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The Courtyard Weekly Newsletter - Friday 2 July 2021

Headteachers Notice - Deborah Shepherd

The Review Team met with pupils, senior leaders, middle leaders, teachers, teaching assistants and governors.



Challenge Partners

The Courtyard has been part of the Challenge Partners network for the past 4 years. The network is an education charity, led by practitioners, through which schools collaborate to improve each other and the education system as a whole, so all children benefit.



This week, the Courtyard hosted a team of experienced Challenge Partner reviewers. The purpose of this review is to quality assure the school's provision, acknowledging strengths as well as supporting the team to identify areas for development for the forthcoming year.

The staff are really supportive of learning and behaviour. 'I am now getting an education and its home from home and everyone is really caring'. Pupils say that one to one support, class sizes and staff support has really helped them to focus and improve their behaviour.

The proudest moment of the whole review was listening to the views of the pupils:

Pupils are given a wide range of work experience to give them a good idea of future employment opportunities and to make well informed choices about college courses. The head of 6th form finds unusual work experience that fit pupils' interests, for example working with a mortician.

A range of discussions took place, delving deeply into the quality of pupil outcomes, curriculum offer, pupil engagement, pastoral support, leadership, school improvement and staff growth and well-being.

Acknowledgement



I would like to thank the visiting reviewers from Challenge Partners, as well as the whole staff team and pupils for the opportunity to review the Courtyard provision. It was a privilege to be part of and very motivational as we bring this academic year to an end and prepare for the future. The official report will be released in two weeks time and will be shared with you all.

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Celebrations this week

Behaviour and Safety

28/05/21



KS4 Star of the Week

Angelina for showing kindness towards other student to regulate them.
Norville for displaying excellent characterization in creative expression.
Lula for her brilliant focus on learning to code
Dev for gaining his first certificate in coding
Paris for good participation in Wednesday's English lesson!
Paris for participating in PE and helping Azariah.
Katie, Ruby, Chloe, for her positive attitude and participation at the boat club
Katie for showing initiative and asking to finish her maths exam.
Charlie for his great effort during Islington boat club and great coordination in football
Jack for his constructive input during citizenship

KS5 Star of the Week

Jonathan for supporting his friends on his bowling trip.
Charlotte for independently speaking to an employer, asking for job interview and getting a job!
El Sharif, Ruby and Charlotte for really insightful verbal contributions to a film analysis.
Liz for working hard to complete all of her artwork this week

Most Dojo points this week		Bronze – 200 points		Silver – 350 points		Gold – 500 points	
TYRESE	14	MADDY	258	BLAISE	430	RUBY	503
PROM	15	ALEXIA	281	AARON	444	CHLOE	534
KATIE	15					LULA	549
ENKEL	16					SASHARN	645
NEVAN	17					CONSTANTINE	675
WILLIAM	17					VERONICA	710
						CALLUM	755
						JAYCE	791
						JONNO	817
						JAMES	896
						KYON	919
						TYRESE E	919
						ALFIE	954
						SHANE	970
						DENNIS	992
						PARIS	1007
						WILL	1023
						MAX	1025
						JOHN	1034
						PROM	1044
						NATHAN N	1054
						KEIRA	1069
						JACK	1103
						KATIE	1132
						DILLON	1138
						CHARLOTTE	1146
						LIZ	1170
						GAV	1255
						NEVAN	1264
						TYRESE Q	1282
						FRED	1317
						NORVILLE	1317
						ELSHARIEF	1366
						AZARIAH	1399
						XAUNDRE	1406
						HENRY	1422
						ANGELINA	1534
						AYMENE	1534
						ENKEL	1561
						HAMZA	1595
						DORIAN	1619
						NATHAN M	1662
						CHARLIE	1723



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Teaching and Learning update



Independent learning

Next week's ILT subject is: **P.E**

Summer Term ILT Timetable:

