



THE GLADESMORE POST

PARENTS & GUARDIANS NEWSLETTER

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Gladesmore Students Inspire 800 Trainee Teachers at the Institute of Education

Ten outstanding School Council members recently represented Gladesmore Community School at the prestigious Institute of Education (IOE), delivering a presentation titled *"What Makes a Good Teacher?"* to an audience of approximately 800 trainee teachers.

The event was a huge success. Our students showcased the very best of Gladesmore, sharing honest, confident, and thoughtful reflections on what makes a truly great educator. Speaking in front of such a large audience was a fantastic achievement, and they rose to the occasion with maturity, enthusiasm, and remarkable self-assurance ~ offering the trainees a unique insight into education from the perspective that matters most.

Our Headteacher opened the session with an introduction to Gladesmore, outlining our ethos and core values. He then handed over to Mr Hussein, School Council Lead, who introduced our pupil representatives and highlighted the crucial role student voice plays across our school community.

Taking centre stage, the students shared their views on the key qualities and approaches that define effective teaching. Their contributions highlighted the importance of building positive relationships, demonstrating care and respect, creating engaging learning environments, and inspiring young people to reach their full potential.



The trainee teachers responded enthusiastically, praising the pupils' openness and clarity. The visit was a proud moment for Gladesmore and a clear demonstration of our commitment to student leadership and empowerment.

We are incredibly proud of our ten representatives for being such brilliant ambassadors. They proved that student voice deserves to be heard, valued, and celebrated ~ even in a room of 800 future teachers!



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A message from the Headteacher

As we reach the end of our first half term, I want to thank our students, staff, families and wider community for helping to make the start of the year so positive.

Year 7 have made a wonderful start to life at Gladesmore. They have settled into new routines and begun building friendships, and I am grateful to students in the other year groups for welcoming and supporting them. It has also been a pleasure to see so many prospective families at our Open Evening and Open Mornings. They were very well attended, and our students represented the school with warmth, confidence and pride.



The Year 11 Parents' Evening was very well attended, and it was wonderful to see so many students and families taking this important final year seriously. The thoughtful conversations about progress and next steps showed a real commitment to making the most of the months ahead. The partnership between home and school will be vital in helping our Year 11s stay focused and achieve their best.

This term, our focus on **Respect** has reminded us that every member of our community deserves to feel safe, valued and able to succeed. Respect is something we show through our everyday choices: how we listen, how we treat one another and how we respond when we see unfairness. Alongside this, Black History Season has given us an important opportunity to recognise Black history, contributions and achievement. This learning matters for all our young people: it helps them understand the world, see the value of different experiences and ensure that all members of the community feel included, respected and united.

That sense of belonging is also part of strong teaching and learning. When students feel known, included and challenged, they are better placed to take part, grow in confidence and achieve.

Parents and carers will receive **three student reports this academic year**. Next half term, we will introduce our new Key Stage 3 reports, designed to give you a clearer understanding of what your child has learnt in each subject. We will share more details at the start of Autumn 2, including opportunities to ask questions and become familiar with the new format before the first reports are sent out.

I hope everyone has a restful half-term break. We look forward to welcoming students back for a normal start on **Tuesday 3 November**.

Paul Bernard

Headteacher

Students help shape our sustainability plans

Our student council representatives recently took part in a sustainability audit workshop with 'Let's Go Zero', exploring climate change and how Gladesmore can reduce its impact on the environment.

We're pleased to now have two student representatives specifically championing sustainability. Their input is central to this work: they bring the perspective of the students who learn and spend their day here, helping us develop a plan that reflects our school and is practical for our community.

During the workshop, students considered the everyday choices that contribute to our carbon footprint and shared ideas to discuss with staff. These included encouraging car sharing, reducing unnecessary printing and buying locally where possible.

This is the start of a collaborative process. By bringing students and staff together, we can build a sustainability plan that works for Gladesmore and turn good ideas into meaningful action.

Black History Season 2026: Honouring Our Communities

This Black History Season, we will celebrate the national theme of: 'Honouring Our Communities'. The theme invites us to look more closely at the communities that shape and support us, and to recognise the brilliance around us rather than taking it for granted. This theme is about people. There are individuals whose contributions are part of everyday life, yet too often go unseen: volunteers who give their time without expectation and teachers who shape futures beyond the classroom alongside community leaders who bring people together, often without recognition. Their work may not always be recorded, but it is felt in relationships, in support systems, and in the spaces where people find belonging. These are the people who help to hold our communities together.



**HONOURING
OUR
COMMUNITIES**

Throughout the season, we will make these contributions visible through our assemblies, PSHE lessons and lots of exciting activities for students to get involved in. We encourage everyone in the Gladesmore family to identify and celebrate the people in their own lives and local community whose care, service, creativity and leadership make a difference. Look out for all the exciting things we got up to in the next edition of the Gladesmore Post!





