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GCS Celebrates Anti-bullying Week

The 14th – 18th 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. The theme this year was '**Reach Out**' and aims to encourage children to speak out about bullying.

We celebrated this campaign on Friday 18th by wearing odd socks to highlight the differences between us. The day was called **BLUE Day** with everyone encouraged to wear blue accessories on top of their uniform. **BLUE** is an acronym to encourage understanding and kindness – **B**e **L**oving and **U**nderstanding to **E**veryone.



BLUE DAY &



odd
socks
day

FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER

Wear odd socks and
say 'NO!' to bullying

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
Gladesmore SIMS App

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Year 7 Saturday Transition School goes to the movies!

Saturday Transition School takes place on Saturday mornings between 8:30am ~ 12:45pm. It is open to all Year 7 students.

Breakfast and lunch is provided for students that attend. The key aim of the Saturday Transition School programme is to develop students' literacy and numeracy skills in a relaxed and supportive setting. Attendance has been outstanding this term! The students have braved all kinds of weather to get in each Saturday and they have made new friendships and settled well into Gladesmore life.

Last Saturday saw the Saturday Transition School students navigate their way through the crowds of Christmas shoppers to get to Cineworld in Wood Green for their end of term enrichment trip to a movie screening of 'Strange World'. We all had a great day out and made the most of the popcorn and snacks on offer.

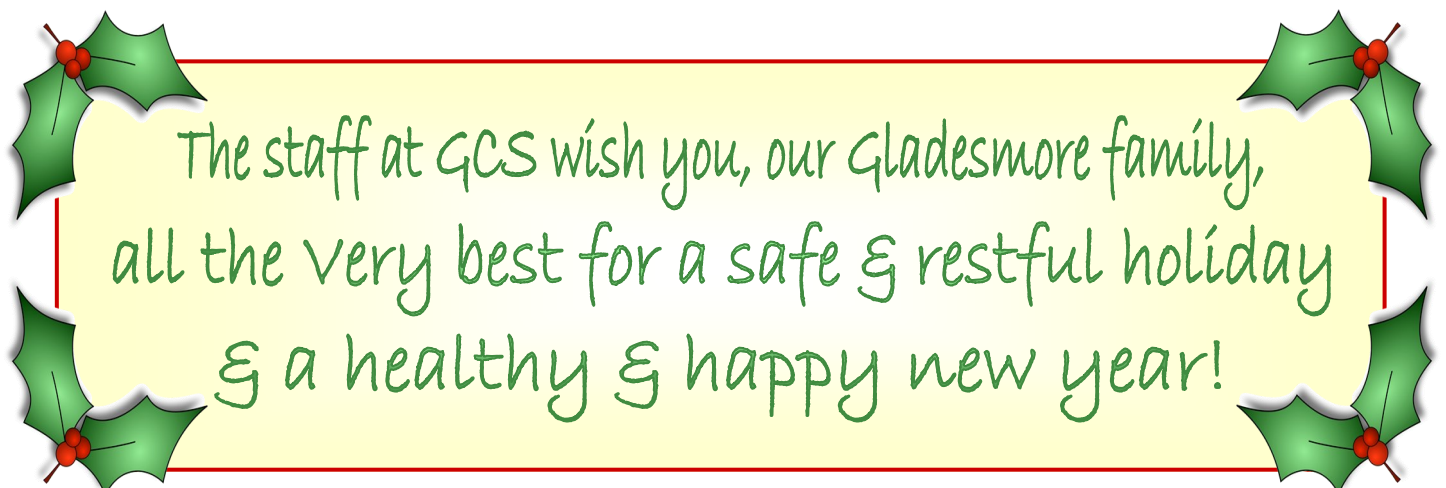


Saturday Transition School has finished for the Autumn term but will start again on Saturday 7th January 2023.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say 'thank you Parents and Carers' for your fantastic support this term. I hope you all have a restful and happy Christmas break.

