



CURRICULUM NEWS

2023 Summer Term 2 - Secondary East

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Headteacher's Welcome



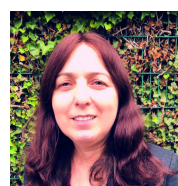
As I write this edition, I am reflecting on this past year. I am really proud of our enrichment offer. Every pupil has had enrichment this year and an opportunity to take part in activities that compliment their learning. This has strengthened the learning across the school and strengthened our curriculum offer. Of course, we were immensely proud of our Ofsted outstanding and this has given us a fantastic platform to plan and build our curriculum further so that it gets even better! Next year we embark on our first cohort of GCSE students, we are also looking to extend the accreditation pathways for those following entry levels and AQA awards.

Our alumni students joined us for Prom night last Saturday. It was fantastic to hear about their successes since leaving and how they shared their achievements with pride.

Lastly, thank you for your continued support, it has been a fantastic year full of celebrations and highlights and I am so proud to be part of this wonderful school and its community. Wishing you all a very happy summer holiday.

Best wishes, Lucia Santi, Headteacher

Teaching, Learning, Curriculum



Welcome to the latest edition of our curriculum newsletter, I would like to start by highlighting the remarkable progress our pupils have made throughout this academic year. The recent Pupil Progress Day was a resounding success, as we witnessed the incredible progress our pupils made. I am thrilled to announce that all pupils who were entered for various examinations, ranging from AQA awards, Functional skills, Entry levels and BETC were successful. This is an outstanding achievement, and we are immensely proud of them all.

Curriculum development has been a key focus throughout this year, our dedicated team of subject leads have worked hard to provide a wider breadth of coverage and learning opportunities for our pupils. By continuously improving our curriculum, we aim to equip our pupils with the knowledge and skills for their future success.

As we bid farewell to this academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer holiday.

Best wishes, Helen Georgiades, Deputy Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
4th September	INSET - No Pupils
5th September	Pupils back to school
20th October	Break up for Half Term
30th October	INSET - No Pupils
31st October	Pupils back to school
31st October	Halloween



Safeguarding Lead News - Miss Huseyin

Thank you all for yet another productive year!

Please find here some information for services that you can use while school is closed for summer:

If you have a safeguarding concern please use the numbers below to contact staff at Haringey's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) for advice:

Monday to Thursday 8.45am to 5pm;
Friday 8.45am to 4.45pm Tel: 020 8489 4470

Out of office hours, including weekends the Emergency Duty Team Tel: 020 8489 0000

If you need to speak to the CAMHS crisis team please contact:

CAMHS crisis number: 0800 151 0023.

You can call this number to get help or advice in a crisis from trained mental health advisors and clinicians, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Career News

It's been a phenomenal year for Careers and Enrichment throughout the school. The pupils have achieved so much and we are very proud of everything they have been part of. There have been so many highlights but I think seeing all of the pupils enjoying the Fire Engine visit and being part of the Communication Pod experience have definitely been two of my favourites. There are already lots in place for September and I look forward to seeing our pupils taking up even more of the opportunities on offer.

Have a great summer and as always please contact me if you have any questions around careers and next steps.

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CLASSROOM NEWS

SECONDARY EAST NEWS

ASSISTANT HEAD: MR MCKAY-WOOD

What a year! Well done to all the Secondary East pupils for navigating another year at The Grove and a particular well done to all the pupils who have successfully completed their Entry Level and BTEC qualifications. We have a number of pupils going into their second and final year of GCSEs when we return in September which is really exciting.

This year pupils have gone offsite to Linklaters for mentoring, The Royal Society for Science, Windsor for the Windrush Celebrations as well as lots of individual class trips which is testament to the varied and fantastic enrichment program on offer. There are lots of exciting opportunities to look forward to in the new year including pupils going to Blackhorse Workshop to complete some design and technology work. We also are pleased to keep increasing our offer at KS4 for pupils who will get to achieve AQA Awards in Music and well as BTECs in Home cooking next year

We look forward to welcoming some new pupils to Secondary East and are really happy with the new classes pupils for September. We wish you a happy and restful break and look forward to picking up from a really positive year in the new term!