Keeping Our Young People Safe

A warm welcome to all our new Year 7 parents and carers! We are delighted to welcome you and your children to our school community. Starting secondary school is an exciting milestone, bringing new opportunities, friendships and independence.

What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding means keeping children and young people safe from harm, helping them feel safe and ensuring they are well looked after. This includes supporting their physical and emotional wellbeing, both in and out of school. We want all our students to feel safe, respected and listened to, and to know there are trusted adults they can turn to if they are worried about anything. **Students can always speak to a member of staff or the safeguarding team.**

Staying safe on the journey home

As the evenings get darker, it is important that we all take extra care when travelling home from school. Please remind your child to plan their journey, stick to familiar, well-lit routes and remain aware of their surroundings. Keeping headphones at a low volume or putting phones away while walking, especially near roads, helps students stay alert. Wearing something bright or reflective can also help them to be seen by drivers.

We encourage all students to **travel straight home after school, without hanging around or gathering in groups** on the way. If travelling with friends, they should make sensible choices and look out for one another. Remind your child never to go off with someone they do not know, to avoid shortcuts through isolated areas and to seek help from a trusted adult if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe. If their journey plans change or they are delayed, they should contact you as soon as possible.

We are here to support you

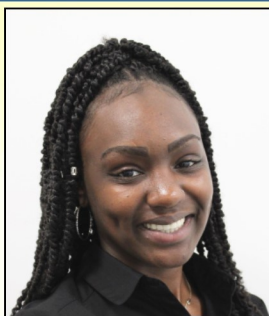
Safeguarding is a shared responsibility, and we are here to support both students and families. If you have any concerns about your child's safety, wellbeing, friendships or journey to and from school, please contact the safeguarding team. No concern is too small, and we are always happy to offer advice, guidance and support.

Thank you for working in partnership with us to keep our young people safe, happy and ready to learn.

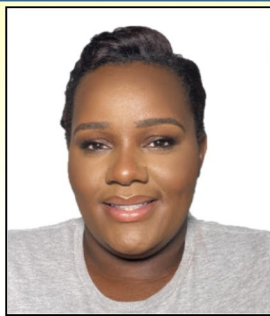
THE GCS SAFEGUARDING TEAM

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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*Designated
Safeguarding Lead*



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Celebrating Success at Gladesmore: Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Ceremony 2026

Gladesmore Community School proudly celebrated the achievements of 29 students who successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Bronze Award at a special ceremony on Friday 9th October.

The evening brought together students, parents, and staff to recognize the commitment, resilience, and personal growth demonstrated across the volunteering, physical, skills, and expedition sections of the programme. Each participant collected their well-deserved certificate, marking a significant personal milestone.

The ceremony was organized and hosted by Mr. Hussein, our DofE Manager, whose dedication ensured the event was a fitting tribute to all 29 award recipients.

Special Recognition Awards

Three students received additional honors for their exceptional contributions:

- Expedition Expert Award ~ Gulsu Celebi: Recognized for her outstanding knowledge, leadership, teamwork, and support during the expedition.
- DofE Excellence Award ~ Phoebe Ferguson & Myka Festy: Awarded for their overall dedication, perseverance, and outstanding effort across all sections of the programme.

Talent and Celebration

The evening featured performances by the DofE participants, showcasing the skills and confidence developed during their journey. Guests were also treated to a special singing performance by Jack Petchey Award recipient Farah Bennacef.

Our sincere thanks go to:

- Ms. Jarvis & Ms. Cankaya (TNT Decorations) for beautifully decorating the venue.
- Mr. Thompson (Tree Ah Life) for providing delicious food.
- Our dedicated staff and supportive families who encouraged the students every step of the way.



Congratulations to all 29 Bronze Award winners!

Your hard work, independence, and positive attitudes are an inspiration to the entire Gladesmore community.

Citizenship Department Update

It has been a very busy and productive time in Citizenship. Our Year 11 students have been working hard to develop and launch their Citizenship campaigns, putting their knowledge into action by tackling important issues within our community.

Supporting the Homeless

We are currently collecting clothing donations to support people experiencing homelessness. If you have any unwanted clothes that are still in good condition, we would be very grateful for your donations. Please bring them to Mr Lawrence in H6. Every donation can make a difference!

We are also organising a charity football match to raise money for the homeless. Students in Key Stage 3 (KS3) are welcome to participate, and everyone is encouraged to come along and support this worthwhile cause. Entry costs just £1 to play or watch. For further information, please speak to Mr Lawrence.

Year 11 Active Citizenship Project

As part of our Active Citizenship Project we will be working with local charities to help people in our community who are in difficulty due to the cost of living or those that are homeless.

We will be collecting long life food items which we will donate to the 'Tottenham Food Bank' and items of clothing which we will donate to the Wood Green branch of the 'Salvation Army' and 'We Collect, We Donate'.

