



CURRICULUM NEWS

2024 Summer Term 1 - Secondary East

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Deputy Headteacher's Welcome



It has been a busy half-term for the school. We hosted a SENCO Information Day this week, providing an opportunity for SENCOs to explore the implementation of our curriculum and assessment processes. This event was highly received, and SENCOs gained valuable strategies to implement in their own schools. I also had the opportunity to visit some classes with our visitors, who were truly amazed by our pupils' engagement in their learning.

Some pupils across all departments have been busy working towards their exams. They have demonstrated great resilience, and we wish them the best of luck.

As we get ready to head into the final half-term of the academic year, we will be saying goodbye to both our Year 11 and Year 14 pupils who will be moving on. We are planning leavers assemblies for both groups and will keep you informed of the dates.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy reading about the work pupils have been doing in class and how they are continuing to make really great progress towards their targets and EHCP outcomes.

Best wishes, Helen Georgiades, Deputy Headteacher

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I am delighted to report that we have had another productive, purposeful and busy half term. There has been lots of learning going on and progress is looking good across the school. Some pupils in Secondary East have been busy working towards their exams and have coped really well so far, they should be very proud! We have continued to work hard on developing and monitoring our curriculum so that pupils get the best education that is appropriately sequenced and adapted to meet their needs. Subject and faculty leads have been continuing with their subject quality assurance and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

As we approach our last half term of the year, I would like to thank parents and carers for all their support this year. I will now be going on maternity leave, but I look forward to coming back next year and hearing about all the positive things that have happened across the school.

Have a lovely half term break and enjoy the sunshine!

Best Wishes,

Molly Stopps

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
27th - 31st May	Half Term
1st June	Start of Pride Month
3rd June	INSET - No Pupils
4th June	Pupils back to school
6th June	Anniversary D-Day
13th June	ADHD Family Workshop 10.00am
13th June	Grove Governors
21st June	World Music Day
22nd June	Windrush Day
1th July	Emily Pankhurt's Birthday
18th July	Mandela Day
19th July	Pupil Progress Day - School is closed to Pupils
24th July	End of Term



Safeguarding Lead News - Miss Huseyin

This half term has been super busy and I have met or spoken to many of you for various reasons.

As always it is a pleasure to be invited into your homes and I feel honoured to work with you all to support our young people.

As we head to the final term of the academic year, I would urge the families to look out for the Parent News Special Editions, which highlight activities and days out and also share some disability information which some of you may not be aware of. The link on the website for the May addition is here: <https://us19.campaign-archive.com/?u=8bdeee5746eeb7c644e217394&id=d674eb0da7>

The final week of this half term we have been celebrating Mental Health Week, some of you may be interested in mental health support, there are a few great websites here:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

As always, thank you for your support. Looking forward to the next half term!

Best wishes, Nadine Huseyin
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Pastoral and Behaviour - Mr Louis Maunder

The sun has started to peek out and another half-term has whizzed by! Thank you to everyone who has attended the Family Workshops and for your thoughtful feedback. We will be looking at ways to expand and improve our Family Workshops next year, so please do get in touch with any suggestions or comments. Thank you as well to all of the parents who have come in and worked closely with me regarding behaviour at home. I always love to have close links with families and ensure consistency of approach across settings.

This term we have introduced 'play buddies' onto the primary playground in which 6th Form and Secondary East pupils have been running activities and supporting play on the playground. The project is in its early stages, but is already having success. The energy and enthusiasm on the playground has been wonderful to see.

I hope everyone enjoys a well deserved break and comes back ready for the final half-term!

Career News

We have had another very full term of Careers and Enrichment activities across the school which has been great. I think some of the highlights have been a Secondary East Careers trip to London Zoo, Secondary West trip to the Courtauld Gallery, the GCSE History pupils going to the Tower of London and all of our SCOPE careers sessions on site for years 11 and above. It, as always, has been wonderful to see how much our pupils get out of these experiences and the conversations they have about the new things they have learnt.

Next term continues to be busy with lots more to look forward to next term.

