

October is Black History Month. This year at Gladesmore, we have used the theme of **'Representation Matters'** to highlight the valuable contributions made to our school community and beyond.

**Black History Month @ Gladesmore** 

Students and their families have been encouraged to get involved in a wide range of activities and experiences that celebrate all things Black History! For each vear group. their google classroom been filled with has recommendations from staff and students of exciting things to see and do.

Podcasts, books, films and playlists were shared allowing us all to develop a better understanding of the importance of representation. It's a great feeling to find a character you can relate to. You can take pride in seeing your beliefs, culture and traditions embraced on the big screens for all to see. The joy of seeing a hero that looks just like you can be incredibly inspiring.

Representation matters - If you can see it, you can be it!

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







The month ended with a fantastic assembly showcasing the amazing talent of some of our shining Black stars.

We are proud to have students who excel in football, representing England U18's and also premier league youth squads including Crystal Palace and West Ham.

Two Year 8 students and another from Year 11 shared their stories about growing up and not really having people that looked like them to look up to and emulate.

Special guests at our assembly were Emeka Njokanma and Tina Shata, Managing Director and Senior Analyst from the leading investment bank TD Securities. They shared their inspiring stories of their rise at the bank, how important representation was to them, and how it supported them being where they are now.



### Happy Black History Month!





# 'To Kill a Mockingbird' at the Gielgud Theatre

"There's theatre in life, obviously, and there's life in theatre." Charlie Kaufman

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022 our fantastic Year 10 Drama cohort plus a few lucky Year 9 students took a trip to see 'To Kill a Mockingbird' at the Gielgud Theatre.

It is a challenging story told through the eyes of a 7 year old girl in 1930's Alabama. Lawyer, Atticus Finch fights for an innocent black man who has been accused of a crime he did not commit.

The students were amazed at how relevant the story felt even though it was written in the 1960's. The acting was outstanding and the whole group were



lucky enough to enjoy a Q&A with the actors afterwards.

"A dramatic story that pulled at my heart strings." Year 10 student





Please donate to the Haringey and Tottenham Foodbanks and help a local family.

All long life products are accepted, see the list for some ideas.

DONATE BY MID DAY: 12th DECEMBER THANK YOU!

### **GCS FOOD BANK DONATION DRIVE** • TINNED VEG OR VEGAN FOOD E.G.: PEAS; SWEETCORN; POTATOES; SPAGHETTI ; LENTILS; CHICKPEAS ETC. • TINNED SOUP (MEAT OR VEGGIE) • TINNED MEAT E.G.: HAM; CHICKEN CURRY; STEWED BEEF; CHILLI CONCARNE; CORNED BEEF; MEATBALLS ETC. • TOILETRIES E.G.: SHAVING FOAM; TOOTHPASTE; SHAMPOO; SHOWER GEL; DEODORANT; BABY WIPES ETC.

- LAUNDRY DETERGENT ~ SMALL PACKETS
- 1 LITRE ALTERNATIVE NON DAIRY MILK
- TINNED RICE PUDDING OR CUSTARD
- INSTANT COFFEE OR TEA BAGS
- 1 LITRE LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
- PASTA OR RICE (UNCOOKED)
- INSTANT MASH POTATO
- WASHING UP LIQUID
- 1 LITRE UHT MILK





## GCS students visit Murray Edwards College at Cambridge University

Nineteen Year 11 students visited Cambridge University at the start of the school year to explore opportunities to study science beyond school and find out what life is like as a student at Murray Edwards 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 particularly enjoved students the session on medical physics where they had an opportunity to test out their skills as a surgeon by using a laparoscopic surgery training kit. They were also able to use an ultrasound machine to explore the bone structure of their hand. A fantastic talk about the world's most fuel-efficient cars captivated students and a group of PhD students demonstrated to students how solar panels and semiconductors can be used to generate electricity. Our year 11 students were particularly curious to know more about how university research is funded and published in scientific journals.

In the afternoon students headed to Murray Edward's College for lunch and they enjoyed insightful talks about applying for university and what life is like at Cambridge University. Students also had an opportunity to see accommodation available for first year students and the college library. A particular highlight was the game of Frisbee Ultimate that students enthusiastically participated in.