Feel free to contact me at the school if you would like your child to be part of this great programme.

For more information please contact Mrs Bardouille:  sbe@gladesmore.com



Year 7 readers get the Horror treatment!

It was a cold dark, misty Friday night. The school had closed and no one was around. Suddenly the mist started to clear and voices could be heard, the voices of the thirty Year 7 students who were part of Horror Night 2022.

We were really happy to be able to host this event again after a few years absence. This wonderful evening celebrates all things horror and is a great reading reward. The students were exposed to rooms filled with scary sets and scenarios to send a chill up the spine of our willing participants!



There was dissection of chicken feet and the much anticipated walk through the school in the dark filled with screams and surprises! The evening ended with a cup of hot chocolate as students watched the movie 'Slumberland' before making their way home with a horror based goody bag!

Thank you to everyone involved in making this event possible.





The last day of term was used as the perfect day to hold our annual non-uniform/Christmas jumper day. Students contributed £1 to be able to wear their own clothing, with staff encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper. This year we were really pleased to be able to support our local community giving all proceeds raised to the amazing Haringey Food Bank.

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

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The Big Ideas Day: Solutions for the Planet Programme



During this academic year members of the Gladesmore Geography Team (Ms. Boodi, Ms. Lanyon and sixty Year 9 students) are collaborating with Solutions for the Planet. Ms. Boodi advocated the programme due to her positive experience of taking part when she was a student.



Solutions for the Planet is an organisation that is building partnerships between businesses and schools to create a more sustainable future. Business mentors, from companies like Tarmac and SGN, support each group's 'Big Idea' into a business plan which is entered into a nationwide competition with the potential to present their idea at the Palace of Westminster.

Our inspiring Big Ideas Day was on the 1st November. Students met their business mentors, formed their groups and by the end of the day created innovative ideas. An example of our 'big ideas' are:

- An app phone which can detect the presence of a knife within a person's radius.
- A project where homeless people are employed in collecting recyclable materials and given food, basic necessities and accommodation in return.
- A car tyre which is manufactured by breaking down existing car tyres and taking out the oil through a distillation process.

Thank you to our knowledgeable mentors, Micheal Greene and Sergen Cema, who both come from Cadent Gas.

Further information is available at: <https://solutionsfortheplanet.co.uk/>

or,

The Geography Team (Contact Ms. Boodi, RBI@gladesmore.com)



Depression, anxiety and mental health (NSPCC)



Realising that your child may be struggling with their mental health and experiencing anxiety or depression can be hard to accept. Sometimes parents can feel like it's their fault or want to know why their child is struggling with a mental health problem. This is completely understandable, but the most important thing you can do is to reassure your child and not judge them for how they're feeling.

Ways to help a child who's struggling include:

- letting them know you're there for them and are on their side
- try talking to them over text or on the phone if they don't feel able to talk in person
- being patient and staying calm and approachable, even if their behaviour upsets you
- recognising that their feelings are valid and letting them know it's okay for them to be honest about what it's like for them to feel this way
- thinking of healthy ways to cope you could do together, like yoga, breathing exercises or mindfulness
- encouraging them to talk to their GP, someone at their school or Childline, especially if they're finding it hard to talk at home.
- take care of yourself and get support if you need to. Try not to blame yourself for what's happening and to stay hopeful about your child's recovery.

If you're worried, it's important to get help right away. Our trained counsellors can provide help or advice over the phone on **0808 800 5000**. Children and young people under 19 can also get support from **Childline** online or over the phone, 24 hours a day.

However a child or young person is feeling, remind them that they're not alone and there are ways to cope and feel better. **Childline** also has online advice and tips for young people on coping with suicidal feelings that they can use right now.

Source:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/depression-anxiety-mental-health/>

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.

