



# Gladesmore Post



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The Queen's Award



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## Year 8 Jack Petchey Achievement Award

The Jack Petchey awards are given to students in recognition of their outstanding individual achievements. This can be for bravery, overcoming a personal challenge, volunteering or helping others over and above expectations.

Each of the award winners receives a framed certificate, a Jack Petchey membership card, a pin badge and a congratulatory letter from Jack Petchey himself! Winners also receive £250 to spend on something of their choice that will benefit the school.

In February, during the Year 8 Awards Assembly, our second Jack Petchey Achievement Award of 2016 was awarded. This is the fifth Jack Petchey award of this academic year, with another four more awards to follow!

The winner was Selin Beyzat from 8EBE, who was recognised for his extraordinary resilience and for exemplifying the **REACH** values that we hold so dear at Gladesmore.



### Congratulations and well done Selin!

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](http://www.gladesmore.com)

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# EXAMS

## How Parents & Carers can make a difference

Many parents/carers feel helpless when their children face school tests and exams, so if you feel like this you are not alone!

The exam system has changed a lot over the past few years and is continuing to change. This can be confusing for parents/carers, however your help can make an enormous difference to your child.

According to a new study, parental support is eight times more important in determining a child's academic success than social class. The Campaign for Learning found that parental involvement in a child's education can mean the difference between success and failure. The good news is you don't have to be an expert in any of the subjects your child studies to make a real difference, you just need to provide consistent help at each stage of the process.

Every child is unique, so your role in helping your child to succeed will vary according to their individual strengths and needs. Different children require different levels of support. Some will be able to work independently and others will need constant help, structure and reminders. As a parent/carer your role may include some or all of the following:

### **Personal Assistant:**

- making sure your child understands the importance of attending school and making sure that they are on time.
- managing a calendar of important dates e.g. revision classes; coursework catch up sessions and examination dates.
- making sure your child is up to date with all school work and homework on a daily basis.
- each evening making sure that your child is prepared for the coming day, e.g. revision/homework is done, school bag is packed, uniform is ready etc.

**Line Manager:** attending parents/carers meetings to speak with staff and find out how your child is progressing and how they could improve.

**Book and stationery supplier:** making sure your child has all the right equipment e.g. pens, pencils, rulers, a calculator etc. as well as the appropriate support materials e.g. study guides and revision books to enable them to study.

**Site Manager:** making sure your child has an appropriate quiet space in which to study undisturbed.

**Project Manager:** helping your child to create a realistic a revision and homework timetable and agreeing with them the rules for homework or revision. We do not expect students to spend every waking minute studying, so remember to include some breaks, family and leisure time within the timetables.

**Research Assistant:** searching out websites which will help your child to understand a subject; finding out about and explaining exam structures or finding copies of old exam papers which your child can use to help with revision.

**Study Buddy:** showing an interest in the subject your child is working on, helping with homework (but not doing it for them), testing your child on what they have learnt and talking with them about their work.

**Welfare and Support Officer:** providing a listening ear when your child is feeling stressed and providing support; celebrating achievements and encouraging a positive way forward when things go badly.

**Catering and Fitness Manager:** making sure your child eats a nutritious breakfast, lunch and dinner; that they have access to healthy snacks; that they take some exercise and get a good nights sleep.

**Entertainments Officer:** making sure that your child is involved in some fun activities as it is important to have some relaxation time.

There are many resources online that will help you to help your child succeed, here are just a few:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/helping\\_with\\_exams/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/helping_with_exams/)

<http://www.oxfordspiresacademy.org/download/documents/HelpingYourChildWithHomework.pdf>

<http://www.lincolncastleacademy.co.uk/lca/documents/ParentsGuidetoGCSERevision.pdf>

Exam time is a very stressful time for your child so your support is vital. If you have any concerns about how you can help your child, please contact the teacher of the subject in question who will advise you on how you can further support your child.