Coming up:

- 5 week mentoring program for year 11 pupils with linklaters
- Frameless trip an interactive art trip for pathway 1 pupils
- 'Igniting Futures' an employability/work skills programme for six year 10 pupils from Secondary East and Secondary West
- A sixth form trip to the 'Myths to Legend's exhibition at the V&A
- We are bridging in a Space dome for the Whole school in July as part of 'space week'

As always you can contact me below with any questions on next steps, careers or enrichment opportunities.

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Bronja Elton - Director of Sixth Form/Careers Lead

SECONDARY EAST NEWS

ASSISTANT HEAD: MR MCKAY-WOOD

It has been all systems go in Secondary East where pupils in years 10 and 11 completed their Entry Level Papers which have now been sent off for moderation. Docklands class are now half way through their GCSE exams and have done incredibly well so far. In Summer two we will be focusing on transitions when welcoming some new pupils for taster afternoons and days from different primary schools across the borough. We will also be looking at class lists and helping prepare pupils for any changes that may happen in September. Pupils continue to make good progress as seen at the end of the Spring term and I have no doubt this will continue all the way up to the summer holidays. Well done everyone.

Computing

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

District class 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 engaged the pupils in

using their reasoning, problem-solving, and creative thinking skills. We look forward to seeing what District class will do next term.

Hammersmith and Metropolitan classes have been studying important figures in computing, including Charles Babbage, Alan Turing, and Sir Tim Berners-Lee. Pupils researched how these leading figures used logic and problem solving to create some of the most fantastic inventions that have changed the way we all live our lives.

Marylebone class have been working hard on their coursework. The current unit looks at the benefits and drawbacks of remote working tools.

Docklands class have almost finished all of their coursework, with many pupils achieving Level Two qualifications. Some pupils have achieved the equivalent of 2 GCSEs.

KS4 pupils have all been working exceedingly hard on their qualifications. Ms Steventon and the Docklands Team are proud of all of our form group this half-term for showing resilience and working hard to achieve their best. We are sure they will continue to impress next half-term.

Well done everyone, keep it up!

English

District, Metropolitan and Hammersmith

This half term District, Metropolitan and Hammersmith class have been exploring

Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. We began by researching the historical context of the play, before delving into character, theme and language. The primary focus of this half term has been to zoom in on language and comment on writers' choices. Pupils have done a good job "saying a lot about a little" and have created a strong foundation for further developing their inference and analysis skills.

I have been particularly impressed by the way that pupils have engaged with some of the trickier aspects of Shakespeare, such as his use of iambic pentameter. Pupils have been able to write their own lines (and in some cases full poems) using this distinctive metre, and have even been able to use their knowledge to identify Shakespeare quotations when playing our "Shakespeare or Pop Music?" starter activities. Next half term we will be shifting our focus to poetry, where pupils will be able to further develop their inference skills when reading poems, and experiment with different language and structure choices when writing their own poems and songs.

Docklands

With the first English Language exam at the end of this half term, we have been focusing on consolidating our prior learning and brushing up our exam skills. Docklands pupils have a strong foundation of English skills and are now familiar with how the exams work (and - most importantly - what to expect from them on the day). The primary focus this half term has been on engaging with a range of different extracts, as the only thing we

don't know about the exam papers is what texts will be featured.

Everyone in Docklands has worked really hard this half term (and this year) and should be proud of all that they have accomplished so far. At this point the class is prepared, and the best thing to focus on is maintaining a positive outlook, getting good quality sleep and making sure to have breakfast! Well done everyone on your excellent work.

Marylebone

This half term Marylebone have been finishing the work for their Entry Level qualification, and then further consolidating and developing their core English skills. For some pupils the focus of this term has been on building confidence and securing a solid foundation that will put them in a good position going forward. All pupils have made good progress, and had very good levels of engagement with a combination of reading, writing and spoken language tasks.

Additionally, since completing the Entry Level work we have been exploring different creative uses of English. It has been great to see such high levels of engagement when playing with language and exploring techniques like simile and rhyme. A highlight of the half term was hearing the pupils' song lyrics, which included a wonderful piece about "driving in a Lamborghini / eating a panini". Next half term we will shift our focus again to real world texts and practical uses of English.

Maths

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

District class has been exploring Money and Decimals. Pupils have worked hard practising using money to find the total cost of items and to find the exact change from a given amount. Pupils in District also impressed Miss Jess by interpreting bank statements and calculating credit and debit amounts. Amazing work District!

This half term, Metropolitan and Hammersmith pupils have been exploring negative numbers.

Metropolitan class have used pictorial representations to find zero pairs. They have successfully used a number line to add and subtract negative numbers. For example pupils have successfully been able to calculate the answers to questions like $3 - (-5)$ and $-2 + (-3)$. Well done Metropolitan!

Hammersmith class have impressed Miss Jess by using formal methods to use all four operations with directed numbers. Pupils have worked really hard to grasp difficult concepts in order to answer worded problems. Well done everyone!

This half-term, pupils in Marylebone have been revising a range of mathematics topics for their Entry Level examinations in May. Pupils have wowed Miss Jess with their continued resilience and hard work ethic. Amazing work Marylebone!

This Spring, pupils in both Docklands and Marylebone have been working hard towards their GCSE Mathematics qualification. This month, pupils have practised exam-style questions and sat the

non-calculator examination paper. Miss Jess and the KS4 team in East are incredibly proud of them for showing maturity and trying their best to prepare. We wish them the best of luck in the upcoming calculator examinations. Brilliant work everyone!

Looking Ahead

Next half term pupils in Secondary East will be exploring a range of topics. District class will investigate Data Handling and Probability.

Whilst, Metropolitan, Hammersmith and Marylebone classes will take a closer look at Geometry by beginning a unit on Transformations.

Have a wonderful half-term break Secondary East, you all deserve it!

Best wishes, Miss Jess :)

Art

District

Pupils have been continuing their topic of collage this term. They have been studying the work of Matisse and American artist Michael Albert, who has very kindly sent us a large selection of signed prints of his work. They have created some fantastic work inspired by these artists.

Hammersmith and Metropolitan classes have been embarking on an exploration of colour and pattern in depicting interior and exterior spaces. The project allows pupils to explore painting, colour mixing and collage. Artists include Henri Matisse, Patrick Caulfield.

Docklands and Marylebone classes have been looking at landscapes. They have learned how light, shade and tone are used to create definition. They have looked at the work of MC Escher and have learned how to use perspective to draw landscapes.

Geography

Pupils in District, Metropolitan and Hammersmith have all worked hard this term discovering South America and more specifically tropical rainforests, like the Amazon! Pupils used their research skills to learn more about a specific South American country. They also relied on their map knowledge to help locate and describe where tropical rainforests are located. Some pupils worked on learning about animals in the rainforest and the different sections of tropical rainforests.

GCSE Geography pupils have been hard at work this term completing final aspects of the course. This has involved an in depth study of the AQA pre-release materials and revision on past topics. In preparation for the examination, pupils have worked hard completing SENECA revision. They have worked through many practice questions and in class revision activities. Pupils have completed Paper 1: Living in the Physical World. Next term, they will continue towards their final two papers on Human Geography and Geographical Skills!

History

GCSE History pupils this term completed their study of the Tower of London which included a visit to the site. Pupils were able to analyse some of the physical

features of the site and start to consider how it changed over time. In preparation for their qualifications, pupils worked hard practising exam style questions and revising their subject knowledge. Pupils have completed Paper 2: History around Us this term. Next term, they will complete their final two outstanding examinations; Paper 1 on Crime and Punishment and Elizabethan England and Paper 3 on Vikings and Living Under Nazi Rule!