**Please donate to help us
to help our community ...**

- **Donate from:** Monday 12th October
- **Dead line:** Monday 14th December
(the Monday before we break up for the Christmas break)
- **Room:** H6 (Mr Lawrence's room)

We will be collecting items such as:

LONG LIFE FOOD

Cartons of milk, non dairy milk, juice or bottles of water etc

Jars or tinned items:

Jam, vegetables,
meatballs, hotdogs,
pulses, soup, cooking
sauces etc

Crackers, biscuits,
snack bars, crisps

Tea, instant coffee,
cuppa soup, hot
chocolate etc

CLOTHING

Good quality
laundered items
suitable for adults,
children & babies:

Warm coats,
waterproof jackets,
trousers, hats,
gloves & scarfs,
jumpers, cardigans,
trousers, jogger
bottoms, hoodies,
t-shirts, skirts, boots,
shoes trainers,
shoes, etc



ANIMAL AID

A Visit from Animal Aid

ANIMAL AID Finally, we were delighted to welcome **Animal Aid**, a pressure group that campaigns for changes to the law and promotes animal rights. Our students were fascinated by the visit and had the opportunity to explore how pressure groups operate, how they campaign for change, and how laws can be influenced and changed.

The session provided valuable insight into the role of pressure groups in society and helped students deepen their understanding of key topics covered in their Citizenship GCSE.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Animal Aid for giving up their time to share their knowledge and expertise with our students. The visit was an enriching experience and a valuable contribution to their learning.

Thank you to all our students and families for supporting our Citizenship initiatives and helping us make a positive difference in our community!

NASA Live at Imperial College London's Faculty of Natural Sciences



On Friday 11 September 2026, 30 Year 10 students attended the **NASA Live Event at Imperial College London's Faculty of Natural Sciences**.

The event was a great success, giving students a unique opportunity to hear directly from NASA expert -engineers and learn more about space exploration, the **Artemis** missions and the technology behind human spaceflight.

Guest experts included:

Howard Hu - *NASA engineer*: NASA's Orion Program Manager, Howard Hu leads the development and operations of the Orion spacecraft, which will support NASA's Artemis missions to the Moon.

Branelle Rodriguez - *NASA engineer*: NASA's Orion Program Integration Manager and Artemis II Vehicle Manager, with extensive experience in human spaceflight and the International Space Station programme.

Our students represented **Gladesmore** brilliantly, demonstrating excellent enthusiasm, engagement and participation throughout the event and asking thoughtful questions about NASA, space exploration and future careers.

Well done to all the students involved!



Our Year 8s Climbing to Success

Our rewards trips have been a great success! Well done to our Year 8 students who secured the top 24 places on the Commitment Ladder, demonstrating dedication and commitment throughout the year.

To celebrate their excellent behaviour, positive attitudes and hard work, students enjoyed an exciting climbing trip to, 'The Castle Climbing Centre', in Stoke Newington. They showed determination, encouraged one another and represented Gladesmore brilliantly.

A well-deserved reward and a fantastic experience filled with fun, challenge and lasting memories!



**PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME DATES & EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Monday 26th October ~ Monday 2nd November	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 3rd November	8:35am ~ All year groups return to school
Monday 9th ~ Friday 13th November	Year 11 Trial Exams 1: Week 1
Monday 9th November	5:00pm ~ Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting 2
Wednesday 11th November	Rescheduled Year 10 photos
Monday 16th ~ Friday 20th November	Year 11 Trial Exams 1: Week 2
Thursday 19 November	Pathways day CATS test
Friday 20th November	Blue Day & Odd Socks Day Year 7 Horror Night
Tuesday 24th November	Flu jabs
Thursday 3rd December	Year 9 Parents'/Carers' Evening 1
Friday 4th December	9:30am start for students
Monday 7th December	5:00pm ~ Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting 3
Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Friday 18th December	Panto (non uniform day & last day of term Day ends at midday, lunch is available in the Glade Diner)
Monday 21st December 2026 ~ Friday 1st January 2027	Christmas Holiday
Monday 4th January 2027	Teacher Training Day 3 Timetable suspended for all year groups
Tuesday 5th January 2027	8:35am ~ All year groups return to school
Saturday 30th January	Year 9 Preferences Morning

**For more dates for your diary,
please check the school website.**

**'REACH' HALL OF FAME
Student of the Week
2026 ~ 2027**

**Congratulations
to the following
students:**

18/09/2026

**Muhammad Hussain,
10BKJ**

24/09/2026

Raheim Atta, 7G

25/09/2026

Eesa Patel, 11AHI

01/10/2026

Jaya Patel, 8G

02/10/2026

**Hayden Rooney,
10DJL**

22/10/2026

Jamie McGuffie, 7S

23/10/2026

Cagan Demirbas, 7G

**Well
done!**

**October
holiday fun
26 - 30 October 2026**



Visit haringey.gov.uk/holidayfun
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you!
Don't miss out - your adventure
starts here!

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

To download a pdf of the,
'October Holiday Fun' brochure go to:

<https://haringey.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2026-10/october-holiday-booklet-2026-final-web.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.

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