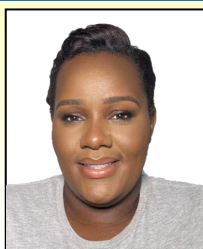
Simply email or telephone the school, leaving your name and contact details and a member of the team will get in touch with you as soon as possible.



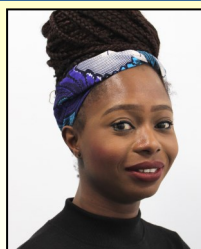
Mrs Jones
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Ms T. Marshall
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



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Ms Moaka
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Mr Djemali
Safeguarding Officer

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GCS PANTO 2022



'Gladesmore's LIVE pantomime tradition brought festive spirit to the school again this year with an incredibly talented cast of Year 10 drama students who wrote, directed and performed their original production of **'The Prince of Oz'**. The cast were wonderful and performed four shows to packed audiences. The thrilling performances clearly demonstrated the wit and humour of our Gladesmore students.

A special thank you to everyone involved, especially Mr Lynch and Ms Osipova who are our sound and lighting experts and our special guest performer for his debut performance this year.

We are extremely proud of all the students who took part and brought us lots of cheer. Well done!

We look forward to our current Year 9s carrying on the tradition next Christmas!'



Royal Holloway Visit Gladesmore!



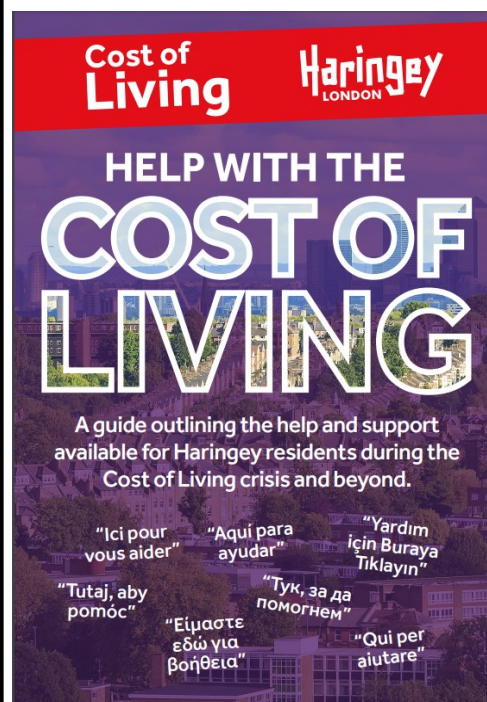
Over the past three weeks Royal Holloway University of London have visited Gladesmore to deliver excellent sessions to students in Year 10 and Year 9. Royal Holloway is in the top league tables for University's in London.

We even found out that a few teachers at Gladesmore studied their degree's at Royal Holloway University; Mrs Atwal and Ms Nash!

Students in Year 10 got to experience a taster session of what learning at university is like. Our students were given a lecture in the Auditorium, then a subject seminar delivered by a student ambassador from Royal Holloway who is currently completing a degree in that subject. The subject's students took part in were: Economics with Music, Digital Media, Law and Law with international relations. Students even had to do pre-reading before the session - just like on a university course!

This was the first time Royal Holloway have tried this with a secondary school and it received great feedback from students. We hope to bring this back to Gladesmore with more subjects on offer next time!

HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING



As the cost of living continues to rise it is a difficult time for everybody. To help residents in the borough of Haringey, the council has produced a guide book which outlines advice and support services that are available including information on: Finances; Fuel Debt; Food Banks; Housing Costs; Parents & Carers; Employment; Mental Health and Well Being support.

This guide is available in community languages (please see page 28 of the guide to request a translated guide).

https://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/cost_of_living_support_guide.pdf

For parents/carers who are unable to access the booklet online a paper copy is available at the school reception.



Breakfast Club



The Stepping Stones team headed by Mr Ashraf and assisted by a number of Year 10 mentors run a Year 7 & 8 Breakfast Club every morning from 8am -8.30am

The Year 10's are doing a fantastic job helping the Year 7 and 8 students settle in, make friendships and assist with homework.

