7 students. The key aim of the programme is to develop student's literacy and numeracy skills in a relaxed and supportive setting, whilst helping them to settle into life as a Gladesmore student.

The programme has finished for the Autumn Term but will start again on Saturday 13th January 2024. Feel free to contact Mrs Bardouille at the school if your child is in Year 7 and would like them to be part of this great programme.

We'd like to take this opportunity to say a big 'THANK YOU' to parents and carers' for your fantastic support this term. We hope you all have a restful and happy Christmas break.

Safer Schools Partnership



Gladesmore is part of the Safer Schools Partnership which is a scheme whereby members of the local police work closely with schools in order to keep young people safe, reduce crime and the fear of crime and improve behaviour in schools and their communities.

On Wednesday 15th November as part of this initiative, officers from the Metropolitan Police Mounted Branch visited Gladesmore. Students had the opportunity to engage with the officers and the amazing horses they work with.

Our students were very comfortable around the horses, though a number commented on never having seen a horse up close and they were surprised at how big they actually were. One student was very happy to be around them as she said the experience reminded her of the horses she helped rear when she lived on a farm. It was an all round positive experience.



The end of term was the perfect time to hold our annual non-uniform and Christmas jumper day. Students contributed £1 which allowed them to wear their own clothing or a Christmas jumper. Staff also made a donation to wear their Christmas jumpers.

This year we are working with our amazing GCSE Citizenship students who have led the 'Do Something Great DONATE' programme. They have been collecting tinned and packet goods as well as toiletries which have been kindly donated by students and their families. These items will be made into parcels to support members of our community who are struggling with the cost of living crisis. All funds raised by the non-uniform day will be used to buy items to support Haringey and Tottenham foodbanks.

Thank you to the fantastic Gladesmore family for going all out to donate and raise as much money as possible for those less fortunate than us at this time of year.



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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.

What happens if my child is seen using an e-scooter?

Students are not legally permitted to ride an e-scooter on public roads, any student seen using an e-scooter will be referred to the Behaviour Team, their parents/carers will be informed and a sanction will be put in place up to and including suspension from school.

Advice on using LimeBikes



LimeBike

LimeBike provide 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:

- Account holders must be over 18.
- 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 your child rides a LimeBike please make sure they meet and are following the legal requirements.

GCS students do not meet the age criteria to open a LimeBike account. To ride a bike which has been leased by an account holder, students must be over 16.

At GCS any student seen riding a LimeBike who does not meet the legal requirements will be referred to the Behaviour Team, their parents/carers will be informed and a sanction will be put in place up to and including suspension from school.

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 1st of October 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.

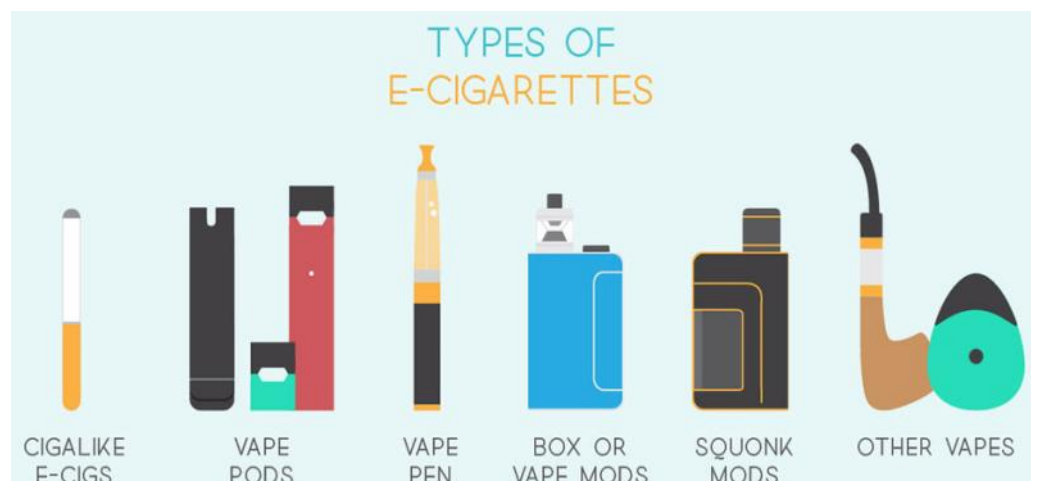
Traditional cigarettes, tobacco and most vapes contain nicotine which is highly addictive.