Computing

Computing this term has been magnificent. We have seen some excellent programming in a variety of ways.

District class have been learning their first text based programming language. They have been experimenting with Logo. This text based software allows the user to code a turtle to move around the screen and draw different pictures. Some pupils were able to use it to draw squares, hexagons and even a bagel! Brilliant work district I look forward to more computing lessons next academic year!

Metropolitan and Hammersmith classes have been coding using Lego prime kits. They have had the opportunity to build and code a variety of items. From dancing robots, to litter pickers, stock checkers and even robots with movement sensors. Pupils used a very advanced form of block coding that requires them to think about how the motors and sensors work. These STEM lessons have had the pupils using all their reasoning, problem solving and creative thinking skills. Excellent work Metropolitan and Hammersmith, I am looking forward to more computing lessons with you all next academic year.

Docklands have had a brilliant term. The examiner has approved two of their units which means they have passed half of the course! The examiner even commented on the incredible skills of one of our pupils' animation work and the excellent quality of other pupils' spreadsheets and evaluations. This term pupils have been working on learning about and how to create a database. Pupils have shown a good understanding of data types and how important data validation is. They

have started to create their own databases which are looking great! I am looking forward to next year and more excellent coursework!!

Marylebone have also continued to work towards their qualification in IT user skills. In their project, the pupils have to pretend they are re-branding a computer game for the new Paris Olympics. There have been some really creative ideas, ranging from some excellent looking logos, to new ideas for game play, like designing your own characters or even new sports such as concord racing!

English

This half-term in English, District, Metropolitan and Hammersmith class has been learning how to write persuasively. All pupils took part in discussing, naming, identifying and using different persuasive techniques in their writing. This gave all pupils a better understanding of the persuasive form of writing. They were also able to practise writing persuasive sentences, paragraphs and letters based on different foods, experiences and opinions. All pupils were engaged and able to form a better understanding of persuasive writing as a whole. Docklands class have continued to work towards their GCSE qualification. In class they have been practising writing detailed critical comparative responses to questions in the Section 1: Paper 2 Contemporary Texts language paper. All pupils have been able to successfully complete a full practice assessment for Paper 2. This has enabled all pupils to write; well structured, logical, critical and relevant assessment answers to a variety of language analysis questions. In Marylebone class pupils have been learning how to write creatively in

different forms, purposes and audiences. All pupils have been able to practice writing; flash fiction, short stories, plays and comics. Pupils were able to develop their understanding of different creative writing forms, and discuss the purpose of why? and how? They are used for different audiences. They have also continued to practice writing using different structures, in order to fit the form and purpose of their writing. Well done Secondary East, you have worked extremely hard this half-term.

Maths

In Mathematics this half-term, pupils in Secondary East have been investigating several different mathematical concepts.

Pupils in District class have been exploring angles and properties of polygons. District Class have been working on using mathematical vocabulary to describe different types of lines and angles and excelled at using a protractor to measure and draw both acute and obtuse angles. Well done for all your hard work this half-term District! Have a fantastic summer- Miss Jess :)

This half term, pupils in Metropolitan, Hammersmith and Marylebone classes have been investigating probability topics.