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 year 7-11.







# Haringey Councillor Surgeries

Councillor surgeries are **open to members of the public who want to obtain information and advice, make a complaint or enquire about services that the Council provides**. Contact details and surgery times for our councillors are listed below. You don't need an appointment to attend a surgery.



Cllr Charles Adje Office: 020 8489 5788 Mobile: 07870 157924 Email: charles.adje@haringey.gov.uk Surgery Venue: Welbourne Children's Centre, Stainby Rd, N15 4EA Surgery Day: the 4th Friday of the month Surgery Time: between 5pm ~ 6pm



Cllr Makbule Gunes Mobile: 07812 677 722 Email: makbule.gunes@haringey.gov.uk Surgery Venue: Ferry Lane School, 85 Erskine Crescent, N17 9PS Surgery Day: the 4th Saturday of the month Surgery Time: between 11am ~ 12pm



Cllr Sheila Peacock Mobile: 07791 018 106 Email: sheila.peacock@haringey.gov.uk surgery Surgery Venue: Crowland Primary School, Crowland Road, N15 6UX Surgery Day: the 3rd Wednesday of the month Surgery Time: between 6pm ~ 7pm



# Calling all members of the 'Gladesmore Family'

Everybody is feeling the pinch during this cost of living crisis. We have been looking at ways we can alleviate some of the financial stress members of the Gladesmore Family might be experiencing.

One of the ways in which we can help each other is to donate uniform that children have grown out of or no longer need. All items will go into our 'Gladesmore Family Uniform Bank' and can then be passed on to another child in the Gladesmore Family which will help them and their parents to lower the cost of their uniform.

So please donate any uniform that your child has grown out of or no longer needs and we will make sure that it goes to a good home.

If you have any queries about the 'Gladesmore Family Uniform Bank' please contact:



Mr Regisford on erd@gladesmore.com



Home or out alone GUARA ~ are they ready ?

As your child gets older, it's likely they'll want a bit more independence. Staying home or going out without you is a natural step for them to take — when the time is right.

It can be hard to decide whether your child is ready. There's a lot to think about. And a lot you might be worried about.

### Things to know before you decide

 There's no legal age limit for a child to stay home or go out alone, but it's against the law to leave a child alone if it puts them at risk.

### Things to know before they stay or go

- Do you think they're old enough?
- How long could they cope on their own? Remember, for a younger child half an hour can feel like a long time.
- Can they deal with risks?
- Will they behave responsibly?
- Will they be safe?
- Perhaps most importantly, how does your child feel about this idea? Some children like to take every opportunity to show they can be grown up, they might be really keen to be left 'in charge'. However, others will feel nervous about the responsibility.

### Things to know before they stay home alone

- A baby or young child should never be left alone, not even for a few minutes
- Check fire alarms, locks and windows, are they working?
- Leave a spare set of keys out, make sure food is available
- Consider implements that could hurt the child or young person in your absence
- Can they contact you or someone else?

### Things to know before they go out alone

- Where do they want to go?
- What do they want to do?
- Who will they be with?
- How far will they travel?
- There's a big difference between walking to the corner shop and going into town, for example.
- What time will they be out? Consider if it's safe for them to be out late, or after dark.

Reference: NSPCC June 2021

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SAFEGUARDING



### **Gladesmore Post**

# E 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.

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.



**Mrs Jones** Designated Safeguarding Lead



Ms T. Marshall Safeguarding Officer



Ms Moaka Safeguarding Officer



Mr Djemali Safeguarding Officer

safeguarding@gladesmore.com or. **\***: 0208 800 0884

# **PSHE News Round~up**

100 Years at of the BBC

This year the BBC celebrates a 100 years of broadcasting. Gladesmore students were lucky enough to join in the centenary celebrations by listening to inspirational stories from individuals who have overcome challenges and achieved great successes! Our students loved asking questions.