	SUMMER	TERM
Week	W/B	Subject
1	26-Apr-2021	ICT
2	3-May-2021	ART
3	10-May-2021	SCIENCE
4	17-May-2021	WORLD STUDIES
5	24-May-2021	PSD/WORKSKILLS
31MAY-4 JUN	HALF	TERM
6	7-Jun-2021	CREATIVE EXPRESSION
7	14-Jun-2021	HOME COOKING
8	21-Jun-2021	MATHS
9	28-Jun-2021	ENGLISH
10	5-Jul-2021	P.E.
11	12-Jul-2021	SUMMER FUN/QUIZZES ETC.

As the term draws to a close, all in-class assessments are now being marked, reports are being written and the staff and pupils are getting a chance to reflect on another year gone by; surely one we will never forget!

Islington council is looking forward to the well-earned summer break and has started providing information on possible summer activities which parents and their children may wish to engage with. Please see below for details.



Summerversity is back, and this year it is bigger than ever!

Summerversity is our annual programme of activities for young people throughout the summer holidays and Launchpad is our programme for 16-24 year olds. There are lots of fantastic activities on offer that contribute to a wide range of well-being and learning outcomes for young people.

You can also download the [Summerversity](#) brochure for 13-16yrs or the [Summerversity and Launchpad](#) combined brochure for 13-24 year olds.



We're really excited to share everything we've got planned over the next few months. We have a fantastic range of FREE and ticketed all-outdoor events for families and children in Islington this summer celebrating the nature around us!

Our summer activities make fabulous gifts for family and friends if you want to treat them to a post-lockdown nature adventure on their doorstep.

[Click here](#) for all the details and how to book your places!

Parent Workshop

Thank you to all parents and carers who have been involved in the Parent Workshops this year. We have had to be creative in the delivery; all of them taking place over Zoom, but this hasn't proved challenging at all and in fact, has enabled us to video each session for those parents and carers who could not make the 4pm start.

If you would like to catch up on any of the sessions, all recordings can be found here:



[PARENT WORKSHOP RECORDING LINKS](#)

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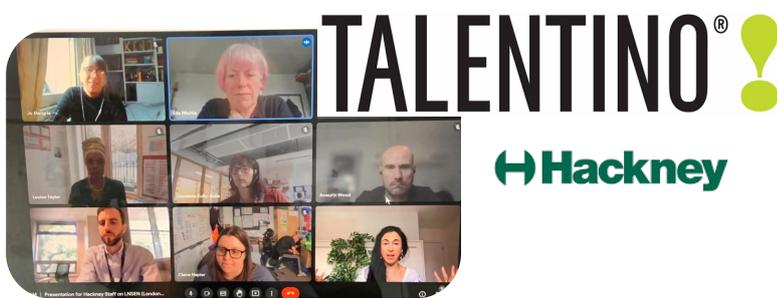
6th Form



Our fantastic careers programme at The Courtyard and our Outreach Initiative (LNSEN- London Neurodiversity SEND Employer Network) are getting noticed!!

Hackney Council and Talentino asked Ms Vidal to delivered a presentation as other schools and organisations are interested in getting to know how we achieved 97% success across the 8 Gatsby Benchmarks of Good Careers Guidance and how they can get involved in LNSEN!

These were great opportunities to explore ideas and good practices for building, sustaining, maintaining, and strategically partnering with local and national employers.



22.06

RSE WORKSHOP - CONSENT DELIVERED TO ALL OUR STUDENTS AS A REFRESHER BY A SPECIALIST FROM BROOK

Learning outcomes of the session:

- *To increase young people's knowledge about sex in the context of the law.
- *To explore how young people can recognise, negotiate, give, refuse and stop consent.
- *To ensure that young people know what consent means in relation to the law.