Vapes are a relative new product and it's use and availability has only recently become widespread, therefore research into it's side effects is in its infancy, but there is strong evidence that the brains of children and young people who are still developing are more sensitive to the side effect caused by nicotine. The side effects of vaping include coughing, dry mouth and throat, shortness of breath, mouth and throat irritation and headaches.

Nicotine is a toxin which can result in poisoning. Symptoms of nicotine poisoning include nausea and vomiting, headaches and stomach pains, and in more severe cases it can lead to convulsions, depressed breathing and heartbeat, and death.

The smoke from traditional cigarettes and tobacco is known to contain thousands of poisonous chemicals at least seventy of which are known to cause cancer. These chemicals include: tar, arsenic, benzene, cadmium, ethanol, formaldehyde, chromium, acrolein, hydrogen cyanide, carbon monoxide and ammonia. Smoking is known to damage nearly every organ of the body causing debilitating and life threatening illnesses such as: lung disease including emphysema and chronic bronchitis, heart and circulatory disease including heart attack and stroke, many types of cancer including lung, mouth, throat, stomach, liver, kidney, bowel, bladder and cervical cancer. Smoking increases the risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes, eye disease and dementia. It is known to reduce fertility in both men and women and cause serious problems during pregnancy for the unborn child. Smoking increases anxiety and tension. Smokers are also more likely than non-smokers to develop depression over time.

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



www.talktofrank.com/drug/vapes#the-risks & www.talktofrank.com/drug/tobacco#the-risks

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, the vape or tobacco product will be confiscated, their parents/carers will be informed and a sanction will be put in place up to and including suspension from school.

Year 7 Activities Day



On Thursday 9th November we had our first Year 7 Activities Day. Four Year 7 tutor groups took the underground to visit the Museum of London Docklands.

The museum focuses on the history of the East End of London and the people who lived and worked there for over two centuries. Students were able to get a better understanding of the important role the East End of London played in the formation of this great city that we know today.

It was a very informative and engaging trip. Well done Year 7, your behaviour and attitude was spot on!

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY AT GCS

The Attendance Team are:

- **Attendance Manager** ~ Ms M Dyer
- **Assistant Headteachers** ~ Mr E Regisford & Mr D Porter
- **Education Welfare Officer** ~ Ms D Hall

Attendance at Gladesmore

As part of Gladesmore's commitment to developing life long skills in all our students and ensuring every child has the greatest chance of success, punctuality and attendance is monitored closely.

The school day begins at 8:35am and we recommend that your child be on the school premises no later than 8:30am.



We have made the following provision for students who wish come into school early:

- The Success Lounge opens every day at 7:45am for students in Years 10 & 11.
- Year 7 Stepping Stones Breakfast Club is open Monday ~ Wednesday, 8am to 8:30am in the Gallery.
- Year 8 Stepping Stones Breakfast Club is open Thursday & Friday, 8am to 8:30am in the Gallery.
- Attendance Team Breakfast Club for targeted students only is open Monday ~ Thursday, 8am to 8:30am, in B5.

Guidance regarding absences & lateness

If your child is going to be absent or late please either telephone 0208 800 0884 and select option '1' to leave your message, or email attendance@gladesmore.com on the morning of the first day (and any following days) of your child's absence to inform us of the reason your child is absent. Telephone calls will be answered from 8:30am.

Gladesmore Community School has a safeguarding duty under section 175 Education Act 2002 to investigate any unexplained absences. If your child is absent without notification, the attendance team will follow up with a call, text or email.