## 9BKY met Bobby the trainee guide dog!

At the beginning of this term, 9BKY welcomed a very special visitor to their PSHE lesson, Bobby the trainee guide dog! Bobby was accompanied by his carer, Trish, who explained to the students the process of domesticating and preparing a guide dog for training.

A guide dog, is an assistance dog, trained by 'Guide Dogs' organisation. Once trained these dogs live with blind and visually impaired people helping them to manoeuvre safely around obstacles and thus enabling people to lead independent lives.

9BKY became interested in this subject following a PSHE lesson on Disability and Discrimination.



Students prepared questions for Trish who then answered them with the help of a video and of course, the delightful Bobby.

It was strange to see a dog in school, but he was (mostly!) very well behaved and the students enjoyed the experience. Some students were bit nervous beforehand but were reassured by the end of the visit.

Bobby has now gone on to formal guide dog training at the Guide Dog centre in Essex and he is doing well. He will need to complete very rigorous training and will then work with a blind person, helping with every part of daily life.

We look forward to seeing the next dog, a puppy at the start of their career, later in the year.



# Finnish teachers are welcomed at Gladesmore

Earlier this term, Mrs. Thompson, International Dimensions Coordinator, welcomed to Gladesmore a group of visiting teachers from a school in Jokioinen, Finland.

During their three day trip, the visitors watched a fantastic assembly, worked with GCS staff in various faculties, met students and spent time learning about our library and the school systems.

The visitors enjoyed their time at Gladesmore. By far their favourite part was meeting and working with our students, especially the School Council Representatives accompanied by Miss Dimes. Visitors were amazed at the level of maturity and confidence that the students showed, and were truly interested in what they had to say. As always, our students were honest and positive in presenting their points of view.

Meeting teachers from overseas gives our students a valuable insight into education and schools around the world. Our students are fast becoming our most important global ambassadors!





# Year 10 scientists at the 'Young STEM Commission' event

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Esther Ujah 10MOH, Kwaku Akonnor 10THN and Mrs Artimatas attended a Young STEM Commission event at the Houses of Parliament. After a tour of the Palace of Westminster, they met MP Catherine West, Baroness Morgan and Maggie Philbin - the BBC reporter from 'Tomorrow's World' and 'Bang Goes The Theory'.

Since 2008, Maggie has led an organisation called 'TeenTech'. Esther and Kwaku are now part of a student team who are helping the STEM Commission for Haringey.

The aim of 'Teen Tech' is to make young people aware of the ever growing number of opportunities and careers available in science, technology & engineering.

## Challenge

- Can you name anyone (famous or not) who works in Science Technology or Engineering?
- Can you name any local (London) employers who might recruit people with science, tech or engineering qualifications?
- How would you like to find out about the changing career opportunities in contemporary industry? What would really work for you?

Try our survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/79CKD27>



# The Brilliant Club Scholars Programme

The Brilliant Club Scholars Programme is a scheme aimed at encouraging students to get into top universities.

During the Autumn term a group of twelve Gifted and Talented Year 8 students visited Christ Church College, Oxford. After their visit students received tutorials from a PhD tutor on the Ebola epidemic and surrounding issues. Students then wrote a 1,500 word essay which they submitted to the programme tutors at the end of the Autumn term.

In February our brilliant scholars received their essay grades. All students, despite only being in Year 8, passed with a 2:2, 2:1 or a 1<sup>st</sup> - a huge achievement.

The Graduation Ceremony to celebrate the students' success was held at SOAS; The School of African and Oriental Studies, University of London. Before the graduation ceremony, students were taken on a tour around the University, attended two study skill sessions similar to ones run for the students attending the University and got to talk to student ambassadors.

We are very proud of the students and their achievements and know that they are going to continue to do exceptional work in the weeks, months and years to come.





# 12/2/16 MUSIC ASSEMBLY @ GCS

In February the annual music assembly took place in the G2 Arena. The event showcased some Gladesmore's finest talent. The stage exploded with singing and instrumental sets from student performers across all year groups.