Jack Petchey Awards – December 2022 Update

Our school continues to be part of the Jack Petchey Achievement Award programme at the **Gold** level which means we get to recognise 9 superb pupils and 1 outstanding leader for their efforts inside or outside of school during the academic year.



Each student gets £300 to spend on further improving the school, as well as receiving a special certificate and medal in our Key Stage assembly. They are also invited to be celebrated at the prestigious Jack Petchey Awards Ceremony.



Following a superb round of nominations from our students and staff, it was the responsibility and honour of our School Council, led by Dr Misiewicz and supported by Mr Porter and Mr Hussein, to choose our first three award winners of this year.



Nominations were anonymised to ensure fairness and it was an extremely difficult decision with so many amazing things that our wonderful pupils are getting up to inside and outside of school.

However, the winners were eventually chosen and they were celebrated in style.

Huge congratulations go to:

- **Billy 10TGE** – Billy has donated his money to equipment within the PE faculty, along with financial support for students who are engaging in PE activities outside of school.
- **Alice 8PDY** – Alice has put her winnings towards a new piano to be enjoyed and used by all pupils across the school.
- **Tilly 11CJS** – Tilly has decided to put the £300 towards the subscription costs for some extra-curricular activities and equipment to support as many students as she can.

We'll be back to tell you about the next set of winners in a later edition – for now, thanks for reading!



Year 8 Autumn Disco

I would like to start by saying how amazing the Year 8s have been at the start of this academic year. Students have been working very hard and ensuring they are preparing in the best possible way for their learning by getting involved in many different initiatives around the school.

Their hard work has not gone unnoticed. Students that were in Bronze and above on the commitment ladder were rewarded with the Autumn Disco that took place on the 25th November 2022. Students celebrated with their peers, there was music, drinks, snacks and our very own DJ, Mr Lawrence who had the students dancing and having a good time all evening.



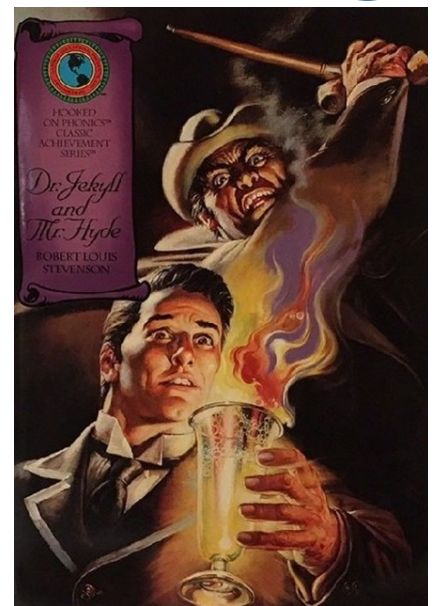
Mr Hasan would like to thank the parents/carers for the amazing work they are doing with the Year 8 team, this is much appreciated. We look forward to continuing this amazing journey we are on as a year group as we strive to achieve our goals and targets this academic year.

Year 8 Activities Day

Year 8 students were treated to a fantastic day of cross curricular activities organised in collaboration with the London Academy of Excellence, Tottenham (LAET).

Students had the opportunity to take part in two different sessions focusing on links made between the different sciences and works of literature. In the Biology session, students studied and analysed the poem 'Jabberwocky' by Lewis Carroll and made links to habitats and adaptations of organisms. They then worked to create their own version of the Jabberwocky with imaginative adaptations.

In the physics session, students learned how models in science have developed through many changes over the years, such as the structure of the solar system. Students then linked this to the character of the scientist in the novella 'The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde'.



They looked at Dr Jekyll's development in the story and how the author used literary devices to describe and highlight the different personalities of the same character.

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 Years 7-11.



