



CURRICULUM NEWS

2024 Summer Term 2 - Secondary East

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Deputy Headteacher's Welcome



As I write this edition, I reflect on the past year with immense pride. Our first cohort of pupils took their GCSEs, and while we eagerly await their results, I am thrilled to announce that all pupils entered for various examinations—ranging from SATs, AQA awards, Functional Skills, and Entry Levels to BTEC—were successful. This is an outstanding achievement, and we are immensely proud of them all.

Additionally, I would like to highlight the remarkable progress our pupils have made throughout this academic year. The recent Pupil Progress Day was a resounding success, showcasing the incredible progress our pupils have achieved.

I am also very proud of our enrichment offer. Every pupil has had the opportunity to participate in activities that complement their learning, strengthening both individual learning experiences and our overall curriculum.

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, Helen Georgiades, Deputy Headteacher

Teaching, Learning, Curriculum

Welcome to the last edition of our curriculum newsletter for 2024. All pupil reports have been written and it's so wonderful to see the remarkable progress our pupils have made throughout this academic year. Our most recent Pupil Progress Day was a good opportunity for staff and parents to discuss the incredible progress our pupils have made.

I am delighted to announce that all pupils who were entered for various examinations, ranging from AQA awards, SATs, Functional skills, Entry levels and BTEC were successful. This is an outstanding achievement, and we are immensely proud of them all. We now wait excitedly to see how Docklands Class pupils have fared in their GCSE examinations.

As always we continue to develop and enhance our curriculum across the school. The faculty leads and subject leads have worked tirelessly to ensure our pupils have the best possible teaching and learning opportunities available to them. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and thank you for your support over the year, both staff and pupils appreciate it immensely.

Best wishes, Lee Mills, Assistant Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
2nd September	INSET- No pupils
3rd September	All pupils return
28th October -1st November	Half Term Break
2nd November	International day for the abolition of slavery
11th November	Remembrance Day
12th November	ODD Sock Day
11th-15th November	Anti-Bullying week
13th December	Pupil Progress Day - School is closed to Pupils
20th December	End of Term
6th January	INSET - No Pupils
7th January	Pupils back to school



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.

September will be a busy flurry of new starters and returning pupils. We will focus on relationships and wellbeing, in particular during that first half term.

Best wishes

Miss Huseyin

Pastoral and Behaviour - Mr Louis Maunder

Hi everyone,

The sun might not be shining, but we have made it through to the end of summer term! It has been a wonderful year full of so many successes and special moments. Thank you to all of you who attended a Family Workshop or came in to do 1:1 sessions related to behaviour and wellbeing with me. I have enjoyed talking and working alongside you all so much.

We have had some great success this year with our playground project and the introduction of the playground charter. Levels of pupil engagement have increased and it is now a more engaging and calm period of time for the pupils. We have also worked as a staff group to design a set of wellbeing non-negotiables that focus on autistic differences. This poster will be in all classrooms from next year to guide and support staff.

I hope you all have a lovely summer holiday and I am looking forward to seeing you all again in September.

Louis Maunder

Senior Leader for Wellbeing and Behaviour



Space Dome Photos

Career News

As we are finishing off the year I just wanted to share with you that we are really proud that every pupil in our school took part in at least 3 different enrichment or careers activities over the course of the academic year. There have been a total of 46 Careers and Enrichment activities planned across the year and within those activities 881 pupils took part! This is AMAZING and it wouldn't have been possible without the support and hard work of all our staff and parents. Thank you to everyone, our pupils have benefited immensely from this!

There have been many highlights this year this year, here are just a few of them: Pupils loved the RSC workshop & Barbican showing of 'My Neighbour Totoro, Primary and Secondary pupils had a great time at the immersive art exhibit 'Frameless' (I recommend this as a holiday trip it is fantastic). Careers week was a great success with the Gaming Bus being a huge hit with all pupils across the school. The GCSE group really enjoyed their History trip to the Tower of London and District class really enjoyed their Careers experience at London Zoo. Sixth form have continued to work at Five Guys and Kentish Town City Farm and have started working in Boots - all have been a great success. Finally, we finished off the term with the amazing 'Space Dome' that came into the hall and gave all pupils an experience of space and the galaxy - they loved it!

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

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Bronja Elton *Director of Sixth Form/Careers Lead*

CLASSROOM NEWS

SECONDARY EAST NEWS

ASSISTANT HEAD: MR MCKAY-WOOD

As we welcome the summer break we can reflect on what has been a busy but progressive year in Secondary East. Successes include all pupils who were entered achieving their entry level qualifications as well as our first cohort taking their GCSEs. We will be welcoming our largest ever new cohort to the department in September which is exciting.

There have been many transitions this year, including moves to new Key Stages and classes, as well as staff changes within the department. The pupils have handled these changes fantastically.