The staff at GCS wish you, our Gladesmore family,
all the very best for a safe & restful holiday
& a healthy & happy new year!

The Dangers of Cannabis Edibles



We want parents to be aware of cannabis edibles which are increasingly being offered to young people across the country.

Cannabis edibles are food products which contain Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the mood altering ingredient from cannabis. They are illegal but available in many different forms, including cakes, sweets, chocolates, drinks, syrups, butters or spreads and oils.

Although cannabis edibles contain an element of the Class B drug, they do not have the smell or appearance of cannabis. Instead, they look and smell like a normal shop-bought food item but can be stronger than other cannabis products. Because of how they are packaged, they can be particularly appealing to young people and teenagers, who may call them 'gummies' or 'bites'. These edibles may also contain other illicit substances.

Long-term cannabis use can be especially concerning in teenagers. It may increase the risk of mental health conditions, such as schizophrenia or psychosis, as well as having an adverse impact on learning and memory.

Please be vigilant with your children. If you suspect your child has taken a cannabis edible you must seek medical advice immediately.



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 or, : 0208 800 0884



At Gladesmore Community School, we want to prepare all our students to thrive as young people and as adults. Through our PSHE curriculum, we broaden students' horizons and support them to navigate the wider world. Alongside PSHE lessons, we organise talks and workshops with various organisations who share their specialist knowledge and expertise with our students.

It has been a very busy term for the PSHE team at Gladesmore. Students across key stages three and four have been learning about looking after their physical and mental health, planning for future study and employment, and appreciating the many different faiths and beliefs that are shared in Haringey. We have also been delighted to welcome many different visitors to the school.

Royal Holloway: Student Opportunities at University

Year 8 and Year 9 have been learning about careers and future study this term. We were pleased to welcome two students from Royal Holloway (University of London) to speak about their experiences of university life and share information about what exciting opportunities are available when you go to university. Some students said that they hadn't realised just how many exciting extra curricular activities happened outside of studying and that it has really made them think about university as an option for them in the future.

Hibo Wardere visits GCS

We were delighted to welcome back Hibo Wardere, from the charity 'Educate not mutilate' to speak to our Year 11s about FGM. Hibo spoke about the long-term physical and mental effects of this illegal practice, how to recognise the signs of abuse and shared her own personal experiences with our students. Earlier in the year, Hibo also delivered incredibly powerful training to staff at Gladesmore, which left us feeling much more knowledgeable and confident in dealing with concerns around FGM. We can't wait to welcome her back to speak to more of our students in the future.

Looking forward to 2024

We are very much looking forward to welcoming more visitors to speak to our students in 2024. In the meantime, we hope that you have an enjoyable and relaxing break!

GCS Rewards & Jack Petchey Up~Date

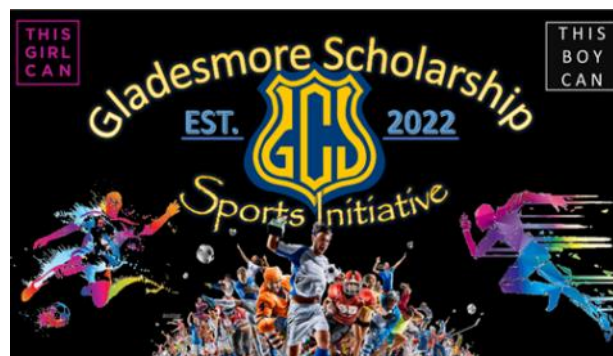


We have had a fantastic start to the new academic year with our first term full of rewards and achievements by Gladesmore students.

This term has seen us implement our new reward scheme ~ Gladesmore A.I.. This scheme combines the data for all of your child's achievements across the school, for example: achievement points, punctuality, attendance, REACH points, their commitment score and their 'Own Your Learning' points, to generate their A.I. reward score.

The top three students in each year group were invited to join the Headteacher, Mr Ojokor at a VIP lunch, where they discussed the improvements that they felt could be made to make a positive difference to students at Gladesmore. The top thirty students in each year group were entered into a prize draw to win some great prizes, such as the very popular experience vouchers, Alexa devices and laptops.