Well done to all that took part and displayed all of our **REACH** values beautifully.



# GCs CHOR

Where:  
The Auditorium

When:  
Every Thursday  
Lunchtime  
(bring your lunch with you)

Staff:  
Mr Lowe.



For more information please see the Music Department

## Year 10 Maths Fest 2016



Congratulations to our team who represented Gladesmore at the Year 10 Maths Fest at Highgate Wood School on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

They displayed superb teamwork as they tackled questions that tested all their mathematical, and communication skills.

# UKMT Intermediate Challenge

On 4th February 2016, students across years 9 to 11 took part in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Intermediate Challenge. Congratulations to the following students who scored exceptionally well in the competition:

- Rares Gamanescu ~ Best in School Award, Best in Year 9, Gold certificate and qualifier for the Cayley Olympiad round
- Ryo Thurlow ~ Best in Year 11 and Gold award
- Fatma Demir ~ Best in Year 10
- Aviv Kamiel-Skeete ~ Silver award
- Taharka Okai ~ Silver award
- Abubakr Bhula ~ Bronze award
- Can Danisan – Bronze award
- Long Ma ~ Bronze award



## WORLD BOOK DAY

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At Gladesmore we celebrated World Book Day in style. Staff dressed up as characters from literature, so 'Alice in Wonderland' had a 'Mad Hatters tea party' in the playground, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' along with 'The Jungle Book' were bought to life in the Library. The Science department transformed themselves into characters from the Brothers Grimm fairy tales; whilst other staff were characters from The 'Hunger Games'.

Students were asked to complete challenges throughout the day to win badges and be entered into a grand prize draw to win the fabulous prize of their height in books. Many students took part but there could only be one grand prize winner, so congratulations to Murat Yildirim of 7MMN.



# 'WE Day' Concert

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, Gladesmore's School Councillors and our Young Leaders Team attended an active citizenship concert at the SSE Arena in Wembley called 'We Day'.

'We Day' is an initiative of the charity 'Free The Children' who aim to empower a generation to shift the world from "me" to "we", bringing like-minded young individuals together to become agents of change.

Twelve thousand students from over one thousand UK schools were invited to the concert in recognition of their fund raising and support of international and local communities.

Gladesmore were invited in recognition of their fundraising for 'The Escape Charity' and 'The Samuel Bailey Foundation', as well as for their upcoming work with local Haringey homeless charities.

Inspirational speakers included; singer and actress Rita Ora, Professor Brian Cox OBE and HRH Princess Beatrice of York. There were also musical performances from stars of 'Britain's Got Talent' Revelation Avenue, X Factor runner up Fleur East and singer songwriter Labyrinth.



# Year 9 Careers Event

This term, Year 9 Students spent the day at a major careers event hosted by CoHNeI College.

During the morning, students walked around a Careers Fair and were able to meet representatives from various 6<sup>th</sup> Form Colleges, universities and employers. Information stalls included Greenwich University, Lloyds Bank, the London Fire Brigade, Stansted Airport, and Morgan Sindall.

In the afternoon, CoHNeI ran several workshops which enabled students to gain an insight into possible future courses. Nicole Tang of 9DRD got to experience COHNeI's media facilities where students were taught film editing skills. "It was amazing, editing was something I'd never had the opportunity to try before so it was really informative as well as lots of fun."





# Year 9 Relationship Education

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016, Face Front Inclusive Theatre Company visited Gladesmore. The company uses drama in a fun and effective way, to help young people understand life from different perspectives.

The company put on an exciting and interactive forum theatre production designed to build confidence and engage the thoughts and feelings of young people on the complex issues of teenage pregnancy, relationships and sexually transmitted infections.

After the performance, students were able to consider the issues raised and discuss what they would have done if they were in a similar situation. Our students gave appropriate advice to alter the scenes presented, ensuring that the outcome was positive and that the characters remained safe.