Moody's Mentoring

The 2022-2023 Moody's mentoring programme at Gladesmore commenced at the start of December. Twenty students from Year 10 are part of the first cohort of students who are participating in three in-person mentoring sessions at the Moody's offices in Canary Wharf. The in-person sessions are supplemented by email conversations where students are matched with one mentor and discuss strategies for revision and school work. On arrival at the Moody's headquarters at 1 Canada Square students were excited to be visiting such a prestigious building where they would learn more about the world of work and get to know the mentors for the programme.

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The first session was focused around a Networking activity where students spent an hour talking to different Moody's employees from a range of backgrounds. The atmosphere in the conference room was brilliant with conversations flowing fantastically as students used their great communication skills to ask the mentors about their day-to-day jobs and experience of work to date. Students also shared their future ambitions with mentors. Feedback from the participants was great with one student commenting that 'it was nice to talk to such a diverse group of mentors' and all students excited to learn about the many opportunities for business travel that the mentors enjoy. We are looking forward to the next in person session in January which will have a careers focus.

Year 7 go to KidZania

125 students were lucky enough to have a day at KidZania located in Westfield's London. Gladesmore received grant funding to subsidise the cost thanks to the Jack Petchey Foundation.



Students had great fun earning money for different jobs like fire fighters, vets, secret spies, window cleaners and pilots, the list goes on. It was such a great opportunity for students to try out different career areas.

We look forward to taking more students to KidZania next year.



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

Friday 16th December Panto (non uniform/Christmas jumper 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

Saturday 17th December 8:30pm ~ 1:00pm: Year 7 & 8 Christmas Holiday School

Monday 19th ~ Wednesday 21st December Year 7 & 8 Christmas Holiday School
Lunch provided

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 January..... Year 9 Preferences Presentation

Saturday 28th January Year 7 Saturday Transition School 14
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
Year 11 Trial Exams
Timetable suspended for all Years 7, 8, 9 & 10

Tuesday 21st February 8:40am ~ All Year Groups return to school

Thursday 23rd February Year 10 Parent/Carers' Evening

Saturday 25th February Year 7 Saturday Transition School 16

Thursday 2nd March..... World Book Day

Saturday 4th March Year 7 Saturday Transition School 17

Monday 6th March ~ Friday 10th March National Careers Week

Saturday 11th March Year 7 Saturday Transition School 18

Thursday 16th March4:30pm ~ Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Evening

Saturday 18th March Year 7 Saturday Transition School 19

Monday 20th March ~ Friday 24th March School Exams Week 4

Wednesday 22nd March Ramadan Begins

Saturday 25th March Year 7 Saturday Transition School 20

Friday 31st March Last day of term
Day ends at midday, lunch is available in the Glade Diner

Monday 3rd April ~ Friday 14th April Easter Holiday

Monday 4th ~ Wednesday 6th April Easter Revision Classes (tbc)

Monday 17th April 8:40am ~ All Year Groups return to school

Thursday 20th April 4:30pm ~ Year 8 Parents'/Carers' Evening
Ramadan ends

Begins sunset Friday 21st ~ ends sunset Saturday 22nd April Eid al Fitr

Tuesday 25th April Year 11 Exam Entry Evening

'REACH' HALL OF FAME Student of the Week 2022 ~ 2023

Congratulations:

20/10/2022
Younus Ali, 11BKY

21/10/2022
Arel Uzun, 8FWD

3/11/2022
Tihomir Karaslavov,
10RAL

4/11/2022
Janeah Walcott,
9MLT

17/11/2022
Tilly Harris,
11CJS 004154

18/11/2022
Musa Marong, 7SCS

24/11/2022
Zakariya Solkar,
10RBI

1/12/2022
Joey Lin, 11ALE

2/12/2022
Zara Azubuike, 9BSK

8/12/2022
Oyesiji Amiola, 10JOH

9/12/2022
Kevin Gutierrez
Gomez, 8FWD



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