College interviews at Westminster Kingsway College

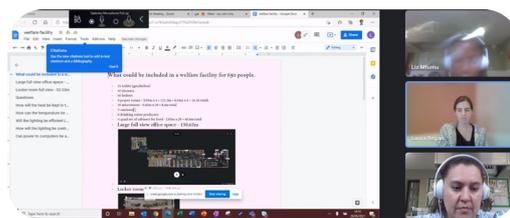
Last Friday 25th June, three students had an interview for a course in Art and Design at Westminster Kingsway College.

Big well done to the students for the confidence shown when responding to questions; to Mr Kelly for teaching and inspiring our young people; and to the whole team for supporting them on this long journey they have been on!



Work experience with Sir Robert McAlpine

The employee that has been working with Liz is very impressed with her and her hard work. Miss Lucas, who is supporting Liz, is also very proud of Liz. Every week Liz puts a smile on their faces as she eloquently and confidently communicates and shares her ideas of her findings with



Two former Sixth formers visited The Courtyard!

Last Friday 25th June, Mya and Israel visited us for the first time in a loooong time!! It was great to see them! Students and staff welcomed them very enthusiastically as everybody has very good memories of them when attending The Courtyard.

It was great to see how happy they both are. Mya is currently studying an Hospitality course at Westminster Kingsway College and Israel is about to start an Art internship with the same college. Brilliant news!!



Masterclasses



25.06- Angela Montagnaro came to school and delivered a fantastic masterclass to all students about her HR role at the MET police and a Global Insurance Company. Students were very engaged and asked her very interesting questions!



31.06-IBM
Anil Shah delivered another great session to our Sixth formers about IT skills needed today and IBM Apprenticeship and Intern Programs



08.07
Maria Varela, our Entrepise Coordinator from Talentino, will be delivering a masterclass about her career journey (Hairdressing/ teacher/ recruiter, psychologist, careers coordinator).

SUMMER TERM: Subject Focus
Mon 21st June - Mon 28th June

Week Beginning	Mon 5th July	Mon 12th July
Maths Entry Level	End of Year Review	Activities Week
Maths FSL1	End of Year Review	Activities Week
Maths GCSE	End of Year Review	Activities Week
Maths Statistics	End of Year Review	Activities Week
Maths A/AS	End of Year Review	Activities Week
English Entry Level	Film Reviews	Fun Activities
English FSL1	Film Reviews	Fun Activities
English GCSE Lang	Film Reviews	Fun Activities
English GCSE Lit	College project	Fun Activities
ICT Informatics	complete 2 coding tasks	Fun Activities
ICT FSL1	Creating Google Sites	Fun Activities
ICT FSL2	Creating Google Sites	Fun Activities
ICT ECDL L3 PPT	Creating Google Sites	Fun Activities
Science BTEC	Finishing of uncompleted assignments	Fun Activities
Home Cooking	Home Cooking research project	Activities Week
Hospitality	Hospitality research project	Activities Week
PSD	Explain how everyday choices can affect the environment positively and negatively.	Identify feelings and values in relation to climate change and the environment.
WorkSkills BTEC	Unit 71: Working in a Team Assessment	Unit 71: Working in a Team Assessment
P.E.	Cricket: To be able to use both the forward defensive shot and the forward	Cricket: To develop a variety of fielding techniques and to use them within a game.
Creative Expression	Script performance and reflection.	Script performances.
World Studies	Exploring the plant life around St Mary Magdalene Church gardens and the changing landscape of historical buildings	Assessment quiz and Summarise our Learning.
Art	Exploring shades and shadow using watercolours	Exploring colours, textures and shapes of flowers using colourful tissue paper
RSE 6th Form	Growing Careers for Positive Change Making a difference	Growing Careers for Positive Change Making a difference
RSE 6th Form- Independence	Growing Careers for Positive Change Making a difference	Growing Careers for Positive Change Making a difference
Independence group	Travel preparation.	Travel practice to the aquarium.

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Sports Day - June 2021



Sack Race



Three Legged Race



50 Meters Race



Teachers Race