## GCS continues to work with 'Hope in Tottenham'

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016, as part of our continuing work with the Metropolitan Police, four Gladesmore students attended a meeting with trainee Haringey Police Officers.



The meeting, which was part of the 'Hope in Tottenham' project, aimed to build positive relationships between young people and the Metropolitan Police. Students were given the opportunity to provide valuable advice to these trainee Police Officers on how best they could serve the community.



# Gladesmore Year 7 School Council Elections



The School Council is a student elected group of students who represent the views of their peers and liaise with the staff to improve the school. In the past, ideas from our School Councillors have contributed to the improvement of school lunches, lessons and facilities. A very important role of the School Council is to interview candidates for jobs at Gladesmore. They also represent the school at events and get involved in fund raising.

Earlier this term, Gladesmore held our Year 7 School Council Elections. Each Year 7 tutor group nominated two candidates. The candidates presented their campaign speeches during an extended Year 7 assembly.

The voting took place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016. We had a great turn out, with 73% of Year 7 students casting a vote; our highest amount of votes to date!

It was a closely contested election but those elected were: Jiali Huang from 7AWE; A'Jani Bowen from 7BRN; Berkan Erturk from 7CMA and Maariyah Patel from 7SWM.



Well done to all students that took part and congratulations to our newly elected councillors. We look forward to working with them in the coming months!

# PE REPORT: SPRING TERM 2016

**FOOTBALL:** Haringey Schools' season has re-started and our table-topping Year 8 boys opened their account with a hard-fought draw against St Thomas More. Both our Year 7 teams won their opening matches 6 – 1.

Our Year 11 Saturday Squad has wrapped up their League title with a match to spare and have reached the semi-final of the League Cup.

**BASKETBALL:** Our Year 7 boys beat the highly regarded Park View team 26 – 6 and our Year 8 girls pulled off a shock 24 – 10 victory over Heartlands School to qualify for the final 4 play-offs.

**DANCE:** Having been crowned dance group champions of Haringey, our Gladesmore students attended the London Youth Games to compete against the best groups throughout London. A fantastic performance saw them just miss first place by less than one point as they picked up a deserved silver medal.

## PE FACULTY NEWS NOTICES

### CRICKET CLUB:

Thursday mornings in the Sports Hall; 7.40am ~ 8.25am.

### PE CLUBS:

For more information about PE Clubs please contact Mr W Reid .

### ATHLETICS:

Both Indoor Athletics Club and Running Club will commence after the Easter holiday as preparation for the forthcoming Haringey Schools Athletics League. See Mr W Reid for details.

### Is your child involved in sport outside of Gladesmore?

Is your child doing something exceptional in sport outside of Gladesmore? The PE Faculty would like to highlight such students in our next issue. Please e-mail any relevant information to Mr Reid at:

[wrd@gladesmore.com](mailto:wrd@gladesmore.com)



When you shop at Sainsbury's, collect as many 'Active Kids' vouchers as possible and donate them to us at Gladesmore Community School.

We will exchange them for an exciting range of equipment.

**Please hand your vouchers in at the school office**



# GLADESMORE STUDENTS' LIGHT UP CHILLY START TO 2016

Gladesmore continues to take part in the Rugby Football Union (RFU) All-Schools' Initiative Programme. GCS were accepted to the programme in September 2015, since this time many students have taken part in coaching sessions with local club, Haringey Rhinos and several KS3 and KS4 students have now progressed to representing their respective age-group teams on a regular basis.



Our Year 7 boys played their 2<sup>nd</sup> tournament in the Haringey/North London Rugby competition and once again emerged unbeaten to finish top of their group and secure qualification for the next stage – Middlesex Emerging Schools' competition.



Special mention must go to the Year 7 girls' rugby squad who played in their first tournament and gave a good account of themselves, especially as they had to compete against older Year 8 girls.

Gladesmore were also delighted to be invited to attend the recent England v Ireland 6 Nations international at Twickenham. One lucky student was selected to be part of the guard of honour for the two teams and that also sang the national anthem prior to the match – a truly memorable experience.