RE

This term pupils in Secondary East have focused their studies on Religion and art. They have learned to define self expression, understand how different religions might use art and explore music and religion. Pupils in District, Hammersmith and Metropolitan have discovered what a mandala is and had a go at creating their own mandala designs. Marylebone class continued their study on alternative religions. This involved learning the difference between agnostic and atheist and what Scientology is. Pupils revisited the idea of parody and satire and they all had a go at creating 'new' parody religions.

Science

KS3 classes: District, Hammersmith and Metropolitan

During this half term, the KS3 classes have learnt about Space and the Solar System. They learnt the order of the planets, their main characteristics and their distance from the Sun.

In the second part of the half term we focused on the Earth (day, seasons and year), and on the Moon and its phases.

Pupils worked in pairs to build their own beautiful props of the Solar System using polystyrene balls.

KS4 – Marylebone class

Marylebone class had a number of revision lessons on Biology, Chemistry and physics just before the three weeks exam period.

By May 14th, some of the pupils had completed the Entry level Science exam with a successful outcome.

For the rest of the term, pupils will do practical work in the lab to consolidate their knowledge. A visit to the Science Museum is planned after June 14th.

KS4 – Docklands class

During this half term, D class completed the curriculum on devices in circuits, such as thermistors and light-dependent resistors. They then studied household electricity and the properties of magnets. The rest of the term was dedicated to revision for the upcoming Science exams period.

HOME LEARNING

English

The best way for pupils to continue honing their **English** skills during the break is through **independent reading**. Opting for books they find genuinely enjoyable or integrating language practice into real-world activities, like experimenting with recipes or playing games, can make the learning process engaging and effective.

Pupils can also brush up on their core **English** skills here:

[Spelling](#)

[Punctuation](#)

[Grammar](#)

Computing

District

Why not brush up on some of your coding skills?

[Code space invaders](#)

Metropolitan and Hammersmith

Why not make a Google slide about your favourite computing hero?

Marylebone and Docklands

Why not brush up on some of your coding skills?

[Code space invaders](#)

Have a great half term, see you for summer 2 very soon!

Ms Steventon

Art

Landscapes [revision](#)

Review watercolour [artists](#)

Try and beat an AI at [pictionary!](#)

An exciting artistic term! Well done everyone.

Looking forward to more creative fun next term.

Stay creative!

Ms Steventon

PE News with Mr Proctor

Secondary East pupils have explored hockey, basketball and football this half term. Pupils have learnt how to dribble, pass, score and how to take part in competitive matches in all three sports!

Sports Leaders from Secondary East have enjoyed creating and leading drills and games in all PE lessons which is developing pupil's leadership and communication skills.

Many Key Stage 4 pupils have started their Sports Leaders Award which is delivered by Rugby Works every Thursday and pupils are supporting and leading primary pupils extremely well during PE lessons and break times.

District class have started weekly climbing (bouldering) lessons at Stronghold Climbing Centre and five pupils from across the department have started weekly horse riding lessons!

Performing Arts News with Ms Dydymska

District, Metropolitan & Hammersmith

In Music pupils have been continuing to focus on their individual instrumental skills on their chosen instrument through preparing a class piece for the Summer Concert. They have all made good progress in developing their skills and have shown good independent learning and 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.

KS4 Music

Pupils have begun to work on their AQA qualification unit Performing in a Band, which will enable them to gain an accredited music qualification. For this they have begun learning their parts for their chosen band piece on their focus instruments. They will be performing this as part of the summer concert next term.

Performing Arts Enrichment

Instrumental Lessons

Haringey Music Service have been continuing to offer one to one piano as well as Drum Kit and Guitar lessons to some of our gifted and talented music pupils. In addition, violin lessons are available provided by Miss Emily. If you would think your child might want to begin one to one lessons on Piano, Drum Kit, Guitar or Violin, please contact Miss Emily to discuss further.

Drama Club

Secondary East pupils can now be part of the school drama club which meets every Tuesday lunchtime in the Activity Studio.

Summer Concert 2024

The Summer Concert will take place on Thursday 27th June at 2pm in the school hall. This will feature performances from some KS3 and 4 classes, choir, drumming groups and soloists. More details about this will be sent out soon!

