

The Gladesmore Post



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Gladesmore Community School Wins Anti-Racism Award

We are thrilled to share some exciting news! Gladesmore Community School has been honoured with the Anti-Racism Award from Future Ed, a not for profit organisation committed to celebrating the best in education for Black African and Caribbean heritage communities in the UK.

This award is especially significant as it recognises our school's dedication to promoting anti-racist values and creating an environment where everyone is *included, respected and united*.

We were nominated for this award by members of the public who appreciate and support the work we do in advancing equality and challenging discrimination. Our final selection for the award was determined through a combination of public voting and evaluation by a panel of Future Ed professionals.

On Saturday, 30th November, Gladesmore staff (left to right) Mr Regisford, Ms Atwal, Mr Ojokor, Ms Tondel and Ms Norton, proudly represented the school at the Future Ed Awards Ceremony to collect this special award.

We would like to take a moment to say a big thank you and well done to all our students, staff, families and the local community for their incredible support and contributions. This achievement reflects the hard work, dedication and teamwork that define our Gladesmore community. This award belongs to all of us!



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





It's official ~ The Gladesmore Family are OUTSTANDING!!



The outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection confirmed what we already knew, Gladesmore Community School is 'outstanding'. This judgement was achieved due to the collective commitment, hard work and dedication of those who make up the Gladesmore Family, and for this we thank you all.

As we break for the end of the year we would like to wish all the Gladesmore family ~ our students and their families, our governors and all our staff ...

**A PEACEFUL & HAPPY HOLIDAY
& AN OUTSTANDING NEW YEAR!**

Moody's Mentoring

We are delighted to continue our partnership with Moody's Corporation

to deliver the Moody's Mentoring Programme to Year 10 students. This year, Moody's mentors will be working with sixty students in Year 10 to support their personal development through a series of in-person and email mentoring sessions.

The first cohort of nineteen students had a fantastic introductory session at the Moody's offices in Canary Wharf. Students participated in a networking activity that filled the room with animated discussion about the mentors' career paths and students' plans for the futures. After the session, students were matched with a mentor and have continued their discussions by email. Two more in-person sessions are due to take place for the first cohort of students. In these sessions they will explore careers, approaches to revision and interview skills.

The Moody's Mentoring programme continues to provide students with an insight into the world of work. A student in Year 11 who was mentored last year summarised how the programme helped him: *'I could see that the mentorship program at Moody's inspired not only me, but also my classmates, to comprehend ways to succeed and do well in school. The feeling of having someone to contact for help with education and to witness in a professional environment helped me to grasp the importance of a good education and how the workplace operates.'*



MOODY'S

Haringey, Here to Help



TO APPLY:

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Is your child in their first year of secondary school?

You can apply for a one-off school clothing grant of £60 if all the following apply:

- your child was born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 and they transferred to secondary school in September 2024
- you live in Haringey
- your child can get free school meals

You must apply by 31st March 2025.

You can use your grant to buy:

- school clothes
- shoes for your child

We may ask to see receipts as proof of what you bought.

Year 8 Maths Bonanza

The Maths Bonanza is a fun educational challenge for Year 8 students that tests their problem-solving and teamwork skills. This year's competition was held at the London Academy of Excellence Tottenham (LAET).

On Friday 15th November, two teams of four students competed against five other schools in Haringey. This event consisted of three rounds: the Team Round, the Individual Round, and the Lightning Round.

Thank you to the following students who took part and proudly represented Gladesmore's REACH values: Chang Yang, Meg, Michelle, Reuben, Naimah, Tamira, Cindy and Phoebe. As a result of their efforts, GCS took **1st Place!**



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 available in many different forms, including cakes, sweets, chocolates, drinks, syrups, butters or spreads and oils, all of which are illegal.

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.

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

The safeguarding of our children is our school's highest priority. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility at Gladesmore Community School.

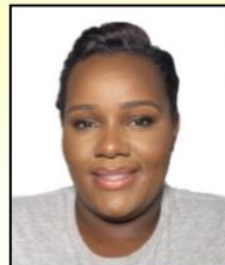
Please do reach out if you are worried or in need of support. Children, parents, carers, we know that it can be challenging to come forwards when things are difficult, but please get in touch so that we can help.



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GCS at the Royal Courts of Justice

Earlier this term a group of GCSE Citizenship students visited the Royal Court of Justice in Westminster to participate in a mock trial. During the mock trial, students took on the roles of all court officials and other participants. Sapphire played the part of the Judge and took her role very seriously. The roles of the prosecution and defence lawyers were admirably taken on by Jessica, Ilhan, Zak and Ali, who very convincingly presented their arguments to the jury. The roles of the plaintiff, defendant, jury and court clerk were also wonderfully portrayed by our students. The case culminated with a verdict of not guilty delivered expertly by our lead juror, Kashier.