## Introducing the Cobras . . .

As part of Gladesmore's continuing involvement in the RFU/All Schools Programme, a group of students were invited to work with top sportswear company 'CCC' to produce a new rugby kit for the school. Well done to our designers, Andreas 9DRD, Arif 9PFS and Felipe 11TLE. Here is the final design, worn by a one of the design team at the official shirt unveiling held at Twickenham Stadium, the home venue for England rugby internationals.



*Gladesmore's rugby team will now be known as the 'Cobras'.*

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Friday 25th March ~ Friday 8th April</b>	Easter Holiday
<b>Tuesday 29th ~ Thursday 31st March</b>	Easter Revision
<b>Monday 11th April</b>	Teacher Training Day Timetable suspended for all year groups
<b>Tuesday 12th April</b>	8:40am ~ All Year Groups return to school
<b>Thursday 14th April</b>	4:30pm ~ Year 11 Examination Entry Evening
<b>Monday 18th ~ Friday 22nd April</b>	Home Learning Week 4
<b>Monday 2nd May</b>	May Day Bank Holiday
<b>Monday 9th May</b>	PTA Meeting ~ 5:30pm in the Library
<b>Monday 30th May ~ Friday 3rd June</b>	Half Term Holiday
<b>Monday 6th June</b>	8:40am ~ All Year Groups return to school
<b>Thursday 9th June</b>	4.30 pm ~ Year 7 Parent/Carers Evening
<b>Monday 13th ~ Friday 17th June</b>	Hard Work Week
<b>Wednesday 29th June</b>	Year 9 Transition Day Timetable suspended for all year groups
<b>Thursday 30th June</b>	Teacher Training Day Timetable suspended for all year groups
<b>Friday 1st July</b>	Year 11 Graduation & Prom Timetable suspended for all year groups
<b>Tuesday 5th &amp; Wednesday 6th July</b>	Year 6 Induction Days
<b>Thursday 7th July</b>	Year 6 Transition Evening
<b>Tuesday 12th July</b>	Sports Day
<b>Thursday 14th July</b>	4:30pm ~ Year 10 Parents/Carers Evening 2
<b>Friday 15th July</b>	1:40pm ~ Year 9 Graduation Year 9 Disco
<b>Monday 18th ~ Friday 29th July</b>	Year 7, 8 & 9 Progress School
<b>Tuesday 19th July</b>	GladeSt★r Assembly Day ends at midday, lunch is available in the Glade Diner
<b>Wednesday 20th July</b>	Activities Day ~ Year Group end of year trips Last day of term for students
<b>Thursday 21st July</b>	Teacher Training Day Timetable suspended for all year groups
<b>Friday 22nd July</b>	Teacher Training Day in lieu Timetable suspended for all year groups
<b>Monday 25th ~ Friday 5th August</b>	Year 6 Shine Summer School
<b>Monday 25th July ~ Friday 2nd September</b>	Summer Holiday
<b>Thursday 25th August</b>	GCSE Results Morning: 10:00am in the Library
<b>Monday 5th September</b>	8:40 am ~ New Year 7 begin GCS 9:35 am ~ Year 11 return to school Timetable suspended for Years 8, 9 & 10
<b>Tuesday 6th September</b>	8:40am Years 8, 9 & 10 return to school (all year groups now in school)

## 'REACH' HALL OF FAME Student of the Week 2015 ~ 2016

**Congratulations  
to the following  
students:**

**04/02/16**

Ayaan Sheikh, 7DPR

**05/02/16**

Abena Darko, 11SWR

**12/02/16**

Iyza Hussain, 10SDR

**25/02/16**

Robel Seyoum, 8RAL

**03/03/16**

Suleiman Merville, 9PFS

**04/03/16**

Fidan Kisa, 10PDY

**10/03/16**

Lakisha Hammond, 9JWS

**11/03/16**

Michelle Lin, 11LHS



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