### An exciting new club...

Does your Year 8 child want to learn a new language? British Sign Language Club will be launching on Wednesdays starting 19<sup>th</sup> October. We hope to see you there Year 8 and watch this space, we may be expanding to other year groups later on in the year!



### Last but not least...

Lots of outside speakers have visited Gladesmore to deliver highly skilled presentations and workshops as part of the PSHE curriculum. This term, 'Humankind' delivered a drugs education workshop to Year 9 and 'Diversity Role Models' delivered an equality workshop to Year 8. We look forward to welcoming speakers from 'Transport for London' and 'Everyone's Invited' in the next coming weeks!

# **PORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

| Please note all dates and events are subject | to change        |
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| Aonday 24th ~ Monday 31st October            | Half Term Holida |

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| <b>Tuesday 1st November</b> 8:40am ~ All year groups return to school       |  |
| Saturday 5th November Year 7 Saturday Transition School 7                   |  |
| Thursday 10th November Year 11 Pathways Day<br>Activities Day               |  |
| Timetable suspended for Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 not involved in the above events |  |
| Saturday 12th November Year 7 Saturday Transition School 8                  |  |
| Monday 14th ~ Friday 18th November Anti Bullying Week                       |  |
| Friday 18th November Blue Day & Odd Socks Day                               |  |
| Saturday 19th November Year 7 Saturday Transition School 9                  |  |
| Saturday 26th November Year 7 Saturday Transition School 10                 |  |
| Monday 28th November ~ Friday 2nd December Enthusiasm Week                  |  |
| Friday 2nd December Horror Night  |  |
| Saturday 3rd December Year 7 Saturday Transition School 11                  |  |
| Monday 5th ~ Friday 9th December School Exams Week 2                        |  |
| Tuesday 6th December Year 7 and 8 Review Day<br>Year 10 & 11 Exams          |  |
| Year 7 & 8 attendance by appointment. Timetable suspended for Year 9        |  |

Friday 16th December ...... Panto (non uniform day & last day of term) Day ends at midday, lunch is available in the Glade Diner

| Monday 19th December ~ Tuesday 3rd January 2023 Christmas Holiday   |  |
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| Wednesday 4th January 2023 8:40am ~ All year groups return to school  |  |
| Thursday 12th January Year 9 Parents'/Carers' Evening   |  |
| Saturday 14th January Year 7 Saturday Transition School 12  |  |
| Tuesday 17th January PTA Meeting 2  |  |
| Saturday 21st January Year 7 Saturday Transition School 13  |  |
| Monday 23rd ~ Friday 27th January Attitude Week   |  |
| Friday 27th JanuaryYear 9 Preferences Presentation  |  |
| Saturday 28th January Year 7 Saturday Transition School 14<br>Year 9 Preferences Morning                    |  |
| Monday 30th ~ Friday 3rd February School Exams Week 3   |  |
| Saturday 4th February Year 7 Saturday Transition School 15  |  |
| Monday 6th February ~ Friday 10th February Year 11 Trial Exams Week 1                                       |  |
| Tuesday 7th February Teacher Training Day 3   |  |
| Monday 13th ~ Friday 17th February Half Term Holiday  |  |
| Monday 14th ~ Wednesday 16th February Revision Classes (to be confirmed)                                    |  |
| Monday 20th February 8:40am ~ All Year Groups return to school  |  |
| Monday 20th ~ Friday 24th February Year 11 Trial Exams Week 2   |  |
| Monday 20th February Staff PPM Day<br>Year 11 Trial Exams<br>Timetable suspended for all Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 |  |
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Tuesday 21st February .......8:40am ~ All Year Groups return to schoolThursday 23rd February ......Year 10 Parent/Carers' Evening



Congratulations:

**15/09/2022** Gabriela Fichitiu, 11ABN

**16/09/2022** Cordelia Sookhan, 7EEM

22/09/2022 Zaid Cantilal, 10EBE

**23/09/2022** Benjamin Liverpool, 8PNN

**29/09/2022** Miriam Vasilache, 11PF

**30/09/2022** Claudia Skorulska, 9GG

**13/10/2022** Tayla Maria Hooshue, 10GGL

14/10/2022 Ramiah Roach, 75BN