Earlier this term the annual 'Gladesmore Sports Initiative Scholarship' was presented to Joshua, a fantastic Year 10 student. His commitment to athletics has been inspirational. He is a member of an athletics club and he has made huge progress over the past year. We wish Joshua the best of luck and hope the financial support we give will help him to reach his full potential.



Our school continues to be part of the Jack Petchey Achievement Award programme at the **Gold** level which means we get to recognise nine superb students and one outstanding leader for their efforts inside or outside of school during the academic year. Each student is awarded £300 to spend on further improving the school, This term a Year 10 student and a Year 7 student each received the award for their outstanding

commitments made in school and the community. They decided to donate their prizes to the PE, Computer Science and Science faculties to fund new equipment which will benefit GCS students for years to come. THANK YOU!

Congratulations to all our winners, keep up the good work!





Year 11 Mathematics Competition 2023

On Wednesday 29th November 2023, the Mathematics Department hosted the annual Year 11 Mathematics Competition. Tutor groups competed head to head over five, timed rounds to win the championship title. Teams worked together and were challenged to think mathematically to help refine the skills needed for their upcoming mathematics exam. Students were

encouraged to enhance their mental maths and their verbal and non-verbal reasoning skills.

Congratulations goes to:

- 1st Place ~ 11ELN
- 2nd Place ~ 11TGE
- 3rd Place ~ 11 DKA

Thank you to all students and staff who participated enthusiastically and made the event a great success!

REACH Assemblies Up~Date: Embracing Enthusiasm

At Gladesmore our core ethos is based on our five 'REACH' values:

- **R**espect: respecting those around you and yourself
- **E**nthusiasm: approaching each task with enthusiasm
- **A**psiration: Having a hope or ambition of achieving something extraordinary
- **C**o~operation: working with others to achieve a common goal
- **H**ard work: working hard to achieve your full potential.

We believe that if all students 'REACH' they will achieve.

Each half term we dedicate a week to focus on one of the five 'REACH' values. Activities to promote each of the of the values are lead by the REACH Team and one of the five newly appointed 'REACH' ambassadors, who have been chosen because they embody the value that they represent. This half term it was the turn of 'Enthusiasm'.

During 'Enthusiasm Week' teachers were encouraged to award students enthusiasm points for demonstrating commitment to their learning. These points were added to their A.I. Reward score.

The week ended with entertaining and informative assemblies lead by our Representation and Culture lead, Ms Norton, and our 'Enthusiasm Ambassador', Mr Hussein.

Each assembly began with a video, showcasing the infectious enthusiasm of both students and staff as they shared their unique dance moves. Then our talented Year 9 students took centre stage to share what brings them joy and ignites their enthusiasm. Hyley spoke about his drive playing for Ipswich Football Club, Khemora eloquently expressed her love for track and field athletics and Denzil left the audience in awe with an uplifting performance of his own song. Students were then treated to a presentation showing how different cultures around the world celebrate and express their enthusiasm. Each assembly ended with inspirational dance ensemble that showcased what 'Enthusiasm' means to the Gladesmore Family.

In essence Enthusiasm Week was an affirmation of our commitment to uncovering joy in the things we love. It serves as a reminder that enthusiasm is not just a fleeting emotion but a guiding force propelling us forward on our journey of growth, learning, and shared experiences. Together, let us continue to embrace the spirit of enthusiasm as we navigate towards the next exciting chapter of the New Year and Spring term.

We continue to encourage our students to



respect | enthusiasm | aspiration | cooperation | hard work

READING REWARDS: HORROR NIGHT 2023 @ GCS

At Gladesmore, students reading progress is assessed using the Accelerated Reader Programme. Students choose books which they read and then take a quiz about the book to assess their understanding. On Friday 17th November, the top thirty Year 7 accelerated readers were invited to the reading rewards annual 'Horror Night'.