Metropolitan pupils have successfully used probability vocabulary to describe the likelihood of events and have successfully come up with their own impossible and certain statements. Pupils have also impressed Miss Jess by calculating the probability of events using fractions and decimals. Well done and enjoy your summer break- Miss Jess :)

Pupils in Hammersmith class have extended their knowledge of probability

by proficiently placing events on the probability scale and constructed sample space diagrams to calculate the probability of two events occurring. Fantastic work Hammersmith! Enjoy your summer break- Miss Jess :)

This half-term, pupils in Marylebone were able to use the fact that certain probability events sum to 1 to calculate the probability of events NOT occurring, by using their number bonds to 1 and 100. Marylebone pupils also excelled at using different tables and diagrams to find the probability of events. Amazing work! Have a fantastic summer- Miss Jess :)

This Summer term, Docklands class has been very busy in Mathematics. In June, the pupils completed their unit on data handling. Pupils impressed Miss Jess by drawing accurate histograms, cumulative frequency diagrams, and box plots. This July, Docklands have been developing their number sense by exploring standard form and the laws of indices. Pupils also showed excellent resilience and concentration when they completed their first practice exam paper including past GCSE paper questions. Well done and enjoy your summer break- Miss Jess :)

Art

What an amazing creative term we have had. All classes have been on local area trips to visit the rich and diverse community we live in, to inspire our artworks.

Hammersmith, Metropolitan, Marylebone, classes went and looked at the local street art, ATM and James Saffron. We spoke to local people and the art pieces they have painted on their

houses and learned the difference between street art and graffiti. Pupils then have used this inspiration to create their animals in paper mache.

District class have been working on a DT/Art project. They are using woodwork skills to create their own kinetic sculpture. Pupils had a school trip to Lordship Recreation Ground to look at the playground equipment and see how it works. They then have been using that understanding to create sculptures out of wood that balance and spin.

Docklands class are completing work for their portfolio. This term, our inspiration has been Michangelo and using paint to explore tone and shades.

Geography

This term GCSE Geography pupils have been hard at work studying Tropical Rainforests as the final part of The Living World unit. They have worked hard studying new keywords and have applied their knowledge to a range of different exam practice questions. Pupils sat through their first summer assessment that reflected GCSE conditions. They spent time trialling different revision techniques to help prepare for this. Next term, pupils will work through Coasts and Rivers before undertaking their physical geography fieldwork task. Continuing to revisit topics and keywords studied this year will help with revision and better prepare pupils for their return in September.

Pupils studying Entry Level Geography have worked hard in the lessons we have had this term studying population. They began by looking at why people choose to live in cities and the different types of people living in the UK. They used the

national census statistics to research the population dynamics in Haringey Council. Pupils then researched megacities and created a research presentation. Pupils have worked hard this year and they should be proud of the work they have completed.

District, Metropolitan and Hammersmith have spent time this term studying crime in Geography this term. They discovered different categories of crime and the difference between robbery and burglary. Some pupils questioned if all crime is equal and discovered the Equality Act 2010. Some pupils even took on the challenge of creating choropleth maps to show levels of crime in an area. Pupils worked hard this term and hopefully they can continue to develop their geography skills next year!

History

GCSE History pupils have worked hard this term nearly completing their study of Elizabethan England. They have further discovered Elizabeth's relations at home and abroad and took a look at events like the Spanish Armada. Next year pupils will complete looking at Life in Elizabethan England and source skills before moving onto their next unit, the Vikings. Continuing to study keywords and revisiting content covered in previous units throughout the summer will help support pupils with their ongoing revision.

RE

In RE this term for District, Metropolitan, Hammersmith and Marylebone, time was spent studying Buddhism. Pupils learnt about the life and importance of Buddha. They looked at some Buddhist celebrations

like Vesak and also Buddhist symbols. Pupils worked hard to find similarities and differences between Buddhism and other religions they have studied this year. This concludes the study of all 6 major religions in the UK. Next year pupils will look at different religious practices, beliefs and how religion makes sense of some of life's big questions.

Science

Docklands, GCSE class

During this half term Docklands class investigated motion. Firstly, they learnt about speed and velocity of objects knowing distance and time taken. Then we moved to investigate the Three Newton's laws of motion. Pupils have done a practical by measuring the acceleration of a trolley attached to different masses. Before moving on to the next topic, Docklands studied the factors that affect the stopping distance of a car (conditions of the driver or conditions of road and car) The rest of the term was focused on energy: we started investigating the kinetic energy and energy stores and transfer of energy between stores.