After the mock trial students then had the opportunity to take part in a Q & A session with a group of solicitors, who spoke to them about possible routes into working within the field of Law, such as modern apprenticeships. Students found the day both informative and enjoyable.

Anti Bullying Week is an annual national event. The campaign aims to raise awareness of bullying to ensure that support and guidance is always provided for everyone involved. This year the national theme tied in beautifully with our REACH values. We were all encouraged to **'Choose Respect'** to show that we understand its importance and how it can positively and sometimes negatively impact our lives.

During the week there were themed assemblies and the week ended with our much anticipated annual Anti Bullying Week celebration 'Odd Socks and **BLUE** Day'. **'BLUE'** is an acronym to encourage understanding and kindness ~ **B**e **L**oving and **U**nderstanding to **E**veryone. All students and staff chose to wear blue accessories and odd socks to acknowledge and celebrate the differences between us, and show that though we are all different and unique we must still have respect for each other and not use our differences to be nasty or hurtful. Thank you to all those that took part. What a great way to end a fantastic and fun week!

Black History Season @ Gladesmore

'Black British & Proud'

Traditionally Black History Month (BHM) takes place in October but at Gladesmore we decided that a month is not enough time for us to truly celebrate the event. So this year, and from now onwards, during every Autumn Term we will be celebrating Black History Season (BHS)!

Our theme this year was all about home grown talent. **'Black, British and Proud'** was our mantra and hopefully our enthusiasm for that made an impact.

Posters celebrating successful and influential black Britons were on display all around the school. To really promote our amazing students, we also included lots of them in the displays. Students were able to show the aspirations they had for themselves and felt a real sense of pride as they were questioned by others about their hopes and dreams.

Our Dance Club focused on Afrobeats for the term, celebrating its recent popularity across the globe. There were T-shirt printing workshops allowing creative exploration of what it means to them to be 'Black, British and Proud'.



We held our first 'Wear your Natural Hair' day, encouraging all students regardless of their race to embrace their natural hair and proudly wear it to school. Students were asked to ditch the straighteners and remove their plaits in a bid to boost their self-esteem and celebrate their natural curls, coils and waves!



As always, we had a BHS quiz which was entered by almost every tutor group in the school! Well done to the five winning groups in each year 7E, 8BKY, 9THN, 10PME and 11MLT.

BHS ended with a fantastic assembly which allowed us all to think about how our actions and words can affect how others feel about themselves. This of

Black History Season @ Gladesmore

course is directly related to our first REACH value of Respect. Aaliyah in Year 9 and Favour in Year 11 shared their stories about people who have influenced and supported them as they continue to navigate their way through the world.



Ms Bryan, Mr Lowe and Mr Shokunbi all read out a letter they had written their younger selves showing them what their life would be like as they got older and moved through the world. They shared very personal stories about their experiences of being black, and how some encounters have really shaped them into the people they are today. All stories had the same premise, that respecting and loving yourself is very important, but that the same level of respect must be extended to every interaction we have with others.

The assembly ended with a wonderful performance by the dance group showcasing all the amazing work they have done this term.

This was a fantastic first Black History Season at Gladesmore. We ask that you all remember to be proud of yourself for your small and big wins. Celebrate each other and our differences, and most importantly RESPECT yourself and others around you always.

'Black British & Proud'

Happy Black History Season!

Year 7 Transition Saturday School Autumn Term Round-up



What an great first term we have had at Transition Saturday School! The commitment that Year 7 have shown to this programme has been out of this world. We've had crazy wind, freezing rain and snow but the dedicated students have still wrapped up warm and come into school each Saturday.

The Transition Saturday School provides all Year 7 students the chance to work on their literacy and numeracy skills in a fun and engaging way. It helps them make friends and gives them the opportunity to experience new and exciting challenges.

During the Autumn term students worked with Sixth Form students from Highgate Independent School who provided 1:1 tuition for Maths and reading. This allowed less confident readers to have guided support to help them develop their reading skills. Students were also encouraged to use this time to challenge their Maths understanding to help them in their curriculum lessons.

Each week at Transition Saturday School, students take part in an hour of sports and games where they get to let their hair down and engage in some healthy sporting competition. Games this year have included basketball, table tennis football and of course volleyball.

