



Getting Home Safely

At Gladesmore we take pride in the achievements of your children ~ our students and Gladesmore's good reputation within the community. This is why we are proud to call ourselves 'the Gladesmore family'. Every time our students ~ your children go out into the community wearing their school uniform they represent the Gladesmore family and our REACH values (see page 2).



As with every family, 'our' children's safety is of paramount importance to us both inside and outside of the school premises.

To ensure that all children are safe after school it is vital that they make their way straight home as soon as school day ends.

The school day ends as follows:

DAY	YEAR GROUP	TIME
Monday ~ Wednesday	All Year Groups	3:20pm
Thursday	Years 7, 8 & 9	2:50pm
	Years 10 & 11	3:50pm
Friday	All Year Groups	2:50pm

At the end of each school day in an effort to ensure the children's journey home is safe, staff escort them to the High Road, wait with them for the first buses to arrive and make sure that they board the buses safely.

Working with us to ensure your child's journey home is a safe one, please make sure that ...

- your child goes straight home after school.
- your child does not bring any high value items to school. If they do, they do so at their own risk and they should be told *never* to use them in public places such as on the road or whilst travelling on a bus or a train.
- your child always crosses the road using proper pedestrian crossings.
- if your child attends an after-school activity make sure you know where it is and what time it ends so that you know what time to expect them home.
- if your child has siblings in the school tell them to travel home together. Similarly, if your child has friends who live close by it might be a good idea for you to arrange with their parents/carers for your children to travel home together.

Thank you for your cooperation

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





REACH Assembly Up~Date



Aspiration Ambassador

'If you have a dream, it's your responsibility to make it happen'

Ms T Marshall

As part of the re-vamping of the REACH logo we are highlighting each of the REACH values in an assembly each half term. This time the focus was on 'A for Aspiration'.

Aspiration means, 'having a strong desire to achieve something'. We know that all Gladesmore students are on the right path to being the best they can be and so we believe aspiration should be one of our core values.

There was an assembly to explain the importance of being aspirational and how it can help students plan for their future.

Ms T Marshall is the Aspiration Ambassador and shared a wonderful video of Gemima from the class of 2020, showcasing her amazing speaking skills at the 'Speak Out' finals. Gemima went on to win the competition highlighting the importance of pushing and challenging yourself to be better.

The key message from the assembly was that you should not settle for anything less than your best. Be prepared to go the extra mile to achieve the best you can knowing that we are all here to support you.



Enrichment@Gladesmore . . . Crochet Club!

Each half term we'll be shining a light on one of the amazing enrichment opportunities we offer our students. This half term the focus is on the wonderful Crochet Club led by Ms Majasi.

Crochet Club is a lunchtime club that takes place twice a week, on Monday and Wednesday. Students are taught how to crochet and are encouraged to spend some quiet time chatting with their friends whilst creating a lovely item! All resources are provided free of charge to any students that regularly attend.

This is an great opportunity for the students to learn a new skill and get to know each other in a different setting.

If your child is interested in attending Crochet Club, please tell them to see Ms Majasi in S01 for more information.



Vapes and E-Cigarettes are illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to purchase or use.

If you are worried about your child vaping or you suspect that your child could be vaping, please refer them to your GP. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Team (safeguarding@gladesmore.com) to share your concerns. We have a range of resources to support you as a parent and your child.



Vaping safe? Think again.

Think that's just water vapor? Here's what e-cig vapors can also carry into your lungs:

- ▶ solvents
- ▶ flavorings
- ▶ preservatives
- ▶ additives
- ▶ formaldehyde (at highest voltage)
- ▶ tiny (nano) particles of metals

Liquid Nicotine
If the e-cig contains liquid nicotine, it is highly addictive and can be toxic.



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



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child is entitled to free school meals you could be saving on average
£10 per week or **£390** per year

To qualify you MUST receive ONE of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance Income-related Employment & Support Allowance NASS Support
- Guaranteed element of State Pension
- Child Tax Credit & your income is £16190* or less & you are **NOT** entitled to Working Tax Credit

For more information on how to apply, Contact
the School office on
0208 800 0884

*Maximum qualifying amount is subject to Budget changes



February Half Term Fun



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

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

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/>

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.

Gladesmore Goes To Hollywood!

On Friday 12th January 2024, Gladesmore Community School students were invited to the Youth Premiere of 'The Kitchen', written and directed by Kibwe Tavares and Oscar winner Daniel Kaluuya. Our students were dressed to impress and ready to pose on the red carpet. On arrival, they were treated to a reception with complimentary food and drinks, before settling into the cosy seats of the Everyman Broadgate for the screening. With more complimentary drinks and popcorn, the students were swept into a dystopian sci-fi drama set in a not too far in the future London. Starring Top Boy's very own Sully (Kane Robinson), the students were treated to nearly two hours of drama, pathos and excitement! With a host of newcomers and football's very own Ian Wright, the pupils experienced acting and film making at its very finest.

To top off the night, the students had an even more amazing opportunity as the premiere was followed by a live question and answer session, with the lead cast, including Kane Robinson and none other than Daniel Kaluuya himself. This wasn't all. After the Q and A, there was a meet and greet where students had the chance to meet the stars of the film and get a quick selfie or two. With phones at the ready, our students chatted to and posed with the cast. Gladesmore got to rub shoulders with the stars, 'cos that's just how Gladesmore rolls! It was a once in a life-time opportunity and everyone had a fabulous time!

A special thanks goes to Ms Norton, Ms George and Mr Dunford King and of course Ms Mtandwa, without whom the whole experience would not have happened.

Next stop, LA!



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. We have also been delighted to welcome many different visitors to the school who have shared their knowledge and expertise with our students.

Hibo Wardere visits GCS

We were delighted to welcome Hibo Wardere back for a third time from the charity 'Educate not mutilate' to speak to our Year 9s 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.

Hibo also kindly signed two copies of her book 'Cut' which features in our Gladesmore school library.



'The Oddballs' & 'Coppafeel' ~ Presentation to Year 8 Students

This term we began working with two new charities whose work promotes awareness about health changes in our bodies and the importance of early detection of these changes through self checking.

We welcomed Ben from 'The Oddballs Foundation' who spoke to Year 8 boys about the importance of self checking for testicular cancer and Clare from 'Coppafeel' who spoke to Year 8 girls about the importance of regular self checking of breast health.





Please note all dates and events are subject to change

Monday 12th ~ Friday 16th February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 12th ~ Wednesday 14th February	KS4 Revision Classes
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 March ~ 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	GCSE Art Component 2 Exam
Thursday 25th April	4:30pm ~ Year 8 Parents'/Carers' Evening GCSE Art Exam
Friday 26th April	9:30am start for students
Saturday 27th April	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 22
Saturday 4th May	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 23
Monday 6th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th May	8:35am ~ All Year Groups return to school
Thursday 9th ~ Friday 10th June	GCSE Exams ~ Week 1
Friday 10th May	Year 11 Timetable ends
Saturday 11th May	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 24
Monday 13th ~ Friday 17th May	Cooperation Week GCSE Exams ~ Week 2
Saturday 18th May	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 25
Monday 20th ~ Friday 24th May	GCSE Exams ~ Week 3
Saturday 25th May	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 26
Monday 27th* ~ Friday 31st May	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 28th ~ Thursday 30th June ...	Half Term Revision Classes (TBC)
Monday 3rd June	8:35am ~ All Year Groups return to school
Monday 3rd ~ Friday 7th June	GCSE Exams ~ Week 4

'REACH' HALL OF FAME Student of the Week 2023 ~ 2024

**Congratulations
to the following
students:**

11/01/2024
Ashton
Green-O'Brien, 7RLE

12/01/2024
Catia
Cabral De Carvalho,
11RAL

18/01/2024
Zahra Naseer,
10BSK

25/01/2024
Alex Sesay,
8RMM

26/01/2024
Rebekah Blake,
11LNH