Students spent a chilling evening visiting different rooms in the 'Glades Motel' where they were treated to some very spooky activities.

Students were taken to a haunted science lab where they conducted the ghoulish experiment of re-animating a severed chicken's foot! They then had to solve clues and decode messages in order to free themselves from an escape room, before entering the rooms of fear on the third floor.



The evening ended with students relaxing with a cup of hot chocolate and a cookie whilst watching a movie. Students left with a goody bag full of scary treats.

A 'fang-tastic' evening was had by students and staff alike.



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

Wednesday 20th December	Panto (non uniform day & last day of term) Day ends at midday, lunch is available in the Glade Diner
Thursday 21st December ~ Friday 5th January 2024	Christmas Holiday
Monday 8th January 2024	8:35am ~ All year groups return to school
Saturday 13th January	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 12
Thursday 18th January	Year 10 Parents'/Carers' Evening
Friday 19th January	9:30am start for students
Saturday 20th January	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 13
Monday 22nd ~ Friday 26th January	Aspiration Week
Saturday 27th January	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 14
Saturday 3rd February	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 15 Year 9 Preference Morning
Monday 5th ~ Friday 9th February	Apprenticeship week Year 11 Trial Exams Week 1
Tuesday 6th February	Teacher Training Day 3
Monday 12th ~ Friday 16th February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 12th ~ Wednesday 14th February	Revision Classes (to be confirmed)
Monday 19th ~ Friday 23rd February	Year 11 Trial Exams Week 2
Monday 19th February	Staff PPM Day Year 11 Trial Exams Timetable suspended for all Years 7, 8, 9 & 10
Tuesday 20th February	8:35am ~ All Year Groups return to school 7:00pm ~ Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting 3
Saturday 24th February	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 16
Thursday 29th February	Year 9 Parent/Carers' Evening
Friday 1st March	9:30am start for students
Saturday 2nd March	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 17
Monday 4th ~ Friday 8th March	National Careers Week
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Saturday 9th March	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 18
Sunday 10th/Monday 11th March	Ramadan Begins
Thursday 14th March	4:30pm ~ Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Evening 2
Friday 15th March	9:30am start for students
Saturday 16th March	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 19
Monday 18th ~ Friday 22nd March	Year 8 School Exams Week
Saturday 23rd March	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 20
Monday 25th ~ Wednesday 27th March	BTEC Drama Component 3 Exam
Thursday 28th March	Last day of term Day ends at midday, lunch is available in the Glade Diner
Friday 29th March ~ Friday 12th April	Easter Holiday
Tuesday 2nd ~ Thursday 4th April	Easter Revision Classes (to be confirmed)
Tuesday 9th/Wednesday 10th April	Ramadan ends, Eid al Fitr
Monday 15th April	8:35am ~ All Year Groups return to school
Tuesday 16th April	Year 11 Exam Entry Evening
Saturday 20th April	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 21
Monday 22nd April	Easter Extravaganza
Tuesday 23rd ~ Wednesday 25th	GSCE Art Component 2 Exam
Thursday 25th April	4:30pm ~ Year 8 Parents'/Carers' Evening

**'REACH' HALL OF FAME
Student of the Week
2023 ~ 2024****Congratulations:****19/10/2023**

Elyon Patterson, 8EEM

20/10/2023Devarne Frederick-Tran,
10ODN**02/11/2023**

Josiah Peters, 7MDD

03/11/2023

Jenny Chen, 11JOH

16/11/2023

Eylul Erpolat, 7OAR

17/11/2023

Aj Fatah, 10RRD

23/11/2023

Maxim Pavaluc, 8AHI

24/11/2023Aurela Peca, 11DKA
&
Brayden Kyemba, 10BSK**30/11/2023**Analissa Domingos,
9CHE**01/12/2023**

Ethan McLean, 10GGE

07/12/2023Said Sajed Asghari,
7DCN**08/12/2023**

Xhemina Borici, 11MBE

14/12/2023

Liam Mubiiru, 8IJA

15/12/2023Deborah Musesu,
10MMN