All Year 7 students are welcome to attend Transition Saturday School when we resume on the 11th January 2025. Please contact Mrs Bardouille if you require any more information.

Year 7 Transition School Saturday goes to the movies!



Our enrichment trip to round off this term was a private screening of 'Red One' at Cineworld in Wood Green. This was a fantastic way to reward the students and celebrate all their hard work so far this year.



London Academy of Excellence Science Enrichment

Gladesmore's partnership with the London Academy of Excellence Tottenham (LAET) continues to thrive. So far this year we have worked with LAET to deliver a range of enrichment activities to students in KS3 and KS4. Highlights so far have included:

- Students in Year 11 presented posters on their research about an aspect of the brain that interested them following sessions exploring neuroscience and psychology.
- Students in Year 8 participated in the Science and English Activities Day where they explored pendulums and Marvel characters who have changing personalities or identities.
- Students in Year 11 have been participating in revision sessions for Chemistry and Biology to support their studies as they take their mock exams and get ready for their GCSE exams in 2025.
- Students in Year 8 are taking part in a reading enrichment in Science which is aimed at improving use of key words and scientific literacy.
- Students in Year 10 and Year 11 have been attending History of Science Lectures at LAET to develop their understanding of how scientific knowledge has changed and developed through scientific collaboration over many centuries.

Next term, we will be working with Year 9 students to develop their understanding of Chemistry and we also have an exciting 'Formula 1' visit planned!

YEAR 11 GCSE CITIZENSHIP

Hello fellow Gladesmore Family members,

As part to of our Active Citizenship Project which forms a part of our GCSE Citizenship course, we have been working with Verral Paul Walcott, who is a community leader in our local area. Mr Walcott's organisation supports homeless people across all the London boroughs.



We would like to thank you all for your kind donations of clothing and blankets. We have now boxed up donations and will be delivering them to Mr Walcott at one of his hubs in Tottenham.

The Year 11 Citizenship Group



GCS Rewards & Jack Petchey Up~Date

As we approach the close of another exciting term, we are thrilled to share some wonderful updates with you. It has been a busy and inspiring time at our school, with new leadership, fantastic rewards, and the promise of even greater experiences ahead.



Prize Giving and Rewards Assemblies

One of the most anticipated events on our school calendar is our Prize Giving and Rewards Assemblies, which celebrate the hard work, dedication and achievements of our students across Years 7 to 11. These assemblies provide an opportunity to recognise academic excellence, sporting achievements, personal growth, and contributions to school life. We are excited to announce that this year's assemblies were bigger and better than ever!

Our Prize Giving included a wider range of categories, ensuring that more students were acknowledged for their unique talents and efforts. From the top academic achievers to the students who have demonstrated outstanding perseverance and kindness, each student has the chance to shine. These events are a moment of pride for both students and staff, as we come together to celebrate the achievements of our learners.

Bigger and Better Prizes for Students

This year, we've raised the stakes when it comes to rewards! Our prize offerings have grown significantly, and we are thrilled to introduce a range of exciting new experience prizes. Students will have the chance to win not just traditional academic certificates, but also amazing experiences that will create lasting memories.





GCS Rewards & Jack Petchey Up~Date

Some of the incredible new rewards include:

- **Go-Karting** – A thrilling race around the track for those who love speed and competition.
- **Indoor Skydiving** – An adrenaline-pumping experience that lets students feel the thrill of flying.
- **Wembley Stadium Tour** – A dream for sports enthusiasts to explore one of the world’s most iconic football stadiums.
- **Cinema Trip for Two** – The perfect opportunity for students to enjoy a film with a friend in style.



These new experiences are designed to motivate and inspire students, offering them rewards that go beyond the classroom. Whether it’s a chance to push their limits with indoor skydiving or to enjoy a day out with friends, these prizes offer something for every student, no matter their interests.

We are incredibly proud of our school community and the achievements of our students. It’s clear that we have a motivated and driven group of young people, and we look forward to continuing to support them in all their future endeavours. Thank you to all parents and staff for your ongoing support in making this school year one to remember. We can’t wait to see what’s next!



Newly Elected Year 7 and Year 9 Student Council Members



We are pleased to announce the newly elected members of our Year 7 and Year 9 Student Councils. These students have been selected through a democratic process, where they were nominated by their peers and voted for based on their leadership qualities, dedication, and passion for improving our school community.

The Year 7 Student Council brings a fresh wave of enthusiasm, with students eager to represent their year group and contribute to shaping school life.

Similarly, the Year 9 Council is already making its mark with a focus on addressing student concerns, promoting inclusivity, and organising exciting events. We are confident these councils will play a crucial role in continuing to make our school a vibrant and engaging environment for all.



READING REWARDS: HORROR NIGHT 2024 @ GCS

At Gladesmore, students' reading progress is assessed using the Accelerated Reader Programme. Students choose books which they read and then take a quiz to assess their understanding.

On Friday 15th November, thirty Year 7 accelerated readers were invited to the reading rewards annual 'Horror Night'.

Through out the evening students took part in numerous chilling but fun activities.

A spooky but educational science experiment saw students try to reanimate a severed chickens foot. In the mysterious escape rooms students used their reading skills to solve puzzles to break out. When free they found themselves in the eerie but entertaining 'Corridor of Doom' where each room contained a unique set of shocking frights to make students jump!

The evening ended in the library where students wound down with a cup of hot chocolate whilst watching a light hearted film.





IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note all dates and events are subject to change

- Friday 20th December Panto (non uniform day & last day of term)
Day ends at midday, lunch is available in the Glade Diner
- Monday 23rd December 2024 ~ Friday 3rd January 2025 Christmas Holiday
- Monday 6th January 2025 Teacher Training Day 3
Timetable suspended for all year groups
- Tuesday 7th January 2025 8:30am ~ All year groups return to school
- Saturday 11th January Year 7 Saturday Transition School 15
- Thursday 16th January Year 10 Parents'/Carers' Evening
- Friday 17th January 9:30am start for students
- Saturday 18th January Year 7 Saturday Transition School 16
- Monday 20th ~ Friday 24th January Aspiration Week
- Saturday 25th January Year 7 Saturday Transition School 17
- Thursday 30th & Friday 31st January Year 9 Preferences Presentations
- Saturday 1st February Year 7 Saturday Transition School 18
10:00am Year 9 Preferences Morning
- Saturday 8th February Year 7 Saturday Transition School 19
- Monday 10th ~ Friday 14th February Year 11 Trial Exams Week 1
- Saturday 15th February Year 7 Saturday Transition School 20
- Monday 17th ~ Friday 21st February Half Term Holiday
- Monday 17th ~ Wednesday 19th February Revision Classes (to be confirmed)
- Monday 24th ~ Friday 28th February Year 11 Trial Exams Week 2
- Monday 24th February Staff PPM Day
Year 11 Trial Exams
Timetable suspended for all Years 7, 8, 9 & 10
- Tuesday 25th February 8:30am ~ All year groups return to school
5:00pm ~ Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting 3 in the GCS Library
- Thursday 27th February Year 9 Parent/Carers' Evening
- Friday 28th February 9:30am start for students
Ramadan begins (to be confirmed)
- Saturday 1st March Year 7 Saturday Transition School 21
Ramadan begins (to be confirmed)
- Monday 3rd March ~ Friday 7th March National Careers Week
- Thursday 6th March World Book Day
- Saturday 8th March Year 7 Saturday Transition School 22
- Saturday 15th March Year 7 Saturday Transition School 23
- Saturday 22nd March Year 7 Saturday Transition School 24
- Thursday 27th March 4:30pm ~ Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Evening 2
- Friday 28th March 9:30am start for students
- Sunset Sunday 30th March Ramadan ends (to be confirmed)
- Monday 31st March Eid al Fitr (to be confirmed)
- Friday 4th April Last day of term
Day ends at midday, lunch is available in the Glade Diner
- Saturday 5th April Year 7 Saturday Transition School 25
- Monday 7th ~ Monday 21st April Easter Holiday
- Monday 7th ~ Wednesday 9th April Easter Revision Classes
- Tuesday 22nd April 8:30am ~ All year groups return to school
- Thursday 24th April Year 11 Exam Entry Evening
- Thursday 1st May 4:30pm ~ Year 8 Parents'/Carers' Evening
- Friday 2nd May 9:30am start for students
- Monday 5th May May Day Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 6th May 8:30am ~ All year groups return to school
- Tuesday 6th ~ Friday 9th May GCSE Exams ~ Week 1
- Friday 9th May Year 11 Timetable ends

'REACH' HALL OF FAME Student of the Week 2024 ~ 2025

Congratulations to:

07/11/24

Xaela Poppone, 7G

08/11/24

Wesley Singh, 11CMI

28/11/24

Lara Povia, 9EEM

29/11/24

Annalyse Lawrence, 10CHE

05/12/24

Dovany Furtado, 8BKY

06/12/24

Abie Tamba, 11MLT & Vania Cassandra, 10AGI

12/12/24

Charissa Zola, 7A

13/12/24

Natalia Cozan, 9IJA