We sadly say some goodbye to Miss Jess and Mr Chris who have been integral members of the Secondary East team, we wish them well in their new endeavours and we welcome Mr Sean who will be the new Hammersmith form tutor and maths teacher joining us in September.

In the meantime, we wish everyone a restful break and look forward to a fantastic new academic year ahead.

Computing

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

District class has 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 required 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, everyone! Looking forward to more computing lessons next academic year."

Hammersmith class have developed their knowledge and understanding of using a computer to produce 3D models. They have looked at how this is applied in the real world, such as architecture, design, computer games etc. Hammersmith have used Tinkercad software to design a variety of different items; a maze, a house, a keyring. They also had the opportunity to test some of their designs on our brand new 3D printer.

Metropolitan class has been looking at what computers are made from. They have had the opportunity to take apart a desktop PC and learn about all the different components.

They have considered what a computer actually is and they have even thought about how technology might change in the future!

Docklands class have had a brilliant two terms and they have finished all their coursework. They should be very pleased with their results. Well done and a great final year!

Marylebone class has also continued to work towards their qualification in IT user skills. They have learned about different tools for collaborative work, using Zoom, Sticky Notes, and others. They then created their own website for their fantastic enterprise business, TGS.

English

District, Metropolitan and Hammersmith

This half term District, Metropolitan and Hammersmith class have been exploring poetry. They have read poems from a wide range of writers and styles, and then used their reading as a springboard to produce their own verse. It has been fantastic to see all of the pupils develop their creative skills. Many pupils have previously found it difficult to step out of their comfort zone when writing, especially in creative writing tasks, but the relatively short length and clear structure of poetry has allowed them to take risks in a safe and supported way.

A particular highlight of the year has been seeing everyone so engaged with developing their writing skills and - crucially - their self expression. I have read fantastic poems on topics ranging from England football players to the nature of the universe, from Liz Truss to Godzilla. With each poem pupils have been able to try out new techniques and structures, such as rhyme, repetition, blackout poetry, kennings and list poems.

It has been a fantastic year, and I feel so grateful to have had such hardworking, curious and creative classes since taking over from Ms Hogan at the end of October. I look forward to seeing the pupils continue the excellent progress that they have made this year when I see them again after the summer break. Well done everyone!

Docklands

Soon after the last Curriculum Newsletter Docklands class completed their final English exam. I was incredibly impressed with all their hard work and dedication. The English Language GCSE papers are very demanding and require a lot of stamina and resilience to complete. All pupils were not only able to do this, but were also able to keep upbeat and positive throughout the exam period. Well done to everyone: I genuinely could not be prouder of all that you have accomplished.

Marylebone

This half term Marylebone have been developing their use of practical English in real world situations. Pupils have spent time developing key English skills such as filling out forms, doing their own research and exploring the difference between fact and opinion. We have also spent time focusing on the links between English and other subjects, such as maths, by exploring finances and budgeting. It has been lovely talking with the pupils about how the subjects link up, and seeing them make these connections themselves.

It has been fantastic teaching Marylebone class this year, since taking over from Ms Hogan at the end of October. All pupils made excellent progress, and it has been fantastic to see their confidence grow as

they have been working towards Entry Level qualifications and developing their practical English skills. Well done everyone!

Maths

This half-term, **District** pupils have explored Probability. Pupils were able to use mathematical vocabulary to describe events and use fractions and decimals to find the probability of experiments. Pupils extended their knowledge further, working hard to construct sample space diagrams and two-way tables. Amazing work District!

Pupils in **Metropolitan and Hammersmith** classes have been investigating geometry this term.

Hammersmith class have been developing their protractor and compass skills. Pupils have successfully constructed different loci including angle bisectors and perpendicular bisectors. Hammersmith have also been exploring transformations. Pupils have used column vectors to translate shapes and tracing paper to rotate objects. Well done Hammersmith!

This Summer, Metropolitan class has impressed Miss Jess by plotting and translating coordinates in all four quadrants. Pupils have used a mirror to successfully reflect objects in a mirror line. Pupils have extended their skills further by forming their own mirror lines using the x- and y- axes. Brilliant work everyone!

This half-term, Marylebone pupils have been completing a functional maths unit called Maths Futures. Pupils have been taking a closer look at salaries, bills and mortgages. Pupils have also been exploring perimeter and area in order to explore the price of decorating rooms in a

home. Well done for all your hard work Marylebone!

Looking Ahead

In September, Secondary East classes will be welcoming Mr Sean, their new Mathematics Teacher.

I have truly enjoyed my time here at The Grove and will miss the pupils and staff in Secondary East. Have a wonderful Summer break everyone, you all deserve it! I wish you all the best of luck in the future.

Best wishes, 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 and Metropolitan have been continuing their work exploring colour and pattern in depicting interior and exterior spaces. The project allows pupils to explore painting and drawing. Pupils have looked at how Pierre Bonnard and Henri Matisse painted views from windows and then created their own fantastic paintings of views from the Art room window.