Our last practical was an investigation on Hooke's law. Pupils calculated the elastic constant for a spring, two types of elastic bands, and a plastic tape. They recorded some data to produce a graph which they used to work out the constant for each material.

In September we are going to start the new academic year by studying the conservation of energy.

Marylebone class, Entry Level class

During the first part of the half term, Marylebone class learnt about communicable and non-communicable diseases: we focused on the treatment to

fight or to prevent them. This was the last topic of Biology for this academic year.

The rest of the term was spent learning about changes in state and separation techniques.

Pupils practised filtering and crystallising insoluble and soluble substances such as sand and copper sulphate.

Pupils performed a practical on chromatography separating different colour mixtures by using water and ethanol.

In September we are going to start the academic year by studying the way to make drinkable water from waste and groundwater.

District, Hammersmith and Metropolitan

Pupils started the half term studying the definition of energy, the different energy stores and how energy can flow from one energy store to another. This leads us to study the flow of energy from chemical store to thermal store. They learnt how electric energy can be made by burning fossil fuels in a power station or from renewable resources such as wind, geothermal, hydropower, solar and some others.

Once they learnt about the different renewable energy resources, they discussed the pros and cons of each resource finding also which energy resource would be more suitable for a particular environment.

In September they will learn about energy transfer during conduction, convection, and irradiation.

HOME LEARNING

Computing

District

[Further your knowledge of text based program with Logo.](#)

Metropolitan, Hammersmith,

[Why not try a bit of coding with this online tutorial.](#)

Docklands

[Revise your database knowledge.](#)

Marylebone

[Why not try some coding? Code Mario to get the coins!](#)

Fantastic year everyone have a great summer holiday, Ms Steventon

Art

Research and artist

[Revise.](#)

An exciting artistic year! Well done everyone. Have a wonderful summer holiday and don't forget to try and be creative.

Looking forward to more creative fun next academic year.

Stay creative!

Ms Steventon

English

You can listen to a Audiobook on BBC Sound

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p07slwh2> (Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll)

Revise your spelling, punctuation and grammar

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zbmv2sg> (Spelling)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zr6bxyc> (Punctuation)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4hrt39> (Grammar)

PE News with Mr Proctor

Secondary East pupils explored tennis and cricket this half term. Pupils have learnt the different types of tennis shots, learnt how to control their shot power, worked with a partner to complete tennis rallies and have participated in competitive tennis matches. Pupils have also had the opportunity to attend extra weekly tennis lessons from a qualified tennis coach from Hackney Tennis Club.

Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in cricket and rounders lessons learning how to bat and field as a team. Sports Leaders from Secondary East have worked extremely hard all year developing their leadership skills and went on to lead and support primary pupils on Sports Day. Key Stage 3 pupils also had the opportunity to take part in Bikeability Level 1 training to improve their cycling confidence.

Performing Arts News with Ms Dydymka

District & Metropolitan

In music pupils have been learning about Samba Batacuda, a style of percussion music from Brazil. Both District and Metropolitan worked hard preparing a group piece which they performed together in the Summer Concert. They have all made good progress in developing their skills and have shown resilience.

In drama, pupils have been looking at performance skills, focussing on movement. They've worked in pairs and as a whole class to develop their ideas and skills in this area.

Hammersmith

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Marylebone

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The Grove Summer Concert

On Tuesday 4th July the first ever music concert took place at the Grove. Pupils from across the school showcased their musical talents through class performances and whole school ensembles. The concert featured Samba, Class Bands, a Ukulele Ensemble and a fabulous piano solo by a 6th Form pupil. In addition, the school choir made their debut performance and the drumming teacher led pupils in a floor shaking drumming performance. It was a great afternoon of sharing the joy of music as a school community and will be the first of many more music events to come.