Marylebone have been continuing their work on perspective looking at how scale and size matter when creating realistic artworks. They have looked at the work of Rene Magritte to inspire their work.

Geography

GCSE Geography pupils completed their GCSE examinations this term! They worked incredibly hard all year and managed well throughout the exams! They should be incredibly proud of themselves.

History

Pupils in **District, Metropolitan and Hammersmith** have all worked hard this term exploring the legacy of the British Empire. Pupils began by understanding how the British Empire grew and reduced over time. They studied the purpose and use of the Commonwealth and some compared the Commonwealth Games to the Olympics. All pupils then undertook a study on the Windrush Generation. This involved looking at the journey taken on the HMS Empire Windrush and the impact the Windrush Generation had on the United Kingdom. Most pupils explored the Windrush scandal and engaged in conversations about migration and discrimination.

GCSE History pupils completed their GCSE examinations this term. They handled the pressure and workload of the GCSE process incredibly well throughout the exam season. They should be incredibly proud of themselves

RE

This term pupils in **District, Hammersmith and Marylebone** have focused their studies on Eternity. They have learned to define eternity and many synonyms for this keyword as well. Many also began to understand the idea of immortality by studying Greek Gods and modern day

superheroes. Some pupils engaged in discussions about heaven and what it might look like in different Abrahamic religions.

Pupils in Metropolitan continued their study of religion and art after completing their Lego Therapy intervention this term with Ms Naomi. Pupils examined music in religion and stained glass windows.

Science

KS3 classes: District, Hammersmith and Metropolitan

During this half term, the KS3 classes have learnt about pressure exerted by solid and fluids.

They have learned how to calculate pressure on surfaces and how the depth of a fluid affects the pressure. They have tested it during a practical when they were using water bottles with holes: the deeper the hole, the higher the pressure. Then we moved on to investigate the density of solids and liquids. They conducted three physics experiments to measure the density of liquid substances and regular objects.

At the end of term we studied the principle of moments using a see-saw balance to prove that the theory matches the practical.

KS4 – Marylebone class

Marylebone class has completed their Entry level Science exam with successful outcomes.

The rest of the term, we did some practical work in the lab to consolidate their knowledge. We went to the Science Museum on the 12th of July.

KS4 – Docklands class

Dockland pupils completed their Science GCSE exams. Before the 14th of June, we held some revision sessions to boost their confidence and refresh topics learned earlier.

HOME LEARNING

Maths

Visit <https://ttrockstars.com/> to brush up on your **times tables**.

All pupils should have been given their login details.

Try [Hit the Button](#) to practise your **number bonds, division facts and square numbers**.

English

The best way for pupils to continue honing their **English** skills over the summer 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, Hammersmith,

[Why not code your own 3D solar system](#)

Marylebone

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

Fantastic year everyone, have a great summer holiday. Be safe online.

Ms Steventon

Art

Landscapes [revision](#)

Review watercolour [artists](#)

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

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

PE News with Mr Proctor

Secondary East pupils have explored tennis and athletics this half term.

Pupils have learned the various types of tennis shots and how to control their shot power. They have worked with partners to complete tennis rallies and have enjoyed competing in mini tennis games.

Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed preparing for Sports Day by taking part in athletics events such as javelin throwing, jumping over hurdles and running races. Metropolitan and Hammersmith class have also continued to explore hockey and this has become a firm favourite amongst the pupils! Pupils enjoy taking part in competitive hockey matches and have been working on their leadership skills within these sessions.

Sports Leaders from Secondary East have enjoyed creating and leading drills and games in their PE lessons which has developed pupil's leadership and communication skills.

District class enjoyed 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 Dydymka

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. District and Hammersmith were able to demonstrate this by performing as class bands in the summer concert while some pupils from Metropolitan took part in Choir and African Drumming groups and one performed a piano solo.

In Drama, we have been reviewing the skills learnt over the year through games and role play.

KS4 Music

Pupils completed their work on the AQA qualification unit "Performing in a Band," which enabled them to gain an accredited music qualification. Their assessed final performance of "Good Times" at the Summer Concert brought the house down, and they should be rightly proud of the incredible progress they have made this year.

Performing Arts Enrichment

Instrumental Lessons

Haringey Music Service has been continuing to offer one-to-one piano, drum kit, and guitar lessons to some of our pupils. If you think your child might want to begin one-to-one lessons on piano, drum kit, or guitar, please contact Miss Emily to discuss further.

Summer Concert 2024

On Thursday 27th June pupils performed in the Summer Concert to a packed and enthusiastic audience. Pupils from across the school were able to showcase their musical talents through class performances, whole school ensembles and solos. The concert featured Class Bands, an orchestra and some beautiful solos on piano and ukulele. In addition, there was a performance from the school choir and drumming teacher Mr Ben led pupils in a floor shaking drumming performance. It was a great afternoon of celebrating our pupils' achievements and sharing the joy of music as a